**4-H Blast**

June 5, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **June 1-12:** Can Food Drive, County Extension Office
* **June 5:** Recordbook Registration form DEADLINE: <https://forms.gle/4o8gfHoY376QG6Xe6>
* **June 5:** DEADLINE District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab)
* **June 8:** Release of Recordbook Entries (competitors have a chance to change categories)
* **June 9:** Texas 4-H Roundup Celebration, 7-9pm, Facebook Live
* **June 10:** Deadline to notify change of recordbook category
* **June 12:** Release of New recordbook Entry List
* **June 12:** County Council Officer Election Intent to Run Form and Videos Due
* **June 15:** All Individual recordbooks DUE (if they want reviewed and “judged”)
* **June 15:** Milam County State Fair Validation and 2020-2021 Steer & Heifer Validation, 7:30am-12pm, Leifeste Cattle Company
* **June 17-19:** District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab) and District Council Officer Elections ***(VIRTUAL!!!)***
* **June 17:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Pickup, Rockdale
* **June 19:** Recycled Craft Project Deadline
* **June 22:** Recordbooks (including Clover Kid Books) and Awards Due
* **June 22-26:** Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl, Kahoot Online
* **June 23-25:** Recordbooks Judged (those who are competing against each other)
* **June 23:** County Council Meeting, 4pm, Zoom
* **June 23:** Club Charters Due
* **June 26:** Recordbooks can be picked up from office to be edited before District
* **July 7:** All recordbooks due back for District Judging
* **July 9:** District 4-H Recordbook Judging
* **July 13:** Tie-Dye T-shirt Contest Deadline
* **July 16:** 4-H Award Interviews, County Extension Office

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> This link will show you the steps to join as well as many important items for the 4-H year! Join us for 4-H fun!

***4-H Facebook:*** Do not forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive! **DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CHECK THE FACEBOOK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER!**

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2020 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/> PLEASE READ ALL RULES FOR DATES AND DEADLINES! Here are the major livestock dates!!! More rules for baked goods and Home Economics will be available soon!

1. Commercial Heifers: **May 16, 2020**, 8:00 am to 10:00, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron; Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 3, 2020**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn Cameron
2. Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 11, 2020**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
3. Rabbits: **September 10, 2020**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
4. Broilers: Order through RFA, by **May 22**, pick-up **September 4**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74
5. Turkey: Order through RFA, by **April 24**, pick-up **June 17**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Cost per turkey: $6.25
6. Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 10, 2020**

***Milam County State Fair Validation and 2020-2021 Steer & Heifer Validation:***

When: ***Monday, June 15, 2020 7:30am to 12:00pm***

Where: Leifeste Cattle Company – 1896 CR. 255. Loop. Cameron, TX 76520

What: **All Species Validation – Swine, Sheep, Goats, to be shown at the 2020 State Fair of Texas or all Steers, and Heifers showing at 2020-2021 Major Shows.**

For those of you familiar with the summer validation process, you know that Kenny Mingus has graciously allowed us to hold it at the Milam County Livestock Auction. This is because we typically validate 75 or more head of steers and we certainly can’t thank him enough for offering this location. This year, as you have likely already noticed above, we will be holding validation at Leifeste Cattle Company. After speaking with Alan and looking at his facilities, I feel this will make the validation process simpler and the working chutes he provides can handle smaller sized cattle typical of what we are validating. The address is shown above but if you have questions regarding location you can contact Alan at (512) 423-7355 or Floyd at (972) 268-5732.

Day of Validation

The validation process will run as it always has.

Swine – 7:30am to 8:30am

Sheep and Goats – 8:30am to 9:30am

Steers and Heifers – 9:30am to 12:00pm

\*Notice\* All breeding animals will need to have original registration papers on-site otherwise they will not be validated. Same goes for any State Validation tags that have not been payed for. No physical validation of any animal will take place until payment has been received in full.

I will close by saying that this entire situation is still somewhat fluid and could potentially change. If changes are made, myself and Ag Teachers will do our best to update you as soon as possible. Keep an eye on emails, 4-H blasts, and if you don’t follow the Milam County 4-H Facebook page feel free to. It is updated regularly.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in all of this. We have the best 4-H and FFA Livestock Exhibitors in the State right here in Milam County and on behalf of the Milam County Livestock Validation Committee, we look forward to seeing you all back in the ring soon!

***Recordbooks:*** Recordbook forms: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/>

This event was supposed to be held ***June 23rd*** but will be done differently this year. We will not be conducting a face to face judging. Below is the new timeline for this year.

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***Milam County 4-H Awards:*** The Milam County 4-H Awards are now up on the website and will be due ***June 22nd*** at the County Extension Office. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/> Some require recordbooks and some do not. Award interviews will be held ***July 16th*** at the Extension Office. The interviews will be held at the back of the office and all families will stay in their car until their interview time to continue social distancing. We will allow FACETIME/Zoom video interviews for those who cannot or do not feel comfortable with interviewing with the judges.

***County Council Officer Elections: County Council Meeting will be held on June 23rd at 4pm on ZOOM***. The meeting will be just about electing officers and discussing future plans for the year such as banquet and other leadership opportunities. I will be sending out an intent to apply form soon by email to all club managers and council officers.

The intent to run form is located on the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/milam-county-4-h-council-and-parentleaders/>

This year we will require County Council Officer candidates to submit a 2-3 minute video. Please see the form on instructions. The intent to apply form and video will be due ***June 12th.*** Again, when we send this out to the Council and you, please share with ALL 4-H members.

***Texas 4-H Celebration:***

BIG NEWS. We can't be together in person this June, but we CAN CELEBRATE a great 4-H year! Join us for a Texas 4-H Celebration evening where your 2020 scholarship recipients will find out what scholarship they will be awarded, your Salute to Excellence Winners will be recognized, your Texas 4-H Council will retire their jackets, and MORE! Tune in to Facebook Live right here at #Texas4H from 7-9 PM on **Tuesday, June 9th**! Please note families do NOT have to have a Facebook account to view the video as long as they are given the link to the live video. Share this post to help us spread the word! 🍀

***Can Food Drive:***

Cameron 4-H Club is organizing a can food drive for one of our Senior Apartments for senior citizens in need of can foods. We are asking families to help us collect can goods for this group so they do not have to worry. Please drop off all can goods from **June 1st-June 12th** at the County Extension Office! Thanks for helping! Please only can goods.

***District 8 Surge (Leadership Lab):***

Going all in.....online!

District 8 4-H SURGE Virtual Workshop Series

***June 17-19***

***Registration is currently open on 4-H Connect and will be open until June 5th.***

FMI: <https://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/leadership-lab/>

Registration will be held via 4-H Connect. There will be a $15 registration fee. Each registrant will receive their camp t-shirt in the mail (these will come to the county office). Registration will also put each student in the drawing for top notch door prizes. Supply information for the workshops will be emailed to each registrant.

Schedule

June 17

10:00-Welcome & Overview

10:15-Keynote Speaker, Noah Cremean

11:15-Break

11:20-Workshop

11:55-Wrap up

12:00-Log-off

June 18

10:00-Welcome & Overview

10:15-Capnote Speaker, TBD

11:15-Break

11:20-Workshop/District Council Address

11:55-Wrap up

12:00-Log-off

June 19th

9:00-Welcome

9:05-District Council Candidate Introductions

9:15-District Council Elections

11:00-District Council Officer Retiring Address (also live streamed via Facebook for friends & family to view)

11:30-2020-2021 District Council Officer Instillation

12:00-Log-Off

***Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl:***

Presented to you by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee in association with Auburn University, University of Arkansas, and Oregon State University via Kahoot!

**June 22-26, 2020**

Individual and Team play for youth enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports

Juniors, 8 to 13 years of age

Intermediates/Seniors, 14 to 19 years of age

Individuals and Teams to be recognized at State, Region, and National Levels

Registration opens June 8, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. PT

Official rules and study resources available at:

<https://4-hshootingsports.org/>

**MILAM COUNTY 4-H SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:**

We have some EXCITING opportunities this summer to do at home! Please join us this summer! No 4-H membership required. Unfortunately, we will not be providing summer day camps this summer, so this is our way to make this summer super fun! Invite all your friends to join in the fun!

***Recycled Craft Project:***

Deadline for Submission: ***June 19, 2020***

Prizes will be awarded!

Recycle and create a craft with one of these items:

Milk Jug

Glass Jar

Tin Can

Voting will happen on Milam County 4-H Facebook Page (June 22-26)

Submission Requirements:

make recycled Craft and fill out entry form by deadline: [***https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_dngTw5gXsovXrIV***](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dngTw5gXsovXrIV)

Must include picture of your craft

craft needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and created this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***Tie-Dye T-Shirt Contest:***

Deadline for Submission: ***July 13, 2020***

Prizes will be awarded!

Tie-Dye your shirts with your favorite colors!!!

Voting will happen on Milam County 4-H Facebook Page (July 15-20)

Submission Requirements:

Tie-Dye your shirt and fill out entry form by deadline: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bHrm90AkSpBLxOd>

Must include picture of you wearing your shirt!

Tie Dying needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and made this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***STEM Invention Showcase:***

Deadline for Submission: ***August 1, 2020***

Prizes will be awarded for those participate!

Create a FUN invention

and showcase your STEM Skills!

videos will be posted on the milam County 4-H Facebook page!

Submission Requirements:

create an invention and fill out entry form by deadline: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8e7cKvjBwj5q7d3>

Must include video of your invention and how it works.

invention needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and created this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***Milam County 4-H Information!*** For information about any 4-H related activity, please go to the website or facebook page! www.Join4-h.com or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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