**4-H Blast**

September 17, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **September 1-October 31st:** First of the 4-H Year, TIME to ENROLL Again
* **September 18:** Rabbit Extravaganza, Bell County Expo, Belton
* **September 20:** Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction NEW NEW!!!!
* **September 20:** Major Show Swine Tag Orders Due
* **September 22:** Ag Product ID Practice, 6:30pm, County Extension Office
* **September 24:** Rockdale Fair Baked Goods entry form deadline (postmarked- no later entries)
* **September 29:** Ag Product ID Practice, 6:30pm, County Extension Office
* **October 1:** Ag Mechanics Registration Deadline (postmarked- no later entries)
* **October 2:** 4-H Day in Aggieland
* **October 6:** Ag Product ID Practice, 6:30pm, County Extension Office
* **October 9:** Rockdale Fair Baked Goods Contest
* **October 9-16:** Rockdale Fair
* **October 18:** Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction NEW NEW!!!!
* **October 19:** Heifer Validation, YEB, 4-6 pm
* **October 21:** Sheep and Goat Validation, YEB, 4-6 pm
* **October 25:** 2nd Validation Deadline for Sheep and Goats, $30
* **October 26:** 4-H Club Officer Training, 6pm, New Salem Bldg Rockdale
* **November 5:** District Ag Product ID Contest
* **November 6-7:** Holiday Classic
* **November 9:** Major Show Entry Deadline and Sign-up Night
* **November 15:** Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction NEW NEW!!!!
* **November 16:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm

***ENROLLMENT:*** SEPTEMBER 1st is the first day to RE-ENROLL in 4-H! This is for 4-H members and volunteers!!! [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/](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DC-2F-2FZbVWUVOdk5HXwv0m7alxPtZ1SseKKA1ur7zkP9egCmOD-2BSCJbxXsHQlz6a4NQ4Nm6OWu4BLlCPcPBTE2-2B-2FkEKUuXbj7HhHcVQVErPi-2BQ-3D4sqv_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHxNCjOj1SPMcdTFBlXNRRDjgA-2BnXfdjCEFn3lI5nUH-2FZwlqFHmmcu1UsKQmFNesT9XWU30QDTcrT8E97sRuRuLPW-2BPy68GpqpOc4q-2BNAPzlYKjSf81Stia9AowMuYVk73urGcFM-2FEBdXx3MDYErtqug-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377112827%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7hkt5I5O0jf3%2FSZNllYUuzcHAIhIZCAMppcgkvdgB%2B4%3D&reserved=0) 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!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLLMENT BEFORE YOU SUBMIT IT! **If you are in the pending status, you are good!** If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***Eligibility Forms:*** NEW!!!! NEW!!! NEW!!!!!

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE! WE WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE SCHOOLS THIS YEAR FOR ELIGIBILITY APPROVAL.

It can be scanned and emailed or dropped off to the Extension Office 2 weeks prior to contest/event. Email forms to: carolyn.hux@ag.tamu.edu

INSTRUCTIONS ON FILLING OUT FORM:

* Information Only or Absence from school: please check if you are missing school or not.
* Activity: this is the show or contest you are competing in- such as: Ft. Worth Stock Show, District Roundup, District 4-H Consumer Contest, San Antonio Livestock Show, etc. (example NOT SHOWING BAKED GOODS OR SHOWING TURKEYS)
* Date: This is the date of the contest and the days you will be out, NOT today’s date that you are filling it out
* Signature of Parent/Guardian: This is the person who takes care of you not the parent or person taking you to the contest.
* I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (This is the 4-H member…fill in the name of the person who needs eligibility completed)
* Date- Fill out the CURRENT date- that is today’s date that you are filling out the form.
* STOP: TURN IN TO THE OFFICE!!!!!!
* Below- SECTION FOR EXTENSION OFFICE- Office we will complete this section!
* Below- this is for the school not for you. Please do not fill it out!
* This is one form per activity so make sure you fill out for each activity. NOTE: If the activity is on the same day and you are doing 2 activities within that contest then one is sufficient. Example: Showing Rabbits and Poultry at MCJLS.

***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 3 dots by search and like and then click Follow Settings, Step 3: set as favorite, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Club/Project News:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page. Please like the new page for club news and information: [https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DApMIXhKBzKyWN0q-2FiGgfb4IlHGi4ximYHZlwBqH0-2FagoHOnHRPfr6nrjNyUcp1RRJ8DoefIqQfpP81AJPaLXvw-3D-3DdtkR_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHhg7P3AF0ewvp1L861aorugR83aDZuIX7cjIBru5sxkMTPpOFxUDLtw1nYuMjhyJkti6pyMroDhlad84Xa9pnqD6iy8QgCUfvYQTQfp74JKmlZe2G7jELNt-2F-2BQ6LtB74i-2BmZdsVKF-2BJIgf26YJQArzw-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377122822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OnNJalGQNpxDKPxIMjCkgFIlEpTpk3cfflV891MRVmQ%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **NEXT MEETING: October 5, NATIONAL NIGHT OUT- Cameron PD. Please check in at the 4-H Table to receive 4-H credit and to win door prizes if your name is drawn.**
* **Milano 4-H Club:**Milano 4-H Club is ready for meetings! Please connect with their club by joining their Facebook Group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677500032472214](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DApMIXhKBzKyWN0q-2FiGgfb4IlHGi4ximYHZlwBqH0-2FagqXT4oz-2Bhc-2BNhdgdbpQ-2FiDxCh-2FbxAxltrkZR1QM3zlEQ-3D-3D2KOW_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHiR-2BGmpcaJ8ybNOo7D2ehCEnVuMNR6Iur947-2Fi8a5IHnUjxuhzURoRo1b8S-2BkfKvCxzgxhhXmKI5skY6aU3Dcz5ZKraa-2Fr-2BMDOOMrnd6I1BaTLqchkzFVU22-2B-2Fb-2BJW2DolPlH0rucPVljN39pSYqF0g-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377122822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WYhi36yoJ%2FDVtT7xMGSHJ0ejn7K%2F3rWdJWGaRiWj3%2FM%3D&reserved=0)
* **Gause 4-H Club First Meeting:** First Monday of the Month, 6pm, Gause Library
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** Thorndale Meetings are **8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, and 4/25**. All meetings are at 6PM at the Thorndale Chamber of Commerce building. We hope to have a community service outing/project in late November or early December.
* **Rockdale 4-H Club:** 1st 4-H Meeting: **October 11th** (Monday), 6:30pm, Check back for new location.

***4-H Cloverbuds Meetings:*
3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, NEW NEW NEW- Milam County Livestock Auction Barn (Cameron)**

**1st Meeting: September 20th, must sign up on 4-H Online by September 17th**

**You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to attend meetings! Membership is FREE!**

**We have had a slight change in location, and it will be held at the Milam County Livestock Auction Barn for our first meeting. We will be having a lot of fun activities and learn more about 4-H. Since it is our first meeting of the year, we would like to see how many plan to come so we have enough goodies and snacks for all the kids. Please RSVP here to say you are coming:**

<https://forms.gle/8xtNcZ8UKBV7CNgh8>

* **September 20: Explore 4-H**
* **October 18: Cooking**
* **November 15: Holiday Gift Idea Prep (bring a craft to share and talk about)**
* **Jan 17: Photography**
* **February 21: Animals**
* **March 21: Science/Conserving Water**
* **April 18: Recordkeeping- Do Books**
* **May 16: End of Year party!**

***County Council Meetings:***

**Here are this year’s County Council meetings for the year! Hope you all can make it to the meetings!**

**Locations to be announced.**

**• October 26th- 6pm (Club Officer Training/Fall Party) NEW DATE**

**• November 16th- 6pm (Holiday Gift Idea)**

**• January 10th- 6pm (Recordbook Training)**

**• April 2022- Time- TBD (Officer Elections)**

***Spring Major Show Tag Orders and Validation Dates for Heifers, Sheep, and Goats:***

**Validation Fee for all Heifers**

* **Heifers will be charged per heifer uploaded in the system at $15 per head.**
* **Payment for heifer UIN #’s will be due at the time for physical validation.**
* **Heifers previously validated remain eligible (and do not need to be revalidated) for the remainder of their show career unless they change breed or ownership.**

**Physical Validation Date:**

**Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021.**

**Time: 4:00-6:00pm**

**Location: YEB in Cameron. 301 S. Houston Street. Cameron, TX 76520**

**• Correct documentation such as registration papers, animal, and parents must all pe present at the time of validation. Any heifer that has not had change of ownership into the exhibitors name and is not reflected on the animals registration papers WILL NOT BE VALIDATED.**

**Validation Fee for all Sheep and Goats.**

* **$30.00 per head September 1st – October 25th.**
* **This includes all market sheep and goats as well as wether does and damn and breeding sheep and goats.**
* **IMPORTANT: Beginning June 1, 2021, registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial dams, and wether/commercial does will have 3 total years of eligibility UNLESS A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP TAKES PLACE. Breeding animals validated for State Fair in June do not have to be revalidated for major shows. Put plainly- If you validated any sheep or goats that weren’t market animals for State Fair during the June 2021 validation period, your validation will be eligible until June 2024, unless a change of ownership occurs during that time- then you must re-validate.**

**Physical Validation Date:**

**Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021.**

**Time: 4:00-6:00pm**

**Location: YEB in Cameron. 301 S. Houston Street. Cameron, TX 76520**

**• Correct documentation such as registration papers, animal, and parents must all pe present at the time of validation. Any breeding sheep or goat that has not had change of ownership into the exhibitors name on or before October 1st and is not reflected on the animals registration papers WILL NOT BE VALIDATED.**

**• Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers MUST be in the animal’s ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. NO TLBA or TGBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs and wether does must have a TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show.**

***Major Swine Validation Tags:* Please order by September 20th: tags will be $15. Any tags ordered after the date will be $20.**

**Please make checks payable to Milam County ELAB**

**When we have a validation date lined out; it will be posted.**

**Important Validation Information:**

**• All gilts (purebred and cross) must be validated**

**• Registration papers must be uploaded for all major shows (Grandstand, The Elite, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston)**

**• State validation tags must be in the ear prior to entering the holding/sift pen**

**• Any pig (barrow or gilt) entering the holding/sift pen without a state validation tag will be disqualified and sent to the floor truck**

**• Replacement tags purchased at the shows will be $25.00**

***2021-2022 Stock Show Updates:***

**The Stock Show Update files that include updates from every Major Stock Show for the 2021-2022 year are included here:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>**. Most of the spring shows included dates, judges, and a summary of rule/schedule changes. Let Floyd Ingram know if you have any questions when planning for the upcoming show season.**

**Big Reminders!**

**• Livestock/Contest Entry Deadlines: The Milam County 4-H Major Show Entry Deadline is November 9th! If you see December 1st in the updates, that is a deadline for Milam County 4-H to get your entries submitted. Typically all entry forms are posted somewhere around the 2nd week in October. That seems to be the magic date, but we will have them made available as soon as they are released.**

**• Milam County 4-H Major Show Entry Night: Tuesday, November 9th 2021. At the Extension Office from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Mandatory for New and 1st year Exhibitors. This ensures that you (Parents) understand the entry process and that entry forms are filled out correctly. An incorrect entry could lead to disqualification from the show. Optional for all other exhibitors.**

**• State Fair: Sheep & Goat shows again will be separate this year this includes move in and release. There will be 3 waves of market barrows rather than 2 as it was in the past. Fat steers will show before prospect steers and the SFT Youth Livestock Auction will separate the two shows.**

**• HOT: The previously named Jr. Show is now the Scholarship and the previously named Jackpot Show is now the Premium Show. Special Top 5 Overall payout for each species in both shows.**

**• Fort Worth Stock Show: Junior Steers will have a minimum weight of 1,000 lbs.**

**• San Angelo: Heifer show will be limited to a 3 head limit.**

**• San Antonio: Sheep & Goat shows will be back together.**

**• Houston: Return to “normal show” as it was in 2019. The Mobile Check-in process we used in 2020 will continue in 2021.**

**• Rodeo Austin: The show will host an exclusive Certified Texas Bred Barrow Show in 2022. They will also add sheep, swine, and beef skillathon contests.**

***Rockdale Fair Dates to Remember:*** [*https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/*](https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/)

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

* Commercial Heifers: Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 2, 2021**, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn.
* **Baked Goods Entries due: September 24th. See website for more details.**
* **Ag Mechanics Entries due: October 1: See website for more details.**

***Rabbit Extravaganza:* Saturday, September 18, 2021- The 2021 Rabbit Extravaganza will be held Saturday, September 18th Belton! All Rabbit enthusiasts should check out this awesome opportunity to learn from skilled leaders and educators. Educational Workshops, Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skills Contest, Arts and Crafts. Registration is from September 1-10th on 4-H Online. You will need to renew your 4-H membership to register for the event.**

***4-H Day in Aggieland:* The 12th Man Foundation and Texas A&M Athletics would like to invite all members of Texas 4-H, family, and friends to come and support the Aggies as they take on the Mississippi St. Bulldogs October 2nd, 2021. All tickets will be discounted through this exclusive offer.**

**Tickets are $30 each.**

**All tickets will be delivered digitally at a later date. For information on using digital tickets, visit** [www.12thman.com/digitaltickets](http://www.12thman.com/digitaltickets)**.**

**Please click HERE for the most up to date game information.**

**Be prepared on game day by reviewing the bag policy: https://12thman.com/sports/2016/6/6/clear-bag-policy.aspx.**

**Everyone regardless of age must have a ticket.**

**If you have any questions or require ADA seating, please contact Josh Massey at jmassey@12thmanfoundation.com.**

***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](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)

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