**4-H Blast**

December 21, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **December 22:** Office Closed at noon
* **December 23-24:** Office Closed
* **January 3:** Office Closed
* **January 3:** 1st Draft 4-H Scholarship Deadline
* **January 5:** 20 Gun Raffle Deadline
* **January 6:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **January 6:** Ag ID Practice Meeting, 7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **January 10: County Council Meeting, 6pm, Location- Gause Library**
* **January 12: RFA Confirmation Card Mailed Deadline**
* **January 13:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **January 17: Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **January 20:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **January 24:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **February 1: 2nd** Draft 4-H Scholarship Deadline
* **February 3:** Consumer County Contest, 4-6pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **February 8: Thorndale MCJLS Sign Up Night**
* **February 8:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **February 10: Cameron MCJLS Sign Up Night**
* **February 11: Texas 4-H Scholarship Completion Deadline Online**
* **February 18**-**19: SALE Consumer Practice/Contest**
* **February 21:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **February 26: MCJLS Mkt Bunnies will be tattooed, 8-10 am** (subject to change)
* **February 26: MCJLS Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed:, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).**
* **March 3:** Consumer Practice, 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **March 7: Houston Livestock Show Horse Judging Contest**
* **March 10:** Consumer Practice, 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **March 14: Ronald McDonald House Community Service Day, Temple**
* **March 16:** Houston Livestock Show Ag Product ID Contest
* **March 19:** Houston Livestock Show Plant ID Contest
* **March 21:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **March 31:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 7:** Consumer Practice (Game Night), 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 15:** Ag Product ID/Livestock Judging Contest, Leon County
* **April 18:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **April 21:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 24: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **May 16: Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**

***Our Extension Office will be closed at noon on December 22 and reopen on December 27th. We will also be closed January 3rd. We want to wish you all a happy and safe Holidays!***

***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

***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)
* **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 **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:**

***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.**

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

**No DECEMBER meeting!**

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

**We will meet at the Milam County Livestock Auction Barn for our meeting. We will be having a lot of fun activities and learn more about 4-H. Please RSVP here to say you are coming:**

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

* **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.**

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

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

***Consumer Decision Making Contest:* We will be starting our 4-H Consumer Project Meetings back up in January! This is a great project to start as a 3rd grade student and work up to 12th grade. You learn valuable life skills and learn how to be a better shopper. We have a lot of fun too!**

**Practice times:** Meetings will take place in person at the Cameron Housing Authority. Lessons will be at 5pm and at 6pm reasons will start. Intermediates and seniors will do their reasons from 6-7pm. Intermediates and seniors are not required to attend lesson meetings from 5-6pm but must come ready to give reasons when they arrive from 6-7pm. Classes will be ready and sent out the day before. On February 3, make sure you make the mandatory contest! Remember, if you are an intermediate or senior (6th-12th grade) it is important you do try to come to a few practices because of learning reasons. Parents are welcome to walk with your 4-H member when doing the classes but try to see if they can do it rather by themselves after a while.

**Practices: (See above for times):**

* **January 6 (Thursday)**
* **January 13 (Thursday)**
* **January 20 (Thursday)**
* **January 24 (Monday)**
* **February 3 (Thursday)**
* **February 8 (Tuesday)**
* **February 18 (Friday)**
* **March 3 (Thursday)**
* **March 10 (Thursday)**
* **March 31 (Thursday)**
* **April 7 (Thursday)**
* **April 21 (Thursday)**

**Contests:** We will again this year have our Central Texas CDM Contest in Gatesville! So excited! Below are the contest dates:

* 1. **February 18-19th**- SALE CDM Contest, San Antonio
	2. **April 25th**- District CDM Contest, Cleburne

***Milam County 4-H Shirts:***

**Shirts are here!!! You are welcome to come and get them! They are $15 each. Bows will be ready tomorrow. We have about 6 more that will be ready to sell too without the name ($7 each). We also have extra shirts to purchase (limited sizes). Great Christmas presents or stocking stuffers!!!!**

***Texas 4-H Photography Rules and Guidelines Released:***

**Deadline is TBA (Spring Sometime- March 2022)**

**Link to RULES/CATEGORIES:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

**Get started on your pictures now!**

**In the spring, members will register and pay for entries on 4HOnline and then upload their photos on Submittable, which is the platform we use to manage the judging process.**

**The new theme for this year is “My Hometown”. The description is outlined within the rules.**

**Remaining the same as in years past, counties may still only enter 1 photo per category, for a maximum of 15 total photos. Also, photos qualify directly from county to state for this contest. District contests have no bearing on qualifying for the state contest. A County Contest will be held in the spring prior to the state contest to determine who will advance to State. Please stay tuned in the 4-H blast for these dates.**

**When the time comes, please work with your photographers to ensure they upload the very best photos possible. Too often, we receive thumbnail images, not the full-sized photo.**

***Milam County Jr Livestock Show (MCJLS):***

**Entry Nights:**

* **Thorndale: Tuesday, Feb 8th**
* **Cameron: Thursday, Feb. 10th YEB**

**All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 10, 2022. After February 10, late entries will be accepted until March 23rd for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.**

**The NEW 2022 Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website:**

**Steers will be tagged: Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, or steers will be tagged September 7, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg)**

* **Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: February 26, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).**
* **Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.**

***Rockdale Fair Youth Auction Thank You Notes:***

**The exhibitor must personally hand deliver his/her picture to the Buyer by JANUARY 12, 2022. The picture confirmation card will need to be signed by the buyer when the picture is delivered. The exhibitor will then need to mail the card to the Sale Secretary. Failure to deliver sale pictures and have the confirmation card signed and returned to Cindy Hughes will result in a $250.00 deduction from the exhibitor’s sale check. Checks will be mailed after thank-you notes are received and signed confirmation card is received.**

***Rockdale Fair UPDATES!:***

The following change has been made to the RFA sale rules. This change was made effective on November 16,2021. \*Only barrow swine, market wether lambs, and market wether goats are eligible to be tagged in and shown at the Rockdale Fair.

***Texas 4-H Scholarships:***

**It is NOW time to start working on your Texas 4-H Scholarships for this year! This is the website for the scholarships and the portal to apply:** <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

**PLEASE NOTE: The application deadline is February 15th but the MILAM COUNTY deadline for this scholarships will be Friday, February 11th. Please see below for other deadlines that I have set for you to SUCCESSFULLY complete your scholarship application this year! This is NOT an easy scholarship by NO MEANS so please do not procrastinate on this scholarship application. Also please note below the difference between some of the applications as I feel some of you may benefit or be able to apply for other scholarships not just the baccalaureate. However you can only apply for 1.**

**Deadlines:**

**• NOW!!!: FAFSA COMPLETION**

**• NOW!!!: Apply and get accepted to a College/University**

**• January 3rd: 1st Draft**

**• February 1st: 2nd Draft**

**• February 11th: FINAL Draft Submitted ONLINE**

**• Now: Other documents completed online**

**• April 29-May 1: Scholarship Interviews- REQUIRED HOLD DATE**

**• June 6-10: Scholarship assemblies- REQUIRED HOLD DATES**

 ***Statewide opportunities:***

***Retro Refashion Retreat 2022:***

**Refashion Retreat is a three-day/two-night retreat where youth will learn about refashioning and eco-fashion. Participants will participate in sessions on the effects of fashion on the environment, how to upcycle, digital storyboards, aspects of design, and modeling. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own upcycled garment during the retreat. Youth registration is $140 and adult registration is $120. There are limited spots so register now. Register on 4-H Online.**

***State Dog Show:***

**Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 7-9, 2022 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by January 10, 2022 in 4-H Online. Video instructions are available at** <https://youtu.be/3NzoIjK9Pco> **if that is more convenient. 2022 Texas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book will be posted** <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/> **soon. The 2021 Rule Book is currently available. There will be some minor changes in the regular portion of the show. We are working on an NEW Dog Olympics program for members to exhibit their training skills in a different way. We hope to have those details ironed out before the end of the month. We strongly encourage members to validate their dogs even if they are not sure they will be participating in the Texas 4-H Dog Show. Completing the FREE validation process before January 10th will give them until entries are due in May to make a final decision.**

**There will be a couple of opportunities to practice with your dog whether you validated or not.**

**Montgomery County 4-H Dog Show will be February 5, 2022 at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds in Conroe, Texas**

**Brazos County 4-H Dog Show will be February 12, 2022 at the Kurten Community Center**

**Wise County is tentatively scheduled for June 18, 2022**

**For more information see the website above or contact the County Extension Office: 254-605-0226.**

***20 Gun Raffle:***

**Raffle tickets are now on sale for the 20 Gun Raffle! The Texas 4-H Foundation's Fundraising Committee for districts 7 & 8 is hosting a raffle to support programs, scholarships, and grant opportunities in your area. There are only 1,000 raffle tickets available for purchase at $100 each! Drawing will be held on *January 5th*.**

**The best part is that the winning tickets will be re-entered into the raffle so you can win more than once!**

**Purchase tickets here:** <https://texas4hfoundation.rallyup.com/20gunraffle>

**For more information about the raffle or to purchase your ticket use the link below. If you have any questions please contact the Foundation Office at texas4hfoundation@ag.tamu.edu.**

***National Trainings for Adults and Teens:***

**Topic**

**Computer Science: It's Easier Than You Think**

**Description**

**Learn more about computer science and why it is important for all young people to experience CS. Get strategies you can use to successfully teach computer science with or without computers.**

**Date/Time**

**Dec 15, 2021 at 01:00 PM Central Time**

**Registration Link**

<https://unl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOqprTouE9SYF-x99uny--hgmBWiBZzN>

**Topic**

**You're a Computational Thinker**

**Description**

**Learn what computational thinking means in what ways you are already a computational thinker. Learn how to teach the practices of computational thinking in diverse ways and get strategies you can use to help youth develop as computational thinkers.**

**Date/Time**

**Jan 26, 2022 at 01:00 PM Central Time**

**Registration Link**

<https://unl.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYqcOitrzsjH9bG_i4T3o5kfxPSobwr160s>

***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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