**4-H Blast**

February 17, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **February 15:** Texas 4-H Congress Press Corp and Lobbyist Applications OPEN, 4-H online
* **February 18**-**19: SALE Consumer Practice/Contest**
* **February 21:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **February 21:** Cameron Chamber of Commerce Banquet Setup, 3pm, YEB
* **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 5:** Houston Livestock Show Plant ID Contest
* **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, 11am, Temple**
* **March 16:** Houston Livestock Show Ag Product ID Contest
* **March 19: MCJLS Baked Goods Contest**
* **March 21:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **March 21:** County Photography Entries Due
* **March 31:** Consumer Practice, 5pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 1: Deadline to register for Texas 4-H Congress for Milam County 4-H spot**
* **April 7: District Fashion Show Entries due to 4-H Online**
* **April 7:** Consumer Practice (Game Night), 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 9:** MJ Hanna Plant ID Contest, Coryell County
* **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**
* **April 24: District Fashion Show, Cleburne**
* **April 30: District Roundup, West**
* **May 16: Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **May 30: Texas 4-H Congress Bill Submission**

***ENROLLMENT:*** [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)
	+ Our next Cameron 4-H Meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st, 6pm at the Milam County Livestock Auction.
	+ Please BRING: Coke Tabs for Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald House Needs List items. Please see in the 4-H Blast for the list and drop off event!
	+ Baked Potato Fundraiser- Thanks everyone for supporting the fundraiser and helping out!
	+ Cameron Chamber of Commerce Banquet Setup: We will be meeting at the YEB on Monday, February 21st at 3pm to help decorate for the Chamber banquet. All families are invited to attend and help.
	+ Cameron Chamber of Commerce Banquet Help: We need a few to help serve meals at the chamber banquet.
* **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->
	+ **Next meeting CHANGE:** February 6th at 4pm, Milano Community Center
* **Gause 4-H Club First Meeting:** January 10, 6pm, Gause Library (Recordbook Training/County Council Meeting
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** Thorndale Meetings are **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.
* **Shooting Sports Club:** Shooting sports is starting off with a BANG!!! We will have our 4-H meetings on the following dates at 2pm. The meetings will take place at the SPJST Hall but could change based on availability of the hall. Please check facebook and other 4-H media for updates.
	+ **March 20**
	+ **April 3**
	+ **April 24**
	+ **May 15**

***Ronald McDonald Project:***

**We will be meeting in Temple at the Ronald McDonald House at 11am on Monday, March 14th to drop off Wish List items and coke tabs!**

**Please start collecting those items for your 4-H Clubs and anyone that would like to donate. Items can be dropped off the week before at the Extension Office or collected at the club meetings and brought by a 4-H member going. All 4-H members are invited to come and drop off items. We also plan to go have lunch afterwards and go to Spare Time and play games. Hope you can make it!**

**WISH LIST:**

**Coke Tabs**

**Food Items:**

**Individual packages of chips; snacks, pudding, crackers, cookies, fruit**

**Canned & cup soups: Progresso, Campbells Chunky, Chili, Beef Stew**

**Granola Bars**

**Breakfast Bars**

**Cleaning Supplies**

**Liquid laundry detergent & fabric softener**

**Pine Sol / Fabuloso**

**White Vinegar**

**Clorox Wipes**

**Lysol Spray**

**Bleach**

**Dryer Sheets**

**Brooms / Dustpans / Swiffer Sweepers**

**Kitchen Items:**

**Disposable microwavable bowls & plats for soups and cereals**

**Plastic disposable utensils**

**Garbage bags: 13, 33 & 50 Gallons**

**Napkins & Kleenex**

**Good food storage containers: microwaveable, disposable, small & large sizes**

**New kitchen serving utensils, knives, pots & pans / bakeware**

**Miscellaneous:**

**Batteries (AA, AAA,)**

**Gift cards: Walmart, Restaurants, Sam’s Club, HEB**

**New white sheet sets—Queen size**

**Glade Plug-Ins**

**Copy paper (letter size)**

**New household appliances: Bagless vacuums, tools, carts, loading dollies**

**HP Brand Ink Cartridges: Type 910, 932XL, 933, 950,951, 962**

**“Forever” postage stamps**

***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:*
EXCITING NEWS!!!!! Our next 4-H Cloverbuds meeting will be held on Monday, February 21st from 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Milam County Livestock Auction Barn. The exciting part is that we will have the Casa McKibben Dog Resort owner come and show us about dog training! He is bringing his dog, Thor, and is going to teach us how we can teach our dogs how to do things like sit, lay, and do other tricks! He is also going to let you help out! It will be a SUPER FUN meeting! We will also be having the Milam Touch of Love group come and talk about what they do at their rescue shelter and how to take care of animals! We have a lot planned!**

**I do need each of you to help out though! This month, I would like to have each of you bring an item to donate for the Milam Touch of Love 4-H Service project! Items can be dog food, cat food, collars, leashes, dog and cat toys, blankets (especially needed), Clorox bleach, and monetary donations are also accepted. This group runs off donations, so each donation means a lot to them!**

**Lastly, we will still have a show and tell! Please bring a picture of your favorite animal or an animal that you own! We want to see some fun pictures!!!!**

**We can't wait to see you all very soon! Remember to RSVP so we know how many are coming:** <https://forms.gle/8xtNcZ8UKBV7CNgh8>

**CLOVERBUD MEETINGS:**

**3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction Barn (Cameron)**

**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.**

* **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.**

**• 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):**

* **February 18 (Friday)**
* **March 3 (Thursday)**
* **March 10 (Thursday)**
* **March 31 (Thursday)**
* **April 7 (Thursday)**
* **April 21 (Thursday)**

**Contests:** 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).**

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

**Deadline is March 21th (County)**

**County Link to Register:** <https://forms.gle/qZm1ZQsLgqLWyrys9>

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

**Get started on your pictures now!**

**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, senior photos who qualify directly from county will advance to district AND to state for competition.**

**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):***

**Ag Mechanic rules HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE WEBSITE!!!!!!!**

**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 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.

***District 4-H Roundup:***

**Contest: District Roundup (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun)**

**Date: April 30, 2022**

**Location: West High School, 1008 Jerry Mashek Dr, West, TX 76691**

**Registration Dates: April 4-12, 2022**

**More information to come!**

***District 8 4-H Surge:***

Event: District 8 SURGE

Dates: **June 21-23, 2022**

Location: Camp Buckner, Burnett, TX

Cost: $225 per youth participant, $175 per adult

As we get closer to camp, a few things that we will be on the lookout for:

• Cardboard

• Empty Coke Bottles

For more information, please see our camp website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***District 4-H Fashion Show and Interior Design Contest:***

Contest: Fashion & Interior Design (Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle)

Date: **April 25, 2022**

Location: Cleburne Conference Center

Registration: **March 21-April 4, 2022**

Cost: $10 per student

Things to note:

• This year, students will be asked to give a presentation, like they do in Food Show, instead of just conducting an interview. Those guidelines are laid out in the attached letter.

• At this time, we are planning for a Fashion Show to take place at the conclusion of judging, prior to awards. Please note that if anything changes with our COVID-19 guidelines, that is subject to change.

• Fashion Storyboards are an invitational contest, meaning that no qualification will take place at the District Contest. Those wanting to participate in the State Contest will need to enter that contest beginning April 1-15, 2022 via 4-H Online.

More information to come!

***Texas 4-H Congress:***

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th for the 2021-2022 school year. During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

Deadline to register for a Milam County 4-H Spot (ONLY 10 spots available)-**April 1st:** <https://forms.gle/5R7RBZiYsFm1TCC3A>

**Highlights:**

* Deadline to submit interest is April 1st to Milam County
* Bill submission is open now through May 30th.
* Press Corp & Lobbyist applications open Tuesday, Feb. 15th via 4-H Online.

***Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate:***

**The 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application information has now been posted at** <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/> **under Texas 4-H Council. Interested 4-H members will apply on 4HOnline by selecting the “2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application” event.**

**Deadline is Thursday, March 31st. We ask that all applications be approved on 4HOnline by the county offices by Wednesday, April 6 so that the committee can begin reviewing the applications and invite candidates for the first round of interviews tentatively scheduled for the week of April 25th.**

**Applications will be accepted for the Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate positions and narrowed to a pool of applicants (approximately 12 or so to complete the speech/impromptu question part of the process) by the selection committee. The At-Large Delegate Presentations will take place on Monday, June 6th as part of the LEAD Academy Kickoff event. Elections will be held using an electronic method and results announced Thursday, June 9th at the general assembly.**

***State 4-H WHEP Contest:***

**4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest**

**May 14-15, 2022**

**To be held in Calhoun/Matagorda Counties**

**Registration open to all 4-H Age Divisions**

**4-H Online: March 14-April 15**

**For complete details:** [**http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/)

**Scroll to “Contests”**

***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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