**4-H Blast**

February 7, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **February 8:** Consumer County Contest, 4-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **February 8: Thorndale MCJLS Sign Up Night, 4-6pm, VFW**
* **February 10: Cameron MCJLS Sign Up Night, 4-6pm, VFW**
* **February 11: Texas 4-H Scholarship Completion Deadline Online**
* **February 11:** Bell County Youth Fair Ag ID Contest and Livestock Judging Contest, 11:30am
* **February 11:** BROILER PICK UP, 10AM-1PM, YEB
* **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 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, 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 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**

***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, February 1st, 6pm at the Milam County Livestock Auction.
	+ Please BRING: Scented Bath soaps/shampoos and/or puzzles for the nursing homes. We will also be helping set up for the Chamber Banquet on February 21st.
	+ Baked Potato Fundraiser- February 13th at the Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall- Lunch- Grab a 4-H member to buy a ticket!!! Cameron 4-H Clubs need to contact the managers to get your tickets to sell.
* **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.
* **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, 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. Please RSVP here to say you are coming:**

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

* **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 8 (Tuesday)- County Contest**
* **February 9 (Wednesday)- County Contest Makeup Day**
* **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!!!!!!!**

**Entry Nights:**

* **Thorndale: Tuesday, Feb 8th, Thorndale VFW, 4-6pm**
* **Cameron: Thursday, Feb. 10th YEB, 4-6pm**

**Please make sure you have your SS number on entry forms on entry nights.**

**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**
* **BROILER PICK UP IS FRIDAY-FEB.11-10AM-1PM--YEB--CONTACT MELVIN HOLLAS**

***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**

**• 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**

***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 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”**

***4-H Night at NASA:***

**On behalf of the hosting Texas 4-H STEM Ambassadors, we are excited to announce that at long last Texas 4-H is going back to NASA’s Johnson Space Center. This is an overnight “camping” experience held at the space center that will include hands-on STEM activities, an astronaut guest speaker, a tram tour of rocket park, and free roam of the museum’s exhibits. It promises to be a great time for all space enthusiasts!**

**Below are some of the details and even more in the FAQ linked below. A promotional graphic is attached for you to use and share on social media. Please share this information with your 4-H families.**

**Event Dates: March 5-6, 2022**

**Location: NASA’s Johnson Space Center, Houston**

**Registration Dates: February 1-15, 2022 on 4-H Online (Event title: Texas 4-H Night at NASA). All youth and adult participants must register on 4HOnline.**

**Who can attend: Texas 4-H members (Jr, Int, and Sr ages) and screened adults. All 4-H members must be accompanied by a parent/guardian chaperone.**

**Saturday Check-in Time: 5-6 PM sharp.**

**Sunday End Time: Will vary based on your own preference/needs.**

**What to Expect: Staff led STEM activities, astronaut guest speaker, explore the center’s exhibits, and tram tour of rocket park.**

**See the 4-H Facebook page for more information!**

***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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