**4-H Blast**

August 2, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 13: Plant ID Kickoff Party, 5:30pm, Budget Host Inn and Suites, Cameron**
* **August 14:Ag Product ID Project Practice/Orientation, 4pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **August 15: State Fair of Texas/HOT Major Show Entries Due**
* **August 29:2023 Major Show Tag Order Deadline (Sheep and Goats)**
* **September 1: 4-H Year STARTS!!! Time to ENROLL again!**
* **September 7: Rabbit Tag In, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **September 7: RFA Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked**
* **September 9: Market Turkey/Broiler pick-up, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Home Demo Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park**
* **September 14:** Milam County 4-H Banquet, 6-8pm, Cameron PAC
* **October 1: Palpation and Body Condition Scoring, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn- Cameron**
* **October 25: Major Show** Heifer Validation
* **October 27: Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation**

***Milam County Extension NEW Office:* Our new address is 806 N. Crockett, Suite B, in Cameron. You are welcome to park in the front and come through the front door or park on the side and come in the side door (right side as you are looking at the front). Phone lines are still being worked on and hope that this number will stay the same: 254-697-7045 which should be a direct line to us.**

***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!

***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 awaiting review, you are good! If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***State Fair of Texas and HOT Major Show Entries/Updates:* State Fair and Heart O’ Texas Entries are open and entry deadline will be Monday, August 15, 2022 at 5:00pm. No late entries will be accepted.**

**The Milam County 4-H website has the entry forms for both shows:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>**. Forms may also be picked up and filled out at our office as well. Reminder, when filling out your entry forms for statewide shows, please use Milam County 4-H rather than your specific club name. Exact cash or checks can be made payable to Milam County 4-H. These entry forms are for individuals not judging teams.**

**A few updates about fall majors that you need to be aware of this year:**

**2022 State Fair of Texas: September 30 – October 23**

**-Electronic Signature now required with paper entry worksheet and payment.**

**-Early Access Move In Pass for scheduled arrival times will be sold through the entry portal on Tuesday, September 6th.**

**-Note rule changes in exhibitor handbook**

**(see Milam County 4-H Livestock Projects Website for more information and link)**

**2022 Heart O’ Texas Fair: September 28 – October 16**

**-Note major schedule changes for all species.**

**-Showmanship shows for all species will be held on move-in day. It is still free to enter, but it must be marked on the livestock entry form.**

**(see Milam County 4-H Livestock Projects Website for more information and link)**

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

**Shirts are here at the office for purchase! Come by and see what we have! They are $15 each.**

***4-H Plant ID Project:* We will have the 4-H Plant ID Kickoff Party on Saturday, August 13th at 5:30pm at the Budget Host Inn and Suites in Cameron. If you are interested in participating in the project, this is a great opportunity to start! We will be swimming and having dinner! Please text Irby McWilliams at 512-760-6508 to RSVP and sign up for the project. This project meets 1 a week on Sundays. In the project, you learn to ID plants and how they affect wildlife and grazing. This project is well known in the state for the outstanding program and winnings! Sign up today to be part of this fun and great group!**

***4-H AG Product ID Project:* 4-H AG Product ID project is taking off soon to prepare for our fall contests! We will have our first meeting/orientation and sign up for contests on Sunday, August 14th at 4pm at the new Extension Office (806 N Crockett Ave Cameron) Conference room. Please come and sign up! We will be discussing the project, signing up for contests, and signing up for shirts for 2022-23 season! See you soon! Ag Product ID stands for Agriculture Product Identification. In this contest there are 20 questions. The first question is to identify the agricultural product on display, then the second question is about that displayed product. These questions can be from growing seasons to how much money Texas made from this product. Products include fruits, vegetables, meats (seafood, beef, pork, etc), herbs, and much more. Learning these items can help members learn more about cooking and grocery purchases as well as learning more about agriculture. If you are interested in the project, please email Micah Holcombe (**mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu**) to be added to the list to participate.**

***Major Show Tag Orders/Validation:***

* 2023 Major Show tag Order Deadlines and Order Instructions
	+ Major Show Sheep and Goats tag orders **due Monday, August 29th**
	+ $20.00 per head ordered before the 29th.
	+ Late tags are $30.00 August 30 – October 24th
	+ Cash or checks are both accepted. Checks can be made payable to E.L.A.B.
	+ No registered breeding sheep or goats will be validate without original registration papers.
* 2023 Major Show Heifer UIN Instructions
	+ $15.00 per Heifer UIN
	+ No payment necessary until day of validation.
	+ No heifers will be validated without original registration papers.
* Major Show Validation Dates:
	+ Heifer Validation – Tuesday, October 25, 2022
	+ Sheep & Goat Validation – Thursday, October 27, 2022

***Rockdale Fair:***

**October 20-22, 2022**

**The NEW 2022 Rules have been posted on the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

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.

Rabbits: **September 7th**, 2022, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park

Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 7, 2022**

Market Turkey and Broiler pick-up **September 9**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74

Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 1, 2022**, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn- Cameron

***Milam County 4-H Banquet NEW DATE!!!:* We will have moved our 4-H Banquet to Wednesday, September 14, 2022. It will begin at 6pm with refreshments and start program at 6:30pm. We will also be changing the format of the event so please be looking out for this great new event! Please mark your calendars!**

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! We would like to see who might be interested in participating in the project. Please fill out the google form if you are interested in the 4-H dog project:** <https://forms.gle/uYVhHLcN4bYy5eNc6>

**Here is some information about the project:**

**What is the dog project?**

**It is a chance to teach 4-H members to be responsible dog owners. Students own or lease the dog they work with in their project. In Milam County, Milam Touch of Love will ensure students wanting mixed breed dogs will have a project dog. Project Managers will work to get a purebred dog and breeder/mentor for 4-H members who want to compete in conformation, especially in AKC competition. Participants can train their dogs as one part of the project.**

***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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