**4-H Blast**

August 25, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 28: Ag Product ID Practice, 4pm, Extension Office**
* **August 28: Plant ID Practice, Budget Host, Cameron**
* **August 29:2023 Major Show Tag Order Deadline (Sheep and Goats)**
* **August 30:** County Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **September 1: 4-H Year STARTS!!! Time to ENROLL again!**
* **September 6: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, Ben Milam Elementary School Cafeteria, Cameron**
* **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 10: 4-H Day in Aggieland**
* **September 13: Rabbit Extravaganza Deadline**
* **September 14: Rabbit Tag In, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **September 14:** Milam County 4-H Banquet, 6-8pm, Cameron PAC
* **September 17: Rabbit Extravaganza, Bell County Expo Center**
* **October 1: Palpation and Body Condition Scoring, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn- Cameron**
* **October 4: Cloverbuds Activity, 5:30pm, National Night Out, Cameron PD Parking Lot**
* **October 8: Rockdale Fair Cleanup/Setup, 8am-11am, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **October 9: Rockdale Fair Cleanup/Setup, 1:30pm-4:30pm, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **October 15: Rockdale Fair Cleanup/Setup, 8am-11am, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **October 16: Rockdale Fair Cleanup/Setup, 1:30pm-4:30pm, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **October 11-15: HOT Calf Scramble**
* **October 25: Major Show** Heifer Validation
* **October 25: Milam County 4-H Club Officer Training, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen (New Annex with Extension Office)**
* **October 27: Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation**
* **November 1: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, Ben Milam Elementary School Cafeteria, Cameron**
* **November 14:Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm (Presenters there at 5:30pm), TBA**
* **January 30:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **April 18:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**

***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!

ADULTS PLEASE READ:

**Upcoming 4-H Enrollment**

September 1st begins open enrollment for 4-H, there have been some changes in the screening process this year for all volunteers. Please review the information below regarding enrollment this year.

The first thing that needs to be checked is your birthdate. In initial enrollments over the past few years, a default date of January 1, 1920, may have been populated in this field. **THIS MUST BE CORRECTED BEFORE YOU CAN CONTINUE WITH ENROLLMENT.** This correction can only be made by the Extension Office. Please check your birthdate and if it is incorrect, please email carolyn.hux@ag.tamu.edu with your correct date of birth if it needs to be changed. When it has been updated, you will be notified by email.

4HConnect is transitioning to a new company for all background screening, Sterling Volunteers will now be completing all our background checks. Please review the information below to see the specifics that are necessary for the new process of enrollment and screening.

**PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW BEFORE BEGINNING ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ANY VOLUNTEERS**

**Unique Volunteer Member Email Address**

***Each individual volunteer will need a unique email address.***  As I mentioned in my July 14th email, remember:

* The login email address is the **Family** email address.
* Once the Family is created, **Members** (Club Members or Volunteers) are added to the Family.
* Each Member may have a unique Member email address. ***Each Volunteer will be required to have a unique Member email address***.
* Only one Member may use the Family email address as their individual Member email address.
* There is no sharing of Member email addresses between spouses, family members, or friends.

Example:

* Family Email address login:  mom@email.com
* Mom’s Volunteer Member Email address:  mom@email.com
* Dad’s Volunteer Member Email address:  dad@email.com

These Volunteer Member email addresses do not have to be added before getting started with enrollment/re-enrollment.  4HOnline will prompt the volunteer for this Volunteer Member email address before directing him/her to Sterling Volunteers to enter the background check information.

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**Sterling Volunteers for Screening**

* After submitting the payment information and clicking Confirm to submit the application in 4HOnline, the next step is Screening.
* After entering the unique Member email address, if needed, you will be directed to the Screening page.
* Click the Go to Sterling Volunteers button.
* This will open a new internet tab in the browser.
* There are 6 screens:
	+ Verify information.  (Email, birth date, and zip codes MUST match 4HOnline information.)
	+ Create a Sterling account.  (Same email as unique Volunteer Member address in 4HOnline.)
	+ Enter information
		- First, Middle, Last Names
		- Suffix
		- Date of Birth
		- Social Security Number
		- Gender
		- Phone Number
		- Email address
	+ Enter address and how long lived at that address
	+ Consent to background check
	+ Verify information and Submit Order
* There is a Confirmation/Congratulations page.
* Volunteers may also log back into their account and see their Activity History and status of their background check.

Volunteers will need to remember to close their Sterling internet tab and return to 4HOnline to complete their Trainings.

***4-H Clubs:***

**Cameron 4-H Club**

**1st meeting: September 6th**

**Every 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6pm, BME Cafeteria**

**Davilla 4-H Club**

**Next meeting: September 13th**

**Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Arnold Home, 205 CR 422a- 76577**

**Gause 4-H Club**

**1st meeting: September 5th**

**Every 1st Monday of the month, 6pm, Gause school library**

**Thorndale 4-H Club**

**1st meeting: September 26th**

**Every 4th Monday of the month, 6pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce**

**Rockdale 4-H Club**

**1st meeting: September 12th**

**Every 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm, Rockdale Fair Park- New Salem Bldg**

**Shooting Sports 4-H Club**

**Every 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30pm, TBA- Text 254-482-1143 for more information**

***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:* 4-H Plant ID project is just now starting for the year! If you are still interested in participating in the project, this is a great opportunity to start! Please text Coach Irby McWilliams at 512-760-6508 to 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 to prepare for our fall contests! Meetings will take place on Sundays 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.
* Major Show Swine Tag Orders:
	+ Due: **September 21st**
	+ Tags will be $15 each, Make checks out to ELAB
* 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/> **this week!!!!**

**NEW SALE Rules were posted as well as new baked goods rules!**

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 14**, 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

Baked Goods:

Complete Rockdale Fair Auction Baked Foods Division Entry Form. Entry form with fees must be submitted to Rockdale Fair Association PO Box 1582, Rockdale, TX 76567. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than **September 23, 2022**. No late entries accepted.

ALL EXHIBITORS SHOWING AT ROCKDALE FAIR WILL BE REQUIRED TO COME TO ONE CLEANUP/SET UP DAY:

**October 8th,** 8 am to 11 am

**October 9th**, 1:30 to 4:30

**October 15th**, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**October 16**, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

***NOTE/ANNOUNCEMENT:* The Home Economics portion of the Rockdale Fair will now be held in January 2023. This will give youth adequate time during the holidays to work on projects. Please pass the word! A date has not been set but will be shortly!**

***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 Consumer Project:* We will be starting the 4-H consumer project in the fall to prepare for the Invitational Central Texas CDM Contest in Gatesville. Below are the dates for the project meetings. Consumer Decision Making project is teaching youth how to be a better shopper. We learn need vs want, how to find the best quality of an item, and how to give reasons on why you placed an item a certain way. It’s a fun project with many contests! If you are interested in participating, please fill out the google form:** <https://forms.gle/BjrcCrvC4YxrPmXL6> **by October 1st.**

**Below are the dates for practices:**

* **November 8th**
* **November 15th**
* **January 5th**
* **January 12th**
* **January 24th**
* **January 31st**
* **February 9th**
* **February 21st**
* **February 28th**
* **March 9th**
* **March 30th**
* **April 6th**

**Contests:**

**January 17th- County Consumer Contest- Cameron (MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER CONTESTS)**

**November 19th- Invitational CDM Contest- Gatesville**

**February 18th- San Antonio CDM Contest- San Antonio**

**April 11th- District CDM Contest- Cleburne**

**Butterbraids:**

**Start Date: Monday, October 3, 2022**

**End Date: Monday, October 31, 2022**

**Please email Micah, coach for instructions, or see consumer email.** mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! Here are the dates of the meetings! Please come and learn about how to train your dog and great 4-H project information! All meetings will be held at the Extension office (806 N Crockett Avenue)**

**Dates- 3rd and 4th Thursday (6:30pm):**

* **September 15**
* **September 22**
* **October 20**
* **October 27 (tentative)**
* **November 17**
* **January 19**
* **January 26**
* **February 16**
* **February 23**
* **March 16**
* **March 23**
* **April 20**
* **April 27**
* **May 18**
* **May 25**

***County Council Meetings:* 4-H County Council meets during the year to discuss and plans 4-H events happening and votes on financial matters. They also provide trainings for 4-H members and families! Please see the dates below and mark them in your calendar:**

**August 30, 6:30pm (Extension Office- Banquet Prep)**

**September 14th, 6pm (Cameron PAC- 4-H Banquet)**

**October 15th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Club Officer Training- 4-H club officers from all clubs come)**

**November 14th, 6pm (TBA- Holiday Gift Idea Exchange)**

**January 30th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Recordbook Training)**

**April 18th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Elections 2022-2023)**

**All 4-H club presidents and council delegates (3 per club) and their club managers are asked to attend the meetings, but all 4-H families are invited to attend the meetings and trainings. Council delegates/presidents give club reports at the meetings.**

***4-H Cloverbuds Project Group:* 4-H Clover Kids is a FUN 4-H program for children in kindergarten through second grade. Children participate in hands-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills! Explore a variety of projects in a fun way and do much, much more! REGISTER FOR FREE AT** [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) **on September 1st!**

**4-H Cloverbuds' Meetings:**

**1st Tuesdays, 5:15pm-6:00pm, (before Cameron 4-H Club Meetings- however Cloverbuds is open to ALL youth in Milam County).**

**Ben Milam Elementary Cafeteria**

**Cameron, TX**

**Dates:**

* **September 6**
* **October 4 (National Night Out- 5:30pm- Cameron PD- you can also just participate in any National Night Out in your community)**
* **November 1**
* **December 6**
* **January 10 (2nd Tuesday)**
* **February 7**
* **March 7**
* **April 4**

**Please RSVP 1 week before the meeting if you plan to attend!!! We need to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone!!** <https://forms.gle/Xc4mEZQTKvNxF8bj9>

**CHECK OUT THE CLOVERBUD WEBSITE:**

<https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clover-kids-k-2nd-grade/>

***HOT Calf Scramble/Showmanship Showdown:* FROM HOT committee: PRCA will be holding the Inaugural Permit Finals from October 7-9. With these three additional nights of rodeo, another Calf Scramble event called the Scramble Stampede will be added. This brand-new event promises high energy and high payouts. Selected scramblers will compete in a three-day long tournament for the chance to win $1,000, $2,000, or $5,000 purchase certificates. We will start with 16 scramblers. On day one, they will compete to catch eight calves and a $1,000 purchase certificate. On night two, those eight scramblers return to catch one of four calves and an upgraded $2,000 purchase certificate. Then, on the final night, the last four scramblers standing return to the arena to race after one calf and a $5,000 purchase certificate. They will still host their traditional Calf Scramble from October 11-15, and the Chute-Out on October 16. Students are allowed, and encouraged, to submit applications for both events. Students selected for the Scramble Stampede will be removed from the applicant pool for the Calf Scramble & Chute Out. For more information on both events, please visit** <https://bit.ly/HOTCalfScramble>

**Also, new this year, the Heart O’ Texas Livestock Show will host the Showmanship Showdown. We decided our showmanship classes needed an update. We’ll still have the same three age divisions, junior, intermediate, and senior. We’ll still give away awards and prizes in those age divisions, but this year the top three from each division will come back for a “grand drive” to determine the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Showman for additional awards. With this change in format, this year students will need to pre-register (for no charge) for the Showmanship Showdown with their livestock entries. We will also be hosting the Showmanship Showdown on move-in days this year. For more information and to review our schedule, please visit** <https://bit.ly/3Njp8xD>

***4-H Day in Aggieland 2022:* 4-H Day in Aggieland is where the experience begins! 4-H youth, their families and friends, AgriLife employees, and 4-H volunteers are invited to attend the event that's sure to get youth excited about the college experience - an Aggie football game. Participants can purchase discounted tickets to the football game, take a free campus tour, participate in free educational workshops on topics such as scholarships and more, and attend an Aggie tailgate! We are excited to partner with District 9 4-H to include their fall meeting this year, as well.**

**The event will be held Saturday, September 10th as the Texas A&M Aggies take on the Appalachian St. Mountaineers. Kickoff is at 2:30 PM at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas.**

**The 4-H tailgate will begin at 11:30 AM on September 10th and will be held at the AgriLife Center on the Texas A&M campus. Food and drinks will be provided, games will be available, and there will even be a large tv playing other football games that kick off earlier that day. We invite you to come and go at the tailgate from 11:30 - 2:30 before walking over to the game. Entrance to the tailgate will be $5 per person. Children under 8 years old will be admitted free. Registration to tailgate DOES NOT include ticket to the game. Registration closes at 11:59 PM on September 1st.**

**As part of the District 9 4-H fall meeting, we will be offering several educational opportunities that morning! Full details will be released soon, but those opportunities will take place from 9 AM - 12 PM in the Agriculture and Life Sciences building directly beside the AgriLife Center. Admission to this portion of the event will be free! Campus tours will also be available, but that information will be released closer to the event.**

**Additional information regarding parking recommendations, tips to make the day successful, workshop information, and campus tours time will be emailed closer to the date.** <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/aggieland4hday/>

***Spark:* “Spark” is a fun, state-wide experience for 4-H members in the 3rd – 8th grades held November 11-13 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. This year’s Texas 4-H Council is hoping to revive the traditional Junior Leadership Retreat experience by developing shorter morning workshop sessions which are more hands-on activities by the campers, less presentation style approach. After lunch, Council will host high energy group activities and games to keep the 4-H members engaged and learning. Of course, what’s a 4-H camp without a dance, so Saturday evening they will host a “Theme” dance. This year’s theme will be announced in September. There will also be a service-learning activity where campers will be asked to provide items to donate but will be taken a step further where they will be actively involved in preparing kits to be donated to a local organization, so they get a better understanding of why they brought items to the Center. More detail to come soon including Registration 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)

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating