**4-H Blast**

September 29, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **September 30: Plant ID- State Fair**
* **October 1: 4-H Banquet Thank You’s Due**
* **October 1: Ag Product ID- State Fair**
* **October 1: Palpation and Body Condition Scoring, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn- Cameron**
* **October 2-8: National 4-H Week- LET’S CELEBRATE 4-H!!!!!!**
* **October 2: Blessing of the Animals 4-H Booth, Cameron**
* **October 2: Cloverbuds Ag Product ID Workshop, 4pm, Extension Office**
* **October 3: Consumer Fundraiser Butterbraids Sales Start**
* **October 4: Cloverbuds Activity, 5:30pm, National Night Out, Cameron PD Parking Lot**
* **October 4:National Night Out 4-H Booth, 5:30-7:30pm, 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 10: Ag Product ID Contest, 9am, Milam County Extension Office**
* **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**
* **October 31: Consumer Fundraiser Butterbraids Sale Ends (forms and money due to Office by 5pm)**
* **November 1: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, Ben Milam Elementary School Cafeteria, Cameron**
* **November 1: MCJLS Beef Heifers (contact superintendent before Oct 15th)**
* **November 8: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **November 15: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **November 14:Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm (Presenters there at 5:30pm), Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall**
* **November 19: Invitational Consumer Contest, Gatesville**
* **November 28: MCJLS Mkt. Swine, Lambs, and Goats, 3:30pm-6pm, SUBJECT TO CHANGE (Major Show Tags will be accepted)**
* **November 28: 4-H Scholarship Training/4-H PDC Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **November 29: County Food Show/Food Challenge, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen**
* **December 12: MCJLS Order Mkt Broilers, 5-7pm, YEB**
* **January 5:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 12:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 17:** Consumer County Contest, 4:00-7:00pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 24:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **January 30:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**
* **January 31:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **February 9:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **February 17-18:** San Antonio Consumer Contest
* **February 21:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **February 25:MCJLS Mkt Bunnies tattooed, 8-10am SUBJECT TO CHANGE**
* **February 28:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **March 9:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **March 30:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **April 6:** Consumer Practice, 6:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room
* **April 11: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **April 18:County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Extension Office Conference Room**

**ENROLL TODAY!!!!! We need everyone to get enrolled as soon as possible! Shows/Contests are just around the corner!!!!!**

***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!

Please see the above website for Adult Volunteer Enrollment information.

***4-H Clubs:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club**
  + **Every 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6pm, BME Cafeteria**
* **Davilla 4-H Club**
  + **Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Arnold Home, 205 CR 422a- 76577**
* **Gause 4-H Club**
  + **Every 1st Monday of the month, 6pm, Gause school library**
* **Thorndale 4-H Club**
  + **Every 4th Monday of the month, 6pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce**
* **Rockdale 4-H Club**
  + **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.**

***National 4-H Week (October 2-8, 2022):***

**We encourage our 4-H families to participate this week of events with 4-H challenges! You are also encouraged to do other activities to celebrate the week as well! Some 4-H clubs will also support 4-H during National 4-H week next week so be on the lookout!**

**National 4-H Week Challenge:**

**Monday: Role Model Monday- Write your role model a note and mail it to them! You can also post a picture instead on social media!**

**Tuesday: Spirit Day Tuesday- Wear green and show your 4-H pride everywhere you go!**

**Wednesday: What's your Why Wednesday- Spend 4 minutes in reflection of why you participate in 4-H. Share those thoughts with a friend and invite them to join 4-H!**

**Thursday: Thankful Thursday- Give back to someone in your community. Do a random act of kindness, go serve at a local nursing home, take juice boxes to the local schools, or just simply thank your teachers! Today is all about thankfulness!**

**Friday: Find your spark- Post a picture on social media of YOUR 4-H spark!**

**We hope you will help us SPREAD the word about National 4-H Week and get some new members to join!**

**Please check out our Facebook Page or Milam County 4-H Page for more information about 4-H! www.join4h.com**

***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](mailto: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.

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

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!**

***Rockdale Fair Community Service Hours:***

**The Rockdale Fair Association would like high school volunteers to work 2 hours at our ticket booth (Gate # 3) during the Fair, October 20, 21, & 22, 2022. This is our second opportunity for 2022-2023 Juniors/Seniors to earn community service hours to become eligible for our Rockdale Fair Association scholarship in the spring. These hours will count towards our scholarship, but don't confuse this opportunity for Fair Set Up/Clean up requirements (to prevent a deduction from your sale check).**

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:***

**Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 22-25, 2023**

**Tag In Dates and Ownership Deadlines:**

**November 1: Beef Heifers (contact superintendent before Oct 15th)**

**November 28: Mkt. Swine, Lambs, and Goats, 3:30pm-6pm, SUBJECT TO CHANGE (Major Show Tags will be accepted)**

**December 12: Order Mkt Broilers, 5-7pm, YEB**

**February 25: Mkt Bunnies tattooed, 8-10am SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

**See rules for more information!**

**Entry Night:**

**February 7: Thorndale**

**February 9: Cameron, YEB**

**February 9: LAST NIGHT FOR ENTRIES!**

***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](mailto:mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu)

**Forms are now in the office to pick up!**

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! Here are the dates of the meetings! We will be holding meetings on Thursdays at 6:30pm at the Milam County Annex (depending on schedules- please see list below of actual dates). All meetings will be held at the Extension office (806 N Crockett Avenue). You can enter on the right side of the building and the door will be propped open. The main entrance will always be locked.**

**Thursday, September 22nd, we will be meeting again with lesson and dog training. Please bring your dog next week. All parents must stay to watch the dog during instructional time. You will need to bring the following items:**

**• Dog**

**• Leash (preferably a leather one)**

**• Collar- prong or martingale (ask Cathy if you need more help)**

**• Treats- easy treats to go in pocket to reward dog for good behavior**

**Dates- (6:30pm):**

* **October 6**
* **October 13**
* **November 17**
* **December 15th**
* **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:**

**October 25th, 5:30pm (Extension Office- Club Officer Training- 4-H club officers from all clubs come)**

**November 14th, 6pm (Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall- 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 Cloverbuds 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**

**Cloverbuds Meeting Dates:**

* **October 2 (AG ID Project Workshop)- Extension Office (806 N Crockett Avenue-Cameron)- Learn about AG ID and how to do contest**
* **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> **(NO RSVP FOR OCTOBER MEETING)**

**CHECK OUT THE CLOVERBUD WEBSITE:**

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

***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)

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