**4-H Blast**

August 10, 2023

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 12: Plant ID Kick Off Party, 5:30pm, Budget Host Inn and Suites, Cameron**
* **August 14: Turkey Orders Due (MCJLS), 5-6pm, YEB (NOT extension office)**
* **August 15: State Fair of Texas/Heart of Texas Entries Due, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 15-18: State Recordbook Judging**
* **August 15: Club Managers Enrollment Starts**
* **August 19: 4-H Open House, 9am-12pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 19: Playstreets, 5-7pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 20: Plant ID Practice**
* **August 20: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 25: Tag orders due for sheep/goats and heifers**
* **August 27: Plant ID Practice**
* **August 27: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **August 29: County Council Meeting/4-H Banquet Prep, 7pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 1: Enrollment and Re-enrollment starts!**
* **September 5:** **Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **September 7:** **Dog Project Meeting, 6:45pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 10: 4-H Banquet, 2pm, Cameron PAC**
* **September 13: Rabbits Tag in, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **September 13: Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due**
* **September 17: Plant ID Practice**
* **September 17: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 21: Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked deadline**
* **September 24: Plant ID Practice**
* **September 24: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 25: National 4-H Week Proclamation, Courthouse**
* **September 26: FCH Coalition Meeting, 7pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 29: State Fair of Texas Ag ID Contest**
* **September 30: State Fair of Texas Plant ID Contest**
* **October 4: Consumer Orientation/Kick Off, 5:30-6:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 3: National Night Out! 4-H will be at Cameron PD! (Cloverbuds will be at NNO), 5:30-8pm**
* **October 5: Dog Project Meeting, 6:45pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 7: Heart of Texas Ag ID Contest, Waco**
* **October 7: Kendra Scott 4-H Fundraiser**
* **October 8: Plant ID Practice**
* **October 8: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 8: Heart of Texas Livestock Judging Contest, Waco**
* **October 9: Milam County Invitational Ag ID Contest, Cameron**
* **October 9: State Fair of Texas Livestock Judging Contest, Dallas**
* **October 11: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 14: Rockdale Fair Baked Goods Contest**
* **October 16-18: Rockdale Fair Home Economics**
* **October 19-21: Rockdale Fair Livestock**
* **October 25: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 29: Plant ID Practice**
* **October 29: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 30: Club Officer Training, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 30: Butterbraid Orders Due (CDM families)**
* **November 2: Dog Project Meeting, 6:45pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 4-5: Holiday Classic, Bell County Expo**
* **November 5: Plant ID Practice**
* **November 5: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 7: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **November 9: District Ag ID Contest, Belton**
* **November 12: Plant ID Practice**
* **November 15: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 18: Central Texas CDM Invitational Contest, Gatesville**
* **November 19: Plant ID Practice**
* **November 20: Butterbraid Delivery (CDM families)**
* **November 20: Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 27: National Consumer Practice, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **December 5: Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **December 7: Cloverbuds Christmas Parade, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **December 11: Extension Office Open House**
* **December 12: National Consumer Practice, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **December 13: D8 Food Challenge/Food Show**
* **December 19: National Consumer Practice, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **December 27: National Consumer Practice, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **December 28: National Consumer Practice, 6pm, Co. Extension Office**

***Important Addresses:***

* **County Extension Office/Milam County Annex: 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**
* **YEB (Youth Exposition Building): 301 S Houston Ave, Cameron, TX 76520**
* **Extension Office Conference: Meeting Room by Extension Office inside Milam County Annex**
* **Bea’s Kitchen (Senior Center inside of Milam County Annex): 806 N Crockett Avenue, Cameron TX**

***Club Information:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club: Meetings: 1st Tuesday, 6pm, CH Yoe High School Cafeteria; 1st Meeting: September 5th; NOTE: New Location!!**
* **Gause 4-H Club: Meetings: 1st Monday, 6pm, Gause ISD Library; 1st Meeting: September 4th**
* **Rockdale 4-H Club: Meetings: 2nd Monday, 6:30pm, New Salem Building at Rockdale Fair Park; 1st Meeting: September 11th**
* **Thorndale 4-H Club: 4th Monday, 6pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce; 1st Meeting: August 28th**
* **Shooting Sports 4-H Club: Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 2pm, (Text Monica for location: 254-482-1143); 1st Meeting: September 17**

***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 Kick Off Party:***

**Are you interested in 4-H Plant ID project and contests? The kick off party will be held Saturday, August 12th at 5:30pm at Budget Host Inn and Suites (pool) in Cameron. Main course will be provided and everyone will need to bring a side or snack to share. We will swim and then eat at 6:30pm. If you are interested, please come, and have fun and swim! If you cannot make it, you can visit Irby McWilliams (Plant ID Coach) at the 4-H open House on August 19th. Hope to see you there!**

***4-H Open House:***

**NEW! We will be hosting a Milam County 4-H Open House on Saturday, August 19th, from 9am-12pm at the Milam County Extension Office. If you are in 4-H and would like to learn more about certain 4-H clubs or projects or you are new and thinking about joining 4-H, this is a great opportunity to learn about all the 4-H clubs, activities, and projects available. You will learn about county projects, contests, teams, practices. You will also receive information on local livestock shows, scholarship opportunities, and much more! Come join us!!!! We will have a prize if you attend and visit 5 booths!**

***4-H Banquet:***

**The Milam County 4-H Banquet will be held September 10th at 2pm at the Cameron ISD Performing Arts Center. We will be recognizing 4-H clubs, leaders, recordbook participants, award winners, and even outstanding 4-H club members! Come and plan to attend! It’s also a great way to learn more about 4-H!**

***Playstreets:***

**We will be having a Playstreets event on the night on August 19th from 5-7pm at the Annex. This is the same day as the Open House, but in the evening. We need help with setting up, taking down, and playing/watching the other youth playing for safety! Helpers will receive a t-shirt (while supplies last) and other goodies will be given away! We will be meeting at 2pm to set up and prepare for the event! If you cannot make it right at 2pm, that is fine, any time between 2pm-5pm to help set up will be appreciated!!! This is an excellent community service activity for 4-H awards and recordbooks!!! I will even sign off on NHS/Callaway Hours if you need any hours!**

**Please sign up to help here:**<https://forms.gle/2BdpGRbA3MkzqpcYA>

**We do invite all the 4-H families out to come and play and have fun! Wear a swimsuit!!!!**

***NEW 4-H Year:***

**The New 4-H year will start on September 1st! Please mark this on your calendar to register and re-enroll on 4-H online on September 1st. All 4-H club leaders and managers will need to re-enroll on August 15th.**

**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/> **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!**

***Heart of Texas/State Fair of Texas Entries:***

**Follow this link for entry materials for State Fair and Heart of Texas. Entry materials are due in the office by August 15th:** <https://linktr.ee/milamcountyagrilifeextension> **We have forms available at the office, you are welcome to come by anytime before Tuesday as well. Office hours are M-F 8am-12pm and 1pm – 5pm. If you need to come during lunch hours, please contact me in advance to be sure someone is here.**

***Cloverbuds Meetings:***

**We are so excited to get back to cloverbuds meetings this year! Cloverbuds are Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students. We regularly meet each month and learn about 4-H and have fun!!!! This year, we have a new 4-H leader, Corley Callahan! She is excited about getting going and has some fun activities for you all!**

**All meetings will be at 5:15pm at the YHS Cafeteria (303 E 12th St, Cameron, TX 76520).**

**Here are the dates and themes for each month:**

**September 5th- Horses**

**October 3rd- This meeting will be at the National Night Out at the Cameron PD! Come get some fun free stuff and have fun!**

**November 7th- Turkeys**

**December 5th- Donkeys**

**January 9th- Cows**

**February 6th- Rabbits**

**March 5th- Pigs**

**April 2nd- Dogs**

***Rockdale Fair Rules Posted:***

**Rockdale Fair: October 19-21, 2023**

**The Rockdale Fair have been posted to the 4-H Website and can be viewed here:** <https://milam.4h.agrilife.org/rockdale-fair/> **Please READ ALL THE RULES for Important Dates and Deadlines!**

**Tag Orders/Deadlines:**

* **Broilers: pick-up September 8th, Home Demonstration Bldg., Fair Park, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, Cost per broiler: $1.74**
* **Rabbits: September 13th, 2023, 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due September 13, 2023**
* **Ag Mechanics: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, October 2, 2023.**
* **Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked no later than September 21, 2023**
* **All exhibitors showing market animals, commercial heifers, breeding beef heifers, baked food and ag mechanic projects will be required to come to one board approved cleanup/set up day, Saturday, October 7th, 8am to 11am, Saturday, October 14th, 8:00am to 11:00am or Sunday, October 15, 1:30pm to 4:30pm. Exhibitors will be required to sign in. FAILURE TO ATTEND MAY RESULT IN PROBATION OR DISQUALIFICATION.**

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

**All rules have been posted on the MCJLS website and can be found here:** <https://mcjla.org/>

**March 20-23, 2024**

**September 5: Steer Tag In, Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg) November 1: Beef Heifer Tag In, (Contact steer superintendent before October 15, 2023)**

**November 6: Intention to Tag In Commercial Heifers to Chairman (MCJLS)**

**November 27: Mkt. Swine, Lambs, & Goats Tag In, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.**

**December 11: Mkt. Broilers Order Due, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Youth Expo Bldg.**

**February 24: Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).**

**August 12: Mkt. Turkey Orders Due, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Milam Co. Extension Office. 806 N Crockett, Cameron.**

**Please see the rules for more information!**

**Entry Nights:**

**February 6: Thorndale**

**February 8: Cameron**

**April 15: Thank you notes due (hand delivered)**

***Turkey Orders:***

**Turkey orders need to be placed with Sandra with MCJLS. Any other families coming in will directed to her.**

**She will be at the YEB on Monday, August 14, 5pm-6pm to take orders and payment.**

***Quality Counts Update:***

**All exhibitors are required to provide a verified QC number at the time of major livestock show entry (this does not include judging teams). Again – this new process/exam is NOT required for everyone. Only those users who are new or are moving to the next grade level course (junior: 3-5th grade, intermediate: 6-8th, senior: 9-12th) are required to take Quality Counts this year.** <https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/s/product/quality-counts-archive/01t4x000002ciQSAAY> **Make sure you follow the instructions and use the enrollment instruction sheet!!!! (There is one on the left side of the website before you start the course)**

***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!

***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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