**4-H Blast**

August 29, 2023

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **September 1: Enrollment and Re-enrollment starts!**
* **September 1: Major Show Broiler Orders Due, Extension Office**
* **September 5:** **Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:15pm, YHS Cafeteria (Cameron)- NEW LOCATION!**
* **September 7:** **Dog Project Meeting, 6:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 8: Rockdale Fair Broiler Pickup, 4:30-6:30pm, New Salem Bldg, Rockdale Fair Park**
* **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,** **1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **September 17: Ag ID Practice, 4pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **September 21: Baked Goods: Entry forms must be postmarked deadline**
* **September 24: Plant ID Practice, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **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, 6:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **October 7: Heart of Texas Ag ID Contest, Waco**
* **October 7: Kendra Scott 4-H Fundraiser**
* **October 8: Plant ID Practice, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **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, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **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, 6:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 4-5: Holiday Classic, Bell County Expo**
* **November 5: Plant ID Practice, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **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, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **November 13: Holiday Gift Idea Exchange Instructions Deadline**
* **November 15: Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Co. Extension Office**
* **November 18: Central Texas CDM Invitational Contest, Gatesville**
* **November 19: Plant ID Practice, 1:30pm (New 4-H), 3:30pm (Older), Budget Host, Cameron**
* **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: Dog Project- Christmas Parade, 6pm, Downtown Cameron**
* **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**
* **Shooting Sports 4-H Club: Meetings: 3rd Sunday, 2pm, (Text Monica for location: 254-482-1143); 1st Meeting: September 17**

***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!**

***NEW 4-H RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY!!:***

* **For returning 4-H members who invite new members in, we've set up an incentive program. Incentives for participation include:**
	+ **1 new member: 4-H 4 More t-shirt**
	+ **2 new members: Membership refund**
	+ **3 new members: Leather portfolio**
	+ **4 new members: Backpack and state recognition**
	+ **All participants are encouraged to list participation on Texas 4-H scholarship applications and record books.**

**How is this tracked? When a new member registers on 4HOnline, they will have the availability to input who referred them 4-H. Make sure and remind your friends to put your name down as a new recruit to 4-H! NOTE: A child’s name has to be used for credit not a family name.**

***4-H Awards Program:***

**The Milam County 4-H Awards 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!**

***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 and can be viewed here:** <https://rockdalefairassociation.com/>  **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)**

***Major Show Broiler Orders:***

**Due September 1st. Contact the Office at 254-697-7045 or email: Joshua.evans.tamu.edu to order**

***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 Consumer:***

**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 and use these skills to be better consumers in the future. 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 form by October 1st:** <https://forms.gle/GHzQ9qTZhbNgevC56>

**Practice Dates:**

**(Meetings held at Milam County Annex: 806 N Crockett Avenue- Cameron, TX)- Unless said elsewhere:**

* **October 4, 5:30pm**
* **October 11, 5:30pm**
* **October 25, 5:30pm**
* **November 8, 5:30pm**
* **November 15, 5:30pm**
* **January 16, 6pm**
* **January 23, 6pm**
* **January 29, 6pm**
* **February 13, 6pm (COUNTY CONTEST)**
* **February 27, 6pm**
* **March 5, 7pm (YHS Cafeteria- Int/Seniors)**
* **March 19, 6pm**
* **March 26, 6pm**
* **April 2, 7pm (YHS Cafeteria- Int/Seniors)**
* **April 9, 6pm**

**Contest Dates:**

* **November 18th- Invitational CDM Contest- Gatesville**
* **February 13th- County Consumer Contest- Cameron (MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER CONTESTS)**
* **February 17th- San Antonio CDM Contest- San Antonio**
* **April 15th- District CDM Contest- Cleburne**

**4-H Butterbraid Fundraiser:**

**This fundraiser pays for trips to contest that require us to spend the night:**

* **Start Date: Monday, October 2, 2023**
* **End Date: Monday, October 30, 2023**

**Forms are will be emailed once available and ready on October 2nd!**

**For more information:**

**Micah Holcombe, CEA-FCH (CDM Coach): mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu**

***4-H Ag Product ID:***

**We will be starting the 4-H Ag Product ID project in the fall. This judging contest involves judging meats, fruits, vegetables, grains, and many other food related items. You will identify the item and then answer a question about its production in agriculture. Below are the dates for the project meetings. It’s a fun project with many contests!**

**If you are interested in participating and want on the email list, please contact: Micah Holcombe,** mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

**Practice Dates:**

**(Meetings held at Milam County Annex: 806 N Crockett Avenue- Cameron, TX), at 4pm on Sundays**

* **September 3**
* **September 17**
* **September 24**
* **October 8th (set up for Contest/practice)**
* **October 29**
* **November 5**
* **January 14**
* **January 21**
* **January 28**
* **February 4**
* **February 11**
* **February 25**
* **March 3 (Maybe)**
* **March 17**
* **March 24**
* **March 31**
* **April 7**

Contest Dates:

* **September 29: State Fair (deadline to sign up August 24th)**
* **October 7: HOT Fair Ag ID Contest- Waco**
* **October 9: Milam State Ag ID Invitational- Cameron**
* **November 9: District AG ID contest- Belton**
* **February 9: Bell County Youth Fair- Belton**
* **March 13: Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo**
* **April 12: Leon County (Tentative)**

***4-H Dog Project:***

**1st Thursdays of Each Month**

**6:30pm, County Extension Office**

**To get on the email list, email:** k9crazy4milam.co4h@gmail.com

**Topics for 2023-2024**

* **September 7: Dog Behaviors and what they mean**
* **October 5: Making your own dog treats**
* **November 2: Teaching basic Commands**
* **December 7: Christmas Parade (Cameron)- Downtown Cameron**
* **January 4: How to take good pictures of your dog**
* **February 1: Keeping your dog warm**
* **March 7: Making fun videos of your dog**
* **April 4: Dog Health and grooming**
* **May 2: Keeping your dog cool**

***4-H Club Officer Training:***

**October 30, 2023**

**6pm-7:30pm**

**Extension Office**

**All 4-H members who are club officers or who want to be an officer are invited!**

**Halloween Party- costume contest! (please make sure you wear something you can also play games in!)**

**Pizza and goodies served!**

**Learn about what it takes to be a 4-H Club Officer and set goals as a club!**

**RSVP Here:** <https://forms.gle/x9LBpTA4Nbwyx46b8>

***4-H Holiday Gift Idea Exchange:***

**November 20th, 6pm, NEW-Bea’s Kitchen- 806 N Crockett Avenue (4-H members participating in craft please arrive at 5:30pm)**

**4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate individually or with a friend/family member.**

**They will create a food or craft themed for the Holidays and will demonstrate it to the audience on how to make it.**

**They will need to bring the supplies and an item finished for the demonstration along with giving one finished product away as a door prize. Deadline to submit instructions will be: November 13th**

**NOTE: Instructions include how to make the item and a picture of the item. Please also include the 4-H member’s name and 4-H Club. Only electronic instructions will be accepted.**

**Instructions can be completed by filling out the google form:** <https://forms.gle/Co69SUEZkmWgyqJw5>

**(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received)**

**4-H County Council Officer/FCH Coalition Member Please sign up for a refreshment to bring:** <https://forms.gle/aQoipah9DDA8M1QT8>

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

**Shirts are here at the office for purchase! Come by and see what we have! They are $10 each.**

***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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