**4-H Blast**

March 28, 2019

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* **March 28-30:** MCJLS
* **April 1:** Salute to Excellence Nominations
* **April 3:** Ag Product ID Practice, 5:30pm, County Extension Office
* **April 5:** District Plant ID Contest
* **April 6:** District Horse Judging Contest
* **April 6:** Rockdale Fair Commercial Heifer Tag In, 8am-10:30am, Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* **April 12:** Rockdale Fair Turkey Orders Deadline
* **April 15:** County Council, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber
* **April 15:** Roundup Orientation Night, 6:30pm, Thorndale Chamber
* **April 16:** District Fashion Show
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* **April 17:** Deadline for District Roundup Entries
* **April 23-24:** Moot Court Competition
* **April 27:** District Livestock Judging Contest

***GOOD LUCK to all our 4-H members competing at Major Stock Shows and MCJLS!!!!!***

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** If you are showing in MCJLS, you MUST enroll ONLINE NOW!!!!! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! You cannot show until you are enrolled!

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t 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 Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***SENIORS:***  Please also visit the Milam County 4-H Website for other scholarships available: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 28-30, 2019***

ATTENTION: The website is now updated with the schedule and the entry form!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

***2019 Salute to Excellence Awards:*** Deadline: **April 1, 2019**

The 2019 Volunteer Recognition Packet has been released and nominations are now being accepted for the Salute to Excellence recognition scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 during the 2019 Texas 4-H Roundup. You can download the recognition packet at <https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/form226/form_login.html>

Nominations are now open to recognize volunteers, donors and AgriLife personnel for their continued commitment to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program. The six recognition categories are:

• Leader Legacy

• Citation for Outstanding Service

• 4-H Alumni

• Commendable Service

• Meritorious Service

• Salute to Excellence

Descriptions of each category can be found in the recognition packet.

Please take a few minutes and nominate individuals or groups for their efforts. We all know the value of our volunteers and donors, don’t miss the opportunity to publicly recognize them.

Online nominations accepted: January 18, 2019 – April 1, 2019

Salute to Excellence luncheon: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 in College Station

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2019 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Here are the following ownership and tag in dates:

* Commercial Heifers: **April 6, 2019**, 8:00 am to 10:30, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* Turkey: Order through RFA, by **April 12**, pick-up June 19, Home Demonstration Bldg.,

Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Cost per turkey: $5.25

* Steers: **May 16, 2019**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park
* Broilers: Order through RFA, by **May 24**, pick-up September 6, Home Demonstration Bldg.,

Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74

* Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **July 6, 2019**
* Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 6, 2019**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
* Rabbits: **September 4**, 2019, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron

***Rockdale Fair Turkeys:*** The Rockdale Fair will be having Turkeys at the Fair this year. They will be straight runs and the cost per bird is $5.25. It will be a Hen and Tom show. Exhibitors must order in multiples of 5. Family rules will apply. There will only be 2 entries per exhibitor. They will also have numbered wing bands. Orders must be postmarked or brought to Monica by **April 12**. Pick up date is **June 19** at the Home

* Demonstration Building in Rockdale. Checks will be made out to the Rockdale Fair Association. I need
* name of exhibitors, address and phone numbers for each one. If you have any questions, please feel free
* to email or call me at 254-697-4392 or 254-482-0294. Thanks, Monica Garrison, Livestock Vice President

***District Roundup:***

Roundup is not a roundup of cows but rather a Roundup of all sorts of 4-H talent and speaking opportunities! There is public speaking, educational presentations, and Share the Fun Talent. If you are interested in any of these and want to participate in the 4-H Roundup on **May 4th** at District, please mark your calendar to attend the **April 15th**, Roundup Orientation Night at the Thorndale Chamber Building at 6:30pm after the County Council Meeting. We will go over each of the opportunities and then have a few kids give speeches to get the idea on how to do it. It will be fun and a great life skill to obtain! Last day to enter the District Roundup is **April 17th**

***County Council/Club Manager Meeting Dates:***

County Council will kick back in gear in January! The following are the dates for County Council:

**Monday, April 15th**, 5:30pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce (Teen Issues/Driving- Healthy Ambassadors give presentation)

**Monday, May 20th**, 5:30pm Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Officer Election)

**Tuesday, June 25th**, 5:30pm, Cameron, Bea’s Kitchen (Club Manager Training, Recordbook Judging)

Please mark your calendars to join us for these meetings!!!! ***Government/Debate Contest- Milam***

***State Fair Sheep & Goat Tag Order and 2019-2020 Steer Tag Order:*** It’s that time of year again! Tag Order Season. Starting today, March 20, 2019. Milam County Extension Office will begin taking orders for State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tags as well as Major Show Steer Tags for the 2019-2020 show season. Below are ordering instructions, pricing, and more.

State Fair of Texas Sheep & Goat Tags

* $20.00 per head ordered **March 20 – April 17**
* $30.00 per head ordered LATE

2019-2020 State Validated Steer Tags

* $20.00 per head ordered **March 20 – April 17**
* $30.00 per head ordered LATE

Please contact Milam County Extension Office at 254-697-7045 or email Floyd at floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu to place orders. Payment Deadline for all tag orders will be Wednesday, April 17, 2019 by 5:00pm.

Also a quick reminder. Physical state validation dates for Milam County have not been announced yet but will be around the same time as previous years during the middle of June. So mark your calendars, we will be getting that date out soon.

***Upcoming Spring and Summer Dates:***

May 4: District Roundup

May 13: State Roundup Entries Due, 4-H Connect

May 15: State Livestock Ambassador Application Due

May 16: Rockdale Fair Steer Tag In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tag-in at Rockdale Fair Park

May 20: County Council, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron

May 21: Ag in the Classroom, Cameron

May 24: District Officer Entries Due

June 10-14: Texas 4-H Roundup

June 17-18: District Horse Show

June 19: Rockdale Fair Turkey Pick Up

June 19-21: D8 Leadership Surge

June 24: Recordbooks Due

June 25: Club Manager Training, 5pm, Bea’s Kitchen- Cameron

June 28-30: D8 County Camp

July 6: Rockdale Fair Lambs, Swine & Goats: 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park

***Other dates available soon!!!!***

***State Livestock and Equine Ambassador Program:***

Please see your Texas 4-H email for the 2019 details and application link.

2019 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

• Texas A&M University – Kingsville June 17-20, 2019

• Texas A&M University – College Station July 8-11, 2019

• Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University

– Lubbock/Canyon July 22-25, 2019

Cost: $250.00 (includes food and lodging)

Selection Criteria:

• Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects

• Students with a profound interest in animal science, animal production and advocacy

• Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others

• Top 25% class rank

Application Process:

1. Applicant goes to: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C2PxJ597FTPIFL>

2. A two-minute YouTube video will be required (instructions can be found within the application)

3. Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent

4. CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey

5. A selection committee will review the applications and accept up to 25 participants per university

6. Applications are due **May 15, 2019**

7. Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2019 regarding application result

***Vet Science Camp:*** Exciting News! The Veterinary Science Certificate Program summer camps are now open. Attached is the survey link for interested 4-Her’s to complete. The survey needs to be completed for consideration no later than April 5th by 5pm. The dates for our two camps are as follows: Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **June 17-19, 2019** and the West Texas A&M Vet Science Camp is **July 8-10, 2019**. Note the Texas A&M camp is no longer the week of State Round as it is the week after. We will notify everyone by **April 30th** whether they will be attending or not and to which camp they will be going to. If you have any questions feel free to contact Dr. Mask at 979-845-4353 or joe.mask@ag.tamu.edu or myself at 806-679-3980 or tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu. Ages 13-18.

<https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_42bduLoIzbEZJgV>

***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 or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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