**4-H Blast**

September 6, 2019

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* **September 1:** Enrollment begins!!
* **September 2-October 15:** Major Show Broiler Orders
* **September 4:** Rabbit Tag In, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., HE Building, Rockdale Fair Park\
* **September 8:** 4-H Banquet, 3pm, Cameron ISD PAC (YHS)
* **September 10:** Rabbit Extravaganza Deadline, 4-H Connect
* **September 14:** Rabbit Extravaganza, Bell County Expo
* **September 27:** Rockdale Fair Auction Baked Goods Entry form due
* **September 27-October 20:** State Fair of Texas
* ***Other dates available soon!!!!***

**Enrollment STARTED September 1st!!!!!!**

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! DO NOT ENROLL EARLIER! 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! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

***4-H Banquet:*** The 4-H banquet will be **Sunday, September 8th at the Cameron Performing Arts Center at 3pm.** We would like to make sure and invite all members and families to come to the 4-H Banquet. It is not just for those winning awards. We are celebrating 4-H and want everyone to learn about the 4-H program at the banquet! Come and join us!!!

***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!

***2020 Spring Major Show Sheep & Goat and Heifer Validation*** *(FWSSR, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, Austin*)

Major heifer validation for Spring major shows will be **Tuesday, October 22, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

Major sheep and goat validation for Spring major shows will be Thursday, **October 24, 2019** 4:00-6:00pm at the MCJLS barn in Cameron.

***Rabbit Extravaganza:***

We are proud to announce the 2019 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza. The Extravaganza is a State-wide competition open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. The Extravaganza will include: a single Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skill Contests, Art & Crafts, and Educational Workshops on the 4-H Rabbit Project. It will be held Saturday, **September 14th** at the Bell County Expo. Deadline to register is **September 10th**. Registration will open tomorrow, August 15, 2019, at noon and go through September 10, 2019.

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** 4-H Shooting sports project will start in December. If you are interested in signing up for the project, please call or email club manager, Keely Reisner. knlreisner@yahoo.com or 254-721-9270.

***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:

* Baked Goods for Auction Entries are due: **September 27th** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Ag Mechanics Entry forms due: **October 1, 2019** (postmarked no later than this date).
* Pig Scramble- Entries due NO LATER than **October 2nd**, $5 per entry per contestant, Pig Scramble- **October 16th** 7pm.
* Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 5, 2019**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron
* Rockdale Exhibitor Kick-Off, Wednesday, October 16th, 5:30pm, Rockdale Fairgrounds
	+ FREE T-SHIRTS FOR ALL EXHIBITORS!
	+ FREE HOT DOG DINNER FOR EVERYONE!
	+ FAMILY NIGHT AT THE CARNIVAL!
	+ PICK UP EXHIBITOR PASSES!
	+ YOU MAY BRING ALL OF YOUR TACK, FEED, SIGNAGE, STALLS, ETC. (NO ANIMALS)
	+ AG MECHANICS CHECK IN 5:30 – 7:30!
	+ PIG SCRAMBLE AT 7:00!
	+ MINGLE WITH OTHER EXHIBITORS!

Looking Ahead…..

Here are some major events happening in the fall months. This is not all the dates so please keep posted on more as we go forward!

**October 3-13:** Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo

**October 6-12:** National 4-H Week

**October 14-19:** Rockdale Fair Week

**October 24:** Spring Major Show Sheep and Goat Tags

**November 2-3:** Holiday Classic

**November 7:** Major Show entry night, 4-6pm, County Extension office

**November 18:** Holiday Gift Idea

**December 16:** MCJLS Broilers Due, 6-7pm, YEB (ONLY PLACE TO ORDER)

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 18th** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 18 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate as an individual or with a friend or 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 8th** Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.

Instructions can be emailed or google shared to Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received) **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***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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