**4-H Blast**

July 10, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **July 11:** Rockdale Fair Lamb, Swine, and Goats, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
* **July 13:** Tie-Dye T-shirt Contest Deadline, Online
* **July 13-17:** Cooking Around the World: Italy, Online
* **July 16:** 4-H Award Interviews, County Extension Office
* **July 20:** Duds to Dazzle Challenge, Online
* **July 20:** Cooking Around the World: Germany, Online
* **July 24:** Tshirt Design Contest Deadline, Online
* **July 27-31:** Cooking Around the World: China, Online
* **July 30:** Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour, 7:15am-4:00pm
* **August 1:** STEM Invention Showcase, Online

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [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!

***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 Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive! **DURING THIS TIME, PLEASE CHECK THE FACEBOOK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER!**

***Rockdale Fair Rules Updated:***

The Rockdale Fair Rules for 2020 have been updated on the website and there are some MAJOR changes! Please look ASAP!!! <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/> PLEASE READ ALL RULES FOR DATES AND DEADLINES! Here are the major livestock dates!!! More rules for baked goods and Home Economics will be available soon!

1. Commercial Heifers: **May 16, 2020**, 8:00 am to 10:00, Tag-in at Milam County Auction Barn, Cameron; Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 3, 2020**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Milam County Auction Barn Cameron
2. Lambs, Swine & Goats: **July 11, 2020**, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m., Rockdale Fair Park
3. Rabbits: **September 10, 2020**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
4. Broilers: Order through RFA, by **May 22**, pick-up **September 4**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74
5. Turkey: Order through RFA, by **April 24**, pick-up **June 17**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Cost per turkey: $6.25
6. Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 10, 2020**

**MILAM COUNTY 4-H SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:**

We have some EXCITING opportunities this summer to do at home! Please join us this summer! No 4-H membership required. Unfortunately, we will not be providing summer day camps this summer, so this is our way to make this summer super fun! Invite all your friends to join in the fun!

***Cooking Around the World 4-H Project:*** Milam County 4-H FCH Coalition is asking 4-H members to submit their favorite dishes from around the world!

Each week, we will highlight a different country!

Please submit your favorite recipe and a picture of you with your dish you made! Optional: Those who would like to can also submit a video of you demonstrating your dish that will be published on facebook.

All recipes will be put into a 4-H Cookbook that will be available later in the fall.

Please submit your recipes online: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3fVsnXnurOLDyK1>

**July 13-17:** Italy

**July 20-24:** Germany

**July 27-31:** China

***Tie-Dye T-Shirt Contest:***

Deadline for Submission: ***July 13, 2020***

Prizes will be awarded!

Tie-Dye your shirts with your favorite colors!!!

Voting will happen on Milam County 4-H Facebook Page (July 15-20)

Submission Requirements:

Tie-Dye your shirt and fill out entry form by deadline: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bHrm90AkSpBLxOd>

Must include picture of you wearing your shirt!

Tie Dying needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and made this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***Duds to Dazzle 4-H Challenge:*** Deadline for Submission: ***July 20***

Prizes will be awarded!

Turn your jeans into a new creation!

Voting will happen on Milam County 4-H Facebook Page (July 21-24)

Submission Requirements:

Turn a pair of jeans into a new project and fill out entry form by deadline: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cuwZtZTq15g20yp>

Must include picture of your new creation!

project needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and made this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***TShirt Design Contest:***

Design a T-shirt to promote the FCH 4-H Projects:

Food and Nutrition

Healthy Lifestyles

Fashion Design

Consumer Education

Deadline ***July 24th***

Submit T-Shirt Design Online: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e9ii6wIGIinegN7>

***Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour:***

We are excited to offer our third Bell-Milam Youth Agribusiness Tour! The date is set for ***Thursday, July 30th, 2020***. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

Each stop will outline a facet of agricultural production in Central Texas and feature interactive learning experiences for the youth. Transportation and meals will be provided for all participants at no cost. Participants must be a Bell or Milam County 4-H member in 6th - 12th grade. Ten applicants will be accepted from each county. Youth must have an interest in production agriculture.

If your child would like to attend, please register at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/djgw5nVemrq4g4VF6>

Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for the requires me to notify all participants and their families of the precautions and guidelines set for the Bell-Youth Milam Ag Tour.

• Face masks are recommended by the CDC. We have face mask available if needed, however if you are attending, please bring your own face mask.

• Social distancing will be followed. Cameron ISD has allowed us to rent a school bus to provide transportation for the tour. Youth will be assigned a seat on the bus and seated in every other row.

• The CDC recommends you wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap.

• All participants must complete a registration form for traceability (see link above).

• Should your child or anyone in the household not feel well, we ask that you stay home. Please notify Whitney Grantham or Floyd Ingram to let them know if your child is registered, but unable to attend tour.

• Please become familiar with all local guidelines for COVID-19.

***STEM Invention Showcase:***

Deadline for Submission: ***August 1, 2020***

Prizes will be awarded for those participate!

Create a FUN invention

and showcase your STEM Skills!

videos will be posted on the milam County 4-H Facebook page!

Submission Requirements:

create an invention and fill out entry form by deadline: <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8e7cKvjBwj5q7d3>

Must include video of your invention and how it works.

invention needs to be made by yourself (with adult supervision if needed) and created this Summer 2020

Ages 5 and up are welcome

No 4-H membership required!

***4-H Facebook Video Series:***

Our 4-H FCH Coalition will be doing some fun and exciting videos coming up this summer! Check it out on Facebook!

Outdoor Cooking Part 2: **July 13**

Bubble Snakes: **July 20**

5 minute slushie: **July 27**

Fruit Kabobs: **August 3**

***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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