**4-H Blast**

August 21, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 21:** State Fair/HOT Entries Due, 5pm, Extension Office
* **August 24:** Club Manager/Project Leader Training, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **August 28:** Spring 2020 Major Show Sheep & Goat Tag Orders
* **September 1:** 4-H ENROLLMENT STARTS!!!!
* **September 1:** Cameron 4-H Club Meeting, 6pm, YEB
* **September 4:** Rockdale Fair Broiler Order Pickup, Home Demo Bldg, Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m.
* **September 7:** Gause 4-H Club Meeting, 6pm, Online
* **September 10:** Rockdale Fair Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due
* **September 10:** Rockdale Fair Rabbits: 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* **September 11:** Deadline to sign up for 1st Cloverbuds meeting, 4-H Online
* **September 14:** Cloverbuds Project group meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **September 14:** Rockdale 4-H Club Meeting, 6:30pm, New Salem Clubhouse-Rockdale
* **September 28:** Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting, 7pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce

***ENROLLMENT STARTS SEPTEMBER 1ST***! [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!**

***Club/Project News:***

* **Cameron:** They will have their first meeting on **September 1st** at 6pm at the YEB. Please make plans to attend. You will need to wear a MASK! A COVID screening form will need to be turned in. Elections will also be held and ALL kids who turned in an form to run last time must do it again as well as new 4-H members who want to run for an officer position.
* **Rockdale 4-H Club:** Monday, **September 14th**, 6:30pm, New Salem Club House, Rockdale
* **Gause 4-H Club:** Monday, **September 7th**, 6pm, Online
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** Monday, **September 28th**, 7pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce
* **Plant ID:** If you are interested in being in the 4-H Plant ID project, please email Irby McWiliams: irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com

***ATTENTION:*** All 4-H members and families MUST sign a COVID 19 Screening form when you attend a 4-H event/club meeting. You can grab these at: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2020/08/Screening-Letter-COVID-19-Youth-Overnight-events-6.12.20.pdf>

They will have a few at the meeting if you forget it. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing at the 4-H club meetings.

**Cloverbuds Project Group:** NEW!!!!!! This year we will be having our first ever Cloverbuds project group! We will be meeting monthly on zoom and learning about all kinds of fun projects and activities!

Cloverbuds are Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders

2nd Monday, 5:30pm-6:30pm, ZOOM

1st Meeting: **September 14th**, must sign up on 4-H Online by **September 11th**

You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to be on the Zoom! Sign up starts September 1st

For more information on Cloverbuds, please see the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clover-kids-k-2nd-grade/>

***4-H Banquet:*** We have decided to postpone the 4-H Banquet set for September 13th. Please keep updated on the new date and time in the upcoming 4-H Blasts.

***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**

***State Fair/Heart of Texas Entry Information:***

The deadline to have these completed and submitted to my office is **Friday, August 21, 2020 by 5:00pm**. Due to concerns about social distancing this can be done 1 of 2 ways.

1. “The Normal Way” – Fill out the forms and bring them buy the office or fill them out when you get here.

2. “Mail in Entry” – Fill out the forms and mail them with a check made out to Milam County 4-H. If you choose this option please mail certified mail with return receipt. Please email office or Floyd for entry forms.

Mail Entries to:

 Milam County Extension Office

 Attn: Floyd Ingram

 100 E. 1st Street. Cameron, TX 76520

No entries will be processed or submitted online until payment is received. Entries received after August 23rd will be subject to late fees according to each show’s rules.

Reminder:

The 2020 State Fair of Texas will be a Jr. Market Show Only. All Jr. Heifers, Jr. Gilts, and Jr. Prospect Steers will be given the opportunity to show at “The United” in Waco at the Heart O’ Texas Fair Grounds. This show is a partnership between State Fair and HOT Fair in an effort to provide Texas 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors the best opportunity to show at a Fall Major. For more information. Please see the premium books of each show and the Heart O’ Texas Entry Packet for entry information.

As always if you have questions contact Floyd anytime, and we look forward to a fun and successful fall show season for Milam County 4-H.

 ***Spring 2020 Major Show Sheep & Goat Tag Orders:***

 Sheep & Goat Tag ordering for Spring Major Shows is now open for Market Lambs, Market Goats, Wether/Commercial Dams, Wether/Commercial Does, Breeding Sheep and Breeding Goats. In preparation for the sheep and goat validation season, please note some very important updates below.

• The San Antonio Stock Show has made a slight change to their Wether Dam and Wether Doe shows. They will now be called “Commercial Dam” and “Commercial Doe” shows.

• San Angelo Stock Show will continue to use the Wether Dam and Wether Doe designation of their shows.

To help prevent any cause for concern or confusion, we will be working to reflect this change in all of our corresponding validation paperwork, website, and communication. We want to emphasize that this does not call for any change in procedure for your validation season.

All tags will cost $20.00 per head.

Contact the Milam County Extension Office to Order or Email Floyd Ingram ay floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu. Payment can be made to Milam County ELAB

Tag order deadline will be August 28, 2020 by 5:00pm. Tags ordered after the deadline will have a $10.00 late fee added per tag.

Sheep & Goat Physical Validation will be **Thursday, October 22, 2020** 4:00 – 6:00pm at the Milam County YEB in Cameron.

**4-H Holiday Gift Idea Exchange:** This year's Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be a different look to our event! We will be putting a video of all the kids' crafts up on the Facebook page from **November 16-20, 2020**. As the week goes, families will add their names in the comments of the video to be entered for door prizes! Please check out the event page for reminders and deadlines! See the website for how to enter as a 4-H member: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/holiday-gift-idea-exchange/> Deadline to enter as a 4-H member will be **November 9th.**

***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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