**4-H Blast**

October 21, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **October 22:** Major Show Sheep and Goat Validation, 4-6 pm, YEB
* **October 22:** Rabbit Educational Workshop Series, 6pm, Zoom
* **October 26:** 4-H Club Officer Training, 5;30pm, Zoom
* **October 26:** Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting, 6:00pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall
* **October 31:** Deadline to fill out the survey for Consumer
* **October 31:** Holiday Classic, 6am, Bell County Expo Center
* **November 1:** MCJLS Beef Heifer Tag In (Non registered tagged in-SEE BELOW)
* **November 4:** County Food Show/Challenge Entry Form Deadline, Online
* **November 2:** 4-H Consumer Butterbraid Order Forms/Money due to Office
* **November 2:** Thank you Notes Due for Veterans, Extension Office
* **November 5:** Major Livestock Show Entry Night, 4-6 pm, Milam County Extension Office
* **November 5:** Rabbit Educational Workshop Series, 6pm, Zoom
* **November 13:** Hill County Shoot Out Deadline to Enter
* **November 16:** Cameron Lions Club Essay Contest Deadline
* **November 18:** County Food Show/Challenge Eligibility Forms Due
* **November 19:** County Food Show/Challenge, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **November 20:** Hill County Shoot Out Targets Mailed
* **November 23:** MCJLS Mkt. Lambs & Goats, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* **November 23:** Butterbraid Delivery, 11:30am, Office
* **November 23:** D8 4-H Scholarship Forum (Training), Johnson Co Office
* **December 1:** District Food Show/Challenge Eligibility Forms Due
* **December 3:** District Food Show/Challenge, Bell County Expo
* **December 5:** MCJLS Mkt. Hogs: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (subject to change).
* **December 8:** D8 4-H Scholarship Forum (Training), Bell Co Office
* **December 13:** Milam County 4-H Banquet, 2pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall
* **December 21:** MCJLS Mkt. Broilers: Order 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.

**4-H Enrollment STARTED September 1st!!!!!! PLEASE ENROLL NOW! There is a NEW ENROLLMENT WEBSITE!**

***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!

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!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show. You will NOT be able to show unless you have enrolled online AND have a completed eligibility form. You must have them signed yourself and sent to the school and the school will send us your signed form if eligible.

***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:***

* **Thorndale 4-H Club: October 26:** Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting, 6:00pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall
* **Milano 4-H Club:** Milano 4-H Club is ready for meetings! Please connect with their club by joining their Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677500032472214> You need to enroll online to receive the zoom link!
* **Plant ID:** If you are interested in being in the 4-H Plant ID project, please email Irby McWiliams: irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com
* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page (the old one was closed). Please like the new page for club news and information: <https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub>

***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. If you are attending an online meeting, the screening forms are not needed.

***2021 Major Show Sheep & Goat Validation:*** Sheep & Goat Validation for exhibitors planning to show at any 2021 major livestock shows will be held at the YEB in Cameron **Thursday, October 22, 2020** from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Exhibitors with TLBA Sheep or TGBA Goats must have those animals tagged before arriving to validation. If the tags are not in place at the time of validation the association number will not be recorded on the validation paperwork.

***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 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.

***Rabbit Project Virtual Educational Workshop Series:*** 2020 Texas 4-H Rabbit Project – Virtual Educational Series! We will be offering three different workshops. We will alternate weeks with the next three workshops being scheduled for **October 22nd, and November 5th**. These are all going to be held on a Thursday evening at 6:00pm via ZOOM.

All interested participants, will need to register on 4-H Online (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) in order to receive the meeting links prior to each workshop. There will be no fee attached to this event, we are just needing everyone to register online to participate.

***4-H Club Officer Training:*** Join us for a SPOOKTACULAR EVENING as we hold our annual 4-H Club Officer Training! We will be leading a club officer training for 4-H club officers on Monday, October 26th from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This meeting will be held on ZOOM this year! We encourage 4-H members to wear a costume! We will be giving out prizes for those who dress up! We will play games and learn about your club officer duties! Please join us for this event!

Topic: 4-H Club Officer Training

Time: **Oct 26, 2020** 05:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3352209649?pwd=Vk80RGJ5c1FyYWR2MkxyaTRMOHZqdz09>

**Holiday Classic:** This FREE event will take place **Saturday, October 31, 2020** at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton. For this year only, it will be a one-day event. Every person entering the grounds will have to sign a Covid waiver, also attached. Masks will be mandatory

***4-H Consumer Project:*** 4-H Consumer is a great activity for kids to learn foundational skills on learning to save and shop better with price and quality in mind. If you are interested in joining the group, please fill out the survey by **October 31st.** SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/gX8Jv2GTCopNJYgZ9>

We also have a Consumer Welcome letter with all the dates for practices and contest dates. Please take a look at the letter to learn more about what we do in consumer!

Consumer Welcome Letter: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZYoTq_z3b9oVP5YN0ha0W2pYxeDr8LebIhRl-xxIAZ8/edit?usp=sharing>

We have some NEW and different things going on, so PLEASE READ this WHOLE letter!

Butterbraids:

Fundraiser Ends: **November 2nd** (Money and Forms in Galloon Ziploc due to Office)

Fundraiser Delivery: **November 23rd** 11:30am

***District and County Food Show/Challenge:*** This year will be a little different for County Food Show. We do not have a facility to hold the County event so we will be doing it via zoom in the comfort of your own kitchen or team’s kitchen. Please see below for the deadlines and dates to remember. For more information and entry form, please go to our website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/> Please remember as you start practicing that you must be ENROLLED on 4-H Online before practicing for this event!

* **November 4:** Deadline to Enter County Food Show/Food Challenge
* **November 18:** Eligibility Forms due to participate in County Food Show/Food Challenge
* **November 19:** County Food Show/Food Challenge, 5:30pm, ZOOM
* **December 1:** Eligibility Forms due to participate in District Food Show/Food Challenge
* **December 3:** District Food Show/Challenge, Bell County Expo

We will try to make sure all competitors do not have to compete with each other at County, so all go to District. You may receive an email about switching possibly to accommodate everyone.

ALL MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED INTO THE 4-H ONLINE SYSTEM BEFORE ENTERING!!!

DISQUALICATION OF THE TEAM WILL TAKE PLACE IF THEY ARE ALL NOT REGISTERED/ENROLLED ON 4-H ONLINE!!!

Eligibility MUST be turned into the school as well to compete in this contest. They can be found at: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/>

Food Challenge Team Information

(Minimum of 3 and maximum of 4 members)

4-H Age Divisions:

Junior (grade 3-5)

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

Senior (grades 9-12)

In Food Challenge, Juniors may move up to the Intermediate age division when participating on a team that has a true Intermediates (based upon grades listed above) on it. No one may move up to the Senior age division. NO individual may move down to a younger age division.

Food Show Information:

Clover (grade K-2nd)

Junior (grade 3-5)

Intermediate (grades 6-8)

Senior (grades 9-12)

Categories: Appetizer, Main Dish, Side Dish, Healthy Dessert

Theme. This year’s 4-H Food Show theme is GROCERY GAMES…Let your local food sources guide your healthy recipe selection with only $10 to spend!

Clovers: Clovers will make their dish and tell the group what they made and how they made it. Older 4-H members will ask them fun and simple questions. None of the below will be required for Clovers.

***Community Service Opportunity:*** Help us say "Thank You" to our Milam County Veterans. With most Veterans Days programs in the area most likely cancelled due to the pandemic, we need to remind our veterans that we are still thankful for their service. We are in need "thank you" notes. They can be colored sheets, homemade cards, etc. Be sure they say "Thank you" and "From Milam County 4-H" on them. Please drop them off at the Milam County Extension Office by **Monday, Nov. 2**. And if you have names of veterans you want to be sure receive a card for Veterans Day, leave that list at the Extension office as well.

***4-H Major Show Entry Night:*** Milam County 4-H will be hosting it yearly Major Livestock Show Entry Night **Thursday, November 5**, 2020 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Milam County Extension Office.

Any exhibitors planning to show an animal at the 2021 Majors including Odessa, Fort Worth, San Angelo, San Antonio, Houston, and Austin, this is a great opportunity to come fill out entry forms or bring in completed entry forms to have them looked over.

**NEW & FIRST YEAR EXHIBITORS:** While this entry night is not mandatory it is HIGHLY recommended that you attend. When it comes to major show entries, mistakes can lead to missing the chance to show. This entry night allows parents the opportunity to have each individual show entry process explained and filled out correctly.

**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

Next Meeting: **November 9th** Topic: All about Pets!

You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to be on the Zoom!

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

This month you will need to bring:

Show and Tell: Bring pet or have a picture of your pet to share

***Hill County Shoot Out:***

Entry Deadline: **November 13th**

All entries should be mailed to: H4HSSC 226 HCR 1314 Whitney, TX 76692

This is a virtual event target: will be mailed out to all participants **November 20th**

Completed targets must be returned postmarked **January 4th 2021**

Events:

Light Rifle- Any Sights

Light Rifle- Metallic Sights

3- Position Smallbore

Standing Air Rifle

Air Pistol

Age Divisions:

Jr, Int, Sr

1st Buckle

2nd Range Bag

3rd Engraved Tumbler

Entry: $15/1 event shot +$5/every extra event (additional $25 late entry fee)

***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.**

***District Wide Poultry Workshop:***

What: Poultry Workshop

When: **Nov. 12, 2020** @ 6:15pm

Where: Zoom

RSVP by **Nov. 6th** at this link <https://forms.gle/yC9Pr1gX1G4uS7AfA>

***Junior Leadership Retreat:*** Junior Leadership Retreat registration is open!!!

4-H members in 3rd-8th grade can come to camp **November 13-15**. Texas 4-H Council has a great weekend planned, full of fun and learning!

Register here: <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/> or by using the "Sign Up" button at the top of our page.

\*\*We will be following the same protocols from this summer. Registrations are limited and we will rely on chaperones to help us meet required ratios. We are always short on male chaperones and with our distancing protocols will need even more this year.

***Cameron Lions Club Essay/Speech Contest:*** The Cameron Lions Club is having a Diabetes Awareness Essay Contest. Click here are the contest rules and an application to participate in the

Contest: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11W6AZ40kE5o6DSEGgYxT8ze9kiKoVPde?usp=sharing>

This contest is open to Juniors and Seniors at CH Yoe High School or comparable educational program in Cameron. Scholarship Awards will be presented to first-place $500 and second place $250. The application form is a fillable form that needs to be completed and emailed to Susan Fuchs, sjwfuchs@gmail.com by **November 16, 2020**. The contest will be held in December 2020, date to be decided. If you have any questions please contact me at 254-482-0612 or at the email listed above.

***D8 4-H Scholarship Forum:*** Seniors: Join us as we discuss how and when to apply for the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship. Register today! <https://forms.gle/h3A59H4FbHs5twuw7>

**November 23:** Johnson County Office

**December 8:** Bell County Office

***4-H Banquet:*** We have decided to postpone the 4-H Banquet set for September 13th to **December 13th.** At the Thorndale Fireman’s Hall.

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:*** The Rules have been updated and posted on the website. Baked goods will be added later. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 24-28, 2021**

* Steers will be tagged: Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, or steers will be tagged **September 8**, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg)
* Beef Heifers: **November 1**, (Non. Registered must be tagged) (Contact steer superintendent before **October 15, 2020**)
* Mkt. Lambs & Goats: **November 23, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m**. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Hogs: **December 5**, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Broilers: Order **December 21**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 27**, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.

 Entry cards and fees must be turned into SHOW SECRETARY on show registration night. Dates will Be: Thorndale – Tuesday, **February 9**, location to be announced. Cameron – Thursday, **February 11**, Youth Expo Building. Contact your C.E.A, or Ag Science Teacher for further information. All entries must be received by secretary no later than **February 11,** 2021. After **February 11**, late entries will be accepted until **March 24th** for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***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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