**4-H Blast**

August 10, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **August 30: Validation Deadline for Sheep and Goats, $20**
* **August 30: County Council Meeting, 6pm**
* **September1-Sept 10: Rabbit Extravaganza Registration, 4-H Online (must renew 4-H membership on 4-H online on September 1)**
* **September 1:** First of the 4-H Year, TIME to ENROLL Again
* **September 3:** RFA Broilers: pick-up, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m.
* **September 7:** Fall Project Sign Up Deadline
* **September 8:** RF Rabbits Tag In, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* **September 8:** RF Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due
* **September 12:** Milam County 4-H Banquet, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall, 3pm
* **September 18:** Rabbit Extravaganza, Bell County Expo, Belton
* **September 24:** Rockdale Fair Baked Goods entry form deadline (postmarked- no later entries)
* **October 1:** Ag Mechanics Registration Deadline (postmarked- no later entries)
* **October 9:** Rockdale Fair Baked Goods Contest
* **October 9-16:** Rockdale Fair
* **October 19:** Heifer Validation, YEB, 4-6 pm
* **October 21:** Sheep and Goat Validation, YEB, 4-6 pm
* **October 25:** 2nd Validation Deadline for Sheep and Goats, $30
* **October 25:** 4-H Club Officer Training, 6pm
* **November 5:** District Ag Product ID Contest
* **November 6-7:** Holiday Classic
* **November 9:** Major Show Entry Deadline and Sign-up Night
* **November 16:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm

***NOTE: 4-H Online will be down next week! Please refer to the Facebook Page, emails from Managers, or the website for the 4-H Blast Updates.***

***ENROLLMENT:*** SEPTEMBER 1st is the first day to RE-ENROLL in 4-H! This is for 4-H members and volunteers!!! [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/](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DC-2F-2FZbVWUVOdk5HXwv0m7alxPtZ1SseKKA1ur7zkP9egCmOD-2BSCJbxXsHQlz6a4NQ4Nm6OWu4BLlCPcPBTE2-2B-2FkEKUuXbj7HhHcVQVErPi-2BQ-3D4sqv_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHxNCjOj1SPMcdTFBlXNRRDjgA-2BnXfdjCEFn3lI5nUH-2FZwlqFHmmcu1UsKQmFNesT9XWU30QDTcrT8E97sRuRuLPW-2BPy68GpqpOc4q-2BNAPzlYKjSf81Stia9AowMuYVk73urGcFM-2FEBdXx3MDYErtqug-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377112827%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7hkt5I5O0jf3%2FSZNllYUuzcHAIhIZCAMppcgkvdgB%2B4%3D&reserved=0) 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!

***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 3 dots by search and like and then click Follow Settings, Step 3: set as favorite, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Club/Project News:***

* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page. Please like the new page for club news and information: [https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DApMIXhKBzKyWN0q-2FiGgfb4IlHGi4ximYHZlwBqH0-2FagoHOnHRPfr6nrjNyUcp1RRJ8DoefIqQfpP81AJPaLXvw-3D-3DdtkR_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHhg7P3AF0ewvp1L861aorugR83aDZuIX7cjIBru5sxkMTPpOFxUDLtw1nYuMjhyJkti6pyMroDhlad84Xa9pnqD6iy8QgCUfvYQTQfp74JKmlZe2G7jELNt-2F-2BQ6LtB74i-2BmZdsVKF-2BJIgf26YJQArzw-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377122822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OnNJalGQNpxDKPxIMjCkgFIlEpTpk3cfflV891MRVmQ%3D&reserved=0)
	+ **NEXT MEETING: September 7th 6pm, NEW LOCATION: Milam County Livestock Auction Barn: 2605 Auction Barn St, Cameron, TX 76520**
* **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](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fu12788118.ct.sendgrid.net%2Fls%2Fclick%3Fupn%3DApMIXhKBzKyWN0q-2FiGgfb4IlHGi4ximYHZlwBqH0-2FagqXT4oz-2Bhc-2BNhdgdbpQ-2FiDxCh-2FbxAxltrkZR1QM3zlEQ-3D-3D2KOW_zh3-2FILpNYLtKsHIj0lLw6F95VmaOxT4Atc-2FYakWjDQMACvBftorQ39L5r5xVTQifYGoHBr0e7udYVddMNrO8xdhLdNrZHirIS4dey3dFwJnCbwhh401q8Z4e3kqwONgHiR-2BGmpcaJ8ybNOo7D2ehCEnVuMNR6Iur947-2Fi8a5IHnUjxuhzURoRo1b8S-2BkfKvCxzgxhhXmKI5skY6aU3Dcz5ZKraa-2Fr-2BMDOOMrnd6I1BaTLqchkzFVU22-2B-2Fb-2BJW2DolPlH0rucPVljN39pSYqF0g-3D-3D&data=04%7C01%7Cmlholcombe%40ag.tamu.edu%7C766d8dbc5d964aab2f5b08d911acda9e%7C9fd7580a64724d9ca142d131d3a7a116%7C0%7C0%7C637560256377122822%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WYhi36yoJ%2FDVtT7xMGSHJ0ejn7K%2F3rWdJWGaRiWj3%2FM%3D&reserved=0) You need to enroll online to receive the zoom link!
* **Gause 4-H Club First Meeting: September 6th, 6pm, Gause Library**
* **Thorndale 4-**H Club: Thorndale 4-H Club will be coordinating a supply drive for Thorndale Elementary. Items needed include: Kleenex, crayons, pencils, pens, glue, or glue sticks, erasers, etc. All items are needed by **August 31st.** Items can be brought to the next 4-H meeting or dropped off at the Dollar General in Thorndale. There is a drop box there.
	+ **FIRST MEETING:** August 23rd, 6pm, Thorndale Chamber of Commerce
	+ Thorndale Meetings are **8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, and 4/25**. All meetings are at 6PM at the Thorndale Chamber of Commerce building. We hope to have a community service outing/project in late November or early December.

***4-H Fall Project Sign Up:***

If you are interested in the Ag Product ID, Horse Judging, Consumer, Food and Nutrition, please fill out the google form: <https://forms.gle/NvqzXwUWt71jUyrS6> Practices will be starting soon! Please sign up by **September 7th:**

* + Ag Product ID: Learn about Food Production in Texas Agriculture- fruits, vegetables, meats, herbs, etc
	+ Horse Judging: Learn about horses and horse judging
	+ **Consumer: Learn about different products such as headphones/earbuds, speakers, tablets, etc and learn how to find the best buy and rank them based upon a given scenario**
	+ **Food and Nutrition: learn how to work as a team to make a dish based on the ingredients given or learn how to make a dish and learn about it’s nutrition**

***4-H Plant ID Project:*** If you are interested in the 4-H Plant ID project, please call the Extension Office or email the coach, Irby by **August 13th**. They will be kicking off the new project year in August to prepare for State Fair. 254-605-0226 or Irby McWilliams irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com Hope you will consider this great project! Plant ID is learning about different plants and how to identify them as well as their grazing properties.

***4-H Banquet:* We invite ALL 4-H families to attend the 4-H Awards Banquet on September 12th at 3pm at the Thorndale Fireman’s Hall. We will be rewarding a lot of great leaders and youth! Come see what it is all about! Refreshments will be served.**

**4-H Cloverbuds Meetings: We will be meeting soon for Cloverbuds. Stay tuned on 4-H Blasts for the upcoming dates and activities!**

***County Council Meetings:***

**Here are this year’s County Council meetings for the year! Hope you all can make it to the meetings!**

**Locations to be announced.**

**• August 30th- 6pm (Banquet Planning)**

**• October 25th- 6pm (Club Officer Training/Fall Party)**

**• November 16th- 6pm (Holiday Gift Idea)**

**• January 10th- 6pm (Recordbook Training)**

**• April 2022- Time- TBD (Officer Elections)**

***Spring Major Show Tag Orders and Validation Dates for Heifers, Sheep, and Goats:***

**Validation Fee for all Heifers**

* **Heifers will be charged per heifer uploaded in the system at $15 per head.**
* **Payment for heifer UIN #’s will be due at the time for physical validation.**
* **Heifers previously validated remain eligible (and do not need to be revalidated) for the remainder of their show career unless they change breed or ownership.**

**Physical Validation Date:**

**Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021.**

**Time: 4:00-6:00pm**

**Location: YEB in Cameron. 301 S. Houston Street. Cameron, TX 76520**

**• Correct documentation such as registration papers, animal, and parents must all pe present at the time of validation. Any heifer that has not had change of ownership into the exhibitors name and is not reflected on the animals registration papers WILL NOT BE VALIDATED.**

**Validation Fee for all Sheep and Goats.**

* **$20.00 per head August 1st – August 30th at Noon**
* **$30.00 per head September 1st – October 25th.**
* **This includes all market sheep and goats as well as wether does and damn and breeding sheep and goats.**
* **IMPORTANT: Beginning June 1, 2021, registered breeding sheep, registered breeding goats, wether/commercial dams, and wether/commercial does will have 3 total years of eligibility UNLESS A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP TAKES PLACE. Breeding animals validated for State Fair in June do not have to be revalidated for major shows. Put plainly- If you validated any sheep or goats that weren’t market animals for State Fair during the June 2021 validation period, your validation will be eligible until June 2024, unless a change of ownership occurs during that time- then you must re-validate.**

**Physical Validation Date:**

**Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021.**

**Time: 4:00-6:00pm**

**Location: YEB in Cameron. 301 S. Houston Street. Cameron, TX 76520**

**• Correct documentation such as registration papers, animal, and parents must all pe present at the time of validation. Any breeding sheep or goat that has not had change of ownership into the exhibitors name on or before October 1st and is not reflected on the animals registration papers WILL NOT BE VALIDATED.**

**• Texas Lamb Breeders Association (TLBA) and Texas Goat Breeders Association (TGBA) tag numbers MUST be in the animal’s ear and be recorded on the validation form at validation. NO TLBA or TGBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted to the Sheep and Goat Validation of Texas program. Market lambs and wether does must have a TLBA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show.**

***2021-2022 Stock Show Updates:***

**The Stock Show Update files that include updates from every Major Stock Show for the 2021-2022 year are included here:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>**. Most of the spring shows included dates, judges, and a summary of rule/schedule changes. Let Floyd Ingram know if you have any questions when planning for the upcoming show season.**

**Big Reminders!**

**• Livestock/Contest Entry Deadlines: The Milam County 4-H Major Show Entry Deadline is November 9th! If you see December 1st in the updates, that is a deadline for Milam County 4-H to get your entries submitted. Typically all entry forms are posted somewhere around the 2nd week in October. That seems to be the magic date, but we will have them made available as soon as they are released.**

**• Milam County 4-H Major Show Entry Night: Tuesday, November 9th 2021. At the Extension Office from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Mandatory for New and 1st year Exhibitors. This ensures that you (Parents) understand the entry process and that entry forms are filled out correctly. An incorrect entry could lead to disqualification from the show. Optional for all other exhibitors.**

**• State Fair: Sheep & Goat shows again will be separate this year this includes move in and release. There will be 3 waves of market barrows rather than 2 as it was in the past. Fat steers will show before prospect steers and the SFT Youth Livestock Auction will separate the two shows.**

**• HOT: The previously named Jr. Show is now the Scholarship and the previously named Jackpot Show is now the Premium Show. Special Top 5 Overall payout for each species in both shows.**

**• Fort Worth Stock Show: Junior Steers will have a minimum weight of 1,000 lbs.**

**• San Angelo: Heifer show will be limited to a 3 head limit.**

**• San Antonio: Sheep & Goat shows will be back together.**

**• Houston: Return to “normal show” as it was in 2019. The Mobile Check-in process we used in 2020 will continue in 2021.**

**• Rodeo Austin: The show will host an exclusive Certified Texas Bred Barrow Show in 2022. They will also add sheep, swine, and beef skillathon contests.**

***Rockdale Fair Dates to Remember:*** [*https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/*](https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/)

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

* Commercial Heifers: Palpation and Body Condition Scoring: **Oct. 2, 2021**, 10:00 to noon, Milam County Auction Barn.
* Broilers: Order through RFA, pick-up **September 3**, Home Demonstration Bldg., Rockdale Fair Park, 5: 30 to 7:00 p.m. Cost per broiler: $1.74
* Rabbits: **September 8, 2021**, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Home Demonstration Building, Rockdale Fair Park
* Breeding Beef Heifer entries postmarked and due **September 8, 2021**
* **Baked Goods Entries due: September 24th. See website for more details.**
* **Ag Mechanics Entries due: October 1: See website for more details.**

***Rabbit Extravaganza:* Saturday, September 18, 2021- The 2021 Rabbit Extravaganza will be held Saturday, September 18th Belton! All Rabbit enthusiasts should check out this awesome opportunity to learn from skilled leaders and educators. Educational Workshops, Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skills Contest, Arts and Crafts. Registration is from September 1-10th on 4-H Online. You will need to renew your 4-H membership to register for the event.**

***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](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)

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