**4-H Blast**

November 2, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **November 2:** D8 4-H Scholarship Info Party, Gatesville Civic Center, 6pm
* **November 3:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Cameron Housing Authority (Butterbraid money and forms due)
* **November 3:** Ag Product ID Practice, 6:30pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **November 5:** District Ag Product ID Contest, Killeen
* **November 6-7:** Holiday Classic, Bell County Expo, 6am
* **November 9:** Major Show Entry Deadline and Sign-up Night
* **November 10:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **November 10:** Food Show/Challenge Sign-up Night, 6:00pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **November 12:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, Instructions Due
* **November 12:** RFA Thank you Notes Due, check information below
* **November 15:** Cloverbuds Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction NEW NEW!!!!
* **November 15:** Major Show Swine Validation, 4-6pm, YEB
* **November 16:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm, Cameron FUMC
* **November 20:** Central Texas CDM Contest, Gatesville Civic Center
* **November 17:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm
* **November 22:** MCJLS Mkt Lamb and Goat Tag In, 4-6pm (subject to change)
* **November 22:** Consumer Butterbraid Delivery
* **December 2: Scholarship Training, Zoom**
* **December 4: MCJLS Mkt Hogs Tag In, 8-10 am** (subject to change)
* **December 13:** Broiler Orders Due, 5-7pm YEB
* **December 14/15: RFA Picture/Confirmation Card Pick Up, 5-6:30pm, RFA fairgrounds**
* **January 12: RFA Confirmation Card Mailed Deadline**
* **February 26: MCJLS Mkt Bunnies will be tattooed, 8-10 am** (subject to change)

***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 in the pending status, you are good!** If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***Eligibility Forms:*** NEW!!!! NEW!!! NEW!!!!!

PLEASE FILL OUT FORM AND SUBMIT IT TO THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE! WE WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE SCHOOLS THIS YEAR FOR ELIGIBILITY APPROVAL.

It can be scanned and emailed or dropped off to the Extension Office 2 weeks prior to contest/event. Email forms to: carolyn.hux@ag.tamu.edu

***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)
* **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)
* **Gause 4-H Club First Meeting:** First Monday of the Month, 6pm, Gause Library
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** Thorndale Meetings are **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.
* **Rockdale 4-H Club:** 4-H Meeting: **November 8th** (Monday), 6:30pm

***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.**

***4-H Cloverbuds Meetings:*
3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, NEW NEW NEW- Milam County Livestock Auction Barn (Cameron)**

**1st Meeting: November 15, must sign up on 4-H Online by October 14th**

**You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to attend meetings! Membership is FREE!**

**We will meet at the Milam County Livestock Auction Barn for our meeting. We will be having a lot of fun activities and learn more about 4-H. Please RSVP here to say you are coming:**

<https://forms.gle/8xtNcZ8UKBV7CNgh8>

* **November 15: Holiday Gift Idea Prep (bring a craft to share and talk about)**
* **Jan 17: Photography**
* **February 21: Animals**
* **March 21: Science/Conserving Water**
* **April 18: Recordkeeping- Do Books**
* **May 16: End of Year party!**

***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.**

**• November 16th- 6pm (Holiday Gift Idea), 6pm, Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall**

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

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

***Holiday Gift Idea Exchange:***

**November 16th, 6pm, Cameron FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Milam County 4-H members:**

**4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate individually or with a friend/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 12th**

**Instructions include how to make the item and a picture of the item. Please also include the 4-H member’s name and 4-H Club. Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.  Instructions can be uploaded here:** <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2tOb4nVzyydxdGK>

**(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received)**

***Scholarship Trainings:***

**What: D8 4-H Scholarship Info Party**

**When: November 2nd @ Gatesville Civic Center, 6pm**

 **December 2nd via Zoom**

**Who: All graduating seniors**

**Registration:** <https://forms.gle/JkZTuXXbB9wWxh9d7>

**We will go over all parts of the Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship & highlight a few other scholarship opportunities.**

***Consumer Decision Making Contest:* We will be starting our 4-H Consumer Project Meetings in November! This is a great project to start as a 3rd grade student and work up to 12th grade. You learn valuable life skills and learn how to be a better shopper. We have a lot of fun too!**

**Practice times:** Thank you everyone for letting me know your practice preference. We will not have many practices in fall only a couple to plan and prepare for Central Texas CDM Contest in Gatesville. We will have a mixture of Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the spring. Location is Cameron Housing Authority (704 West 6th St. Cameron, Texas 76520)

This fall’s practice will be as follows:

* 1. Wednesday, **November 3rd**: 5:30-6:30pm (TURN IN BUTTERBRAID FORMS AND MONEY)
	2. Wednesday, **November 10th**: 5-6pm
	3. Wednesday, **November 17th**: 5-6pm
1. **Contests:** We will again this year have our Central Texas CDM Contest in Gatesville! So excited! Below are the contest dates:
	1. **November 20th**- CTX CDM Contest, Gatesville
	2. **February 19th**- SALE CDM Contest, San Antonio
	3. **April 25th**- District CDM Contest, Cleburne
2. **Fundraiser:** We will once again do our butterbraid fundraiser which starts **TOMORROW and goes through November 3rd**. This money will be used for hotels for SALE and District as these events will be over night trips. NEW THIS YEAR!!!!- We have an online store!!!! WOOHOO!!! Here is the link to follow: <https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/RegisterSeller/7886fec1-259b-49c6-9770-e37926c0c8c3> You will need to set up your store online if you choose to do so. It’s super easy to use and way less fuss to get orders done.  I do have paper forms in my office if you want those forms. The online orders and paper orders will be merged this year. All checks need to be made payable to Milam County 4-H. All money needs to be collected and turned in NO LATER than the night of **November 3rd**. Delivery will be **Monday, November 22nd** of Thanksgiving break around noon. Make sure you are here or someone to pick it up. Please let me know if you have any questions. Your parent letter is attached.

***Ag Product ID:* Below are the next practices for fall (we will start new practice schedule in the spring):**

**November 3- 6:30pm, Cameron Housing Authority (after Consumer)**

**If you cannot participate in contests, I would recommend you do some Kahoots online or Quizlets as well as look at study guides. Also food and cooking shows are great ways to learn about each of the products too!**

**The Wharton County AG ID site is fantastic as well:** <https://agrilife.org/wharton4h/projects/skill-a-thon-identification/ag-product-id/>

**Klay’s Fruit and Vegetable Kahoot from practice:** <https://kahoot.it/challenge/09167510?challenge-id=b36abbef-5e8e-48f3-8059-c33f58ce59f4_1633030788077> **(PIN: 09167510)**

**Here is a collection of all kinds of kahoots as well for AG ID:** <https://create.kahoot.it/collection/4679e22e-a810-4131-a76b-de377feb2ca3>

**Below are the next Contests for fall:**

**• November 5th- District Ag ID (Killeen)**

***Food Show/Food Challenge:* Do you like to cook?? The Food Show and Food Challenge provide a great opportunity for 4-H members to work as a team or individual to cook! The food show is the traditional individual contest where 4-H members cook a dish and present it to judges. The food challenge is like iron chef, and you are given a food and must make something with it with a team of 3 other members (3-4 total) of your age division. If you are interested in one of these contests, please come to our meeting on Wednesday, November 10th at 6pm to sign up for the contests. The meeting will happen at the Cameron Housing Authority meeting room after the conclusion of the consumer practice. We will be coordinating all the food show participants and all the food challenge teams so it is very important you attend. Location is Cameron Housing Authority (704 West 6th St. Cameron, Texas 76520). We will also be coordinating times for practice. Hope to see of all of you chefs there! If you would like some more information about the contests, take a look on the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2021/11/Participant-Information_2021.pdf>

***Milam County 4-H Shirts:***

**Shirts are here!!! You are welcome to come and get them! They are $15 each. Bows will be ready tomorrow. We have about 6 more that will be ready to sell too without the name ($7 each). We also have extra shirts to purchase (limited sizes). Great Christmas presents or stocking stuffers!!!!**

***Texas 4-H Photography Rules and Guidelines Released:***

**Deadline is TBA (Spring Sometime- March 2022)**

**Link to RULES/CATEGORIES:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

**Get started on your pictures now!**

**In the spring, members will register and pay for entries on 4HOnline and then upload their photos on Submittable, which is the platform we use to manage the judging process.**

**The new theme for this year is “My Hometown”. The description is outlined within the rules.**

**Remaining the same as in years past, counties may still only enter 1 photo per category, for a maximum of 15 total photos. Also, photos qualify directly from county to state for this contest. District contests have no bearing on qualifying for the state contest. A County Contest will be held in the spring prior to the state contest to determine who will advance to State. Please stay tuned in the 4-H blast for these dates.**

**When the time comes, please work with your photographers to ensure they upload the very best photos possible. Too often, we receive thumbnail images, not the full-sized photo.**

***Milam County Jr Livestock Show (MCJLS):***

**Entry Nights:**

* **Thorndale: Tuesday, Feb 8th**
* **Cameron: Thursday, Feb. 10th YEB**

**All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 10, 2022. After February 10, late entries will be accepted until March 23rd for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.**

**The NEW 2022 Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website:**

**Steers will be tagged: Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, or steers will be tagged September 7, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg)**

* **Beef Heifers: November 1, (Non. Registered must be tagged); (Contact steer superintendent before October 15, 2021)**
* **Mkt. Lambs & Goats: November 22, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change); Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.**
* **Mkt. Hogs: December 4, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. (subject to change); Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.**
* **Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: February 26, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).**
* **Mkt. Broilers: Order December 13, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.**
* **Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.**

***Holiday Classic Event:***

**The clinic is November 6-7, 2021 at the Bell County Expo. It is FREE!!!! Open to all youth in grades 3-12th. Please see the 4-H AG website for more information! The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation. For specific times, please see the website for more information.** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>

***Rockdale Fair Youth Auction Thank You Notes:***

**Any exhibitor, who participates in the Youth Auction, Commercial Heifer, Baked Food & Ag Mechanics sale or who is the proud recipient of a Belt Buckle or Herdsman Award must mail to the RFA, P. O. BOX 1582, ROCKDALE, TX. 76567 or hand deliver to Cindy in Thorndale or Monica in Cameron, a stamped envelope UNSEALED, containing hand written thank you notes to his/her Buyer by November 12, 2021. Failure to write Thank you notes will result in a $100.00 deduction from the exhibitor’s sale check. The sale picture and delivery confirmation card, provided by the Rockdale Fair Association, must be picked up at the Livestock office by the Exhibitor, or their parent or a representative on Tuesday, Dec. 14 or Wednesday, Dec. 15, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Failure to pick up the picture will result in a $100.00 deduction from the exhibitor’s sale check. The exhibitor must personally hand deliver his/her picture to the Buyer by JANUARY 12, 2022. The picture confirmation card will need to be signed by the buyer when the picture is delivered. The exhibitor will then need to mail the card to the Sale Secretary. Failure to deliver sale pictures and have the confirmation card signed and returned to Cindy Hughes will result in a $250.00 deduction from the exhibitor’s sale check. Checks will be mailed after thank-you notes are received and signed confirmation card is received.**

***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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