**4-H Blast**

March 21, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **March 21:** **CANCELED!!!!!!!** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **March 21:** County Photography Entries Due
* **March 23-26:** Milam County Junior Livestock Show
* **March 30:** 2022 State Fair Sheep and Goat Tag Orders Due
* **March 31:** Consumer Practice (Mock Contest), 4pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 1: Deadline to register for Texas 4-H Congress for Milam County 4-H spot**
* **April 3: Shooting Sports Project, 2pm, SPJST Hall**
* **April 4: Intent to participate in District 4-H Fashion Show**
* **April 8: District Fashion Show Entries due to 4-H Online**
* **April 7:** Consumer Practice (Game Night), 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 9:** MJ Hanna Plant ID Contest, Coryell County
* **April 11:** District Roundup Sign Up Deadline, see below
* **April 15:** Ag Product ID/Livestock Judging Contest, Leon County
* **April 18:** **Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **April 21:** Consumer Practice, 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 24: Shooting Sports Project, 2pm, SPJST Hall**
* **April 24-25: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **April 24-25: District Fashion Show, Cleburne**
* **April 30: District Roundup, West**
* **April 29-May 1: Texas 4-H Scholarship Interviews**
* **May 1: Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Deadline**
* **May 15: Shooting Sports Project, 2pm, SPJST Hall**
* **May 16: Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction**
* **May 30: Texas 4-H Congress Bill Submission**

***GOOD LUCK to everyone exhibiting at the Milam County Junior Livestock Show this week!!!! Congratulations to our MCJLS Baked Goods contestants who have already competed! Remember to show with pride and show good sportsman-like conduct!!! Thank your judges and congratulate others!***

***ENROLLMENT:*** [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

ATTENTION 4-H Families: We need all 4-H Families to please submit your eligibility forms for MCJLS!!!! Please follow the directions provided ONLY. This will walk you through the process. Thank you to everyone who has already taken care of this!

VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET ALL 7 TASKS COMPLETED CORRECTLY!

Check if you will be out of school for MCJLS

Date of Activity you will miss. Pick which day you will show.

Name of Activity: MCJLS– (Baked Goods, Rabbits, Pigs, etc)

Parent Signs

Please put NAME of 4-H member participating.

Put NAME of school in section with School.

MOST IMPORTANT: Submit to Extension Office NOT TO SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!!- Those can be emailed, faxed, or dropped off at the office.

Submit all forms THIS WEEK!!!!! Next week is Spring Break and Baked Goods

Link to form: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2021/09/MilamCounty4-H_eligility_form_21_22.pdf>

***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)
	+ Our next Cameron 4-H Meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 6pm at the Milam County Livestock Auction.
	+ Please BRING: Rainbow Room Items!
	+ We will have elections!!!!
* **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->
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** Thorndale Meetings are **3/28, and 4/25**. All meetings are at 6PM at the Thorndale Chamber of Commerce building.
* **Shooting Sports Club:** Shooting sports is starting off with a BANG!!! We will have our 4-H meetings on the following dates at 2pm. The meetings will take place at the SPJST Hall but could change based on availability of the hall. Please check facebook and other 4-H media for updates.
	+ **April 3**
	+ **April 24**
	+ **May 15**

***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/>**. Let Floyd Ingram know if you have any questions when planning for the upcoming show season.**

**2022 SFT Sheep and Goat Tag Order Information:**

**With changes being made to the order deadlines our office is taking tag orders for SFT Sheep & Goat from now until March 30th. The order letter is posted on the website above.**

**Tags will be $20.00 per head until March 30th.**

**Late tags will be $30.00 per head until June 24th.**

**Checks can be made payable to E.L.A.B.**

***4-H Cloverbuds Meetings:*
CLOVERBUD MEETINGS:**

**3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Milam County Livestock Auction Barn (Cameron)**

**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.**

* **March 21: Science/Conserving Water CANCELED---- Due to the dangerous potential weather, we will be canceling cloverbuds tonight!!!!!!**
* **April 18: Gardening**
* **May 16: Recordbooks/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.**

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

***Consumer Decision Making Contest:* We will be starting our 4-H Consumer Project Meetings back up in January! 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:** Meetings will take place in person at the Cameron Housing Authority. Parents are welcome to walk with your 4-H member when doing the classes but try to see if they can do it rather by themselves after a while.

**Practices: (See above for times):**

* **March 31 (Thursday), 4-7pm (Mock Contest)**
* **April 7 (Thursday), 6pm**
* **April 21 (Thursday), 6pm**

**Contests:** Below are the contest dates:

* **April 25th**- District CDM Contest, Cleburne

***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).**

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

**Deadline is March 21th (County)**

**County Link to Register:** <https://forms.gle/qZm1ZQsLgqLWyrys9>

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

**Get started on your pictures now!**

**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, senior photos who qualify directly from county will advance to district AND to state for competition.**

**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):***

**2022 SHOW – MARCH 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2022**

**The 2022 Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

***Rockdale Fair:***

**October 20-22, 2022**

**The NEW 2022 Rules have been posted on the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

The following change has been made to the RFA sale rules. This change was made effective on November 16,2021. \*Only barrow swine, market wether lambs, and market wether goats are eligible to be tagged in and shown at the Rockdale Fair.

***District 4-H Roundup:***

**Contest: District Roundup (Educational Presentations, Public Speaking, Share-the-Fun)**

**Date: April 30, 2022**

**Location: West High School, 1008 Jerry Mashek Dr, West, TX 76691**

**County Registration Deadline for District: April 11, 2022**

<https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/roundup-contest/>

**Please fill out google form by Monday, April 11, what category you are entering (Please use the categories in the District Letter or on the website above to learn more):** <https://forms.gle/J6KizKosc2A2Sn7a7>

***District 8 4-H Surge:***

Event: District 8 SURGE

Dates: **June 21-23, 2022**

Location: Camp Buckner, Burnett, TX

Cost: $225 per youth participant, $175 per adult

As we get closer to camp, a few things that we will be on the lookout for:

• Cardboard

• Empty Coke Bottles

For more information, please see our camp website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/4-h-camps/>

***District 4-H Fashion Show and Interior Design Contest:***

Contest: Fashion & Interior Design (Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard, Duds to Dazzle)

Date: **April 25, 2022**

Location: Cleburne Conference Center

Deadline for contacting our office will be **April 4th** with intent to participate and all paperwork and entries are due **April 8th 2022** on 4-H Online.

Cost: $10 per student (Paid by Milam County 4-H)

Things to note:

• This year, students will be asked to give a presentation, like they do in Food Show, instead of just conducting an interview. Those guidelines are laid out in the attached letter.

• At this time, we are planning for a Fashion Show to take place at the conclusion of judging, prior to awards. Please note that if anything changes with our COVID-19 guidelines, that is subject to change.

• Fashion Storyboards are an invitational contest, meaning that no qualification will take place at the District Contest. Those wanting to participate in the State Contest will need to enter that contest beginning **April 1-15, 2022** via 4-H Online.

For information, rules, and forms, please go to the Milam County 4-H Clothing Website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/clothing-and-textiles-project/>

***Texas 4-H Congress:***

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9th to 12th for the 2021-2022 school year. During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review.

Deadline to register for a Milam County 4-H Spot (ONLY 10 spots available)-**April 1st:** <https://forms.gle/5R7RBZiYsFm1TCC3A>

**Highlights:**

* Deadline to submit interest is April 1st to Milam County
* Bill submission is open now through May 30th.
* Press Corp & Lobbyist applications open Tuesday, Feb. 15th via 4-H Online.

***Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate:***

**The 2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application information has now been posted at** <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/> **under Texas 4-H Council. Interested 4-H members will apply on 4HOnline by selecting the “2022-2023 Texas 4-H Council At-Large Application” event.**

**Deadline is Thursday, March 31st. We ask that all applications be approved on 4HOnline by the county offices by Wednesday, April 6 so that the committee can begin reviewing the applications and invite candidates for the first round of interviews tentatively scheduled for the week of April 25th.**

**Applications will be accepted for the Texas 4-H Council At-Large Delegate positions and narrowed to a pool of applicants (approximately 12 or so to complete the speech/impromptu question part of the process) by the selection committee. The At-Large Delegate Presentations will take place on Monday, June 6th as part of the LEAD Academy Kickoff event. Elections will be held using an electronic method and results announced Thursday, June 9th at the general assembly.**

***State 4-H WHEP Contest:***

**4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Project State Contest**

**May 14-15, 2022**

**To be held in Calhoun/Matagorda Counties**

**Registration open to all 4-H Age Divisions**

**4-H Online: March 14-April 15**

**For complete details:** [**http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/**](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/wildlife-fisheries/)

**Scroll to “Contests”**

***New State Contest- Videography:***

**Texas 4-H is excited to announce a brand-new state contest, and thanks to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, there is some great prize money available for the top 3 entries! You will find the rules for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H Videography Contest here:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

**All the details about the contest, who is eligible to compete, the prize money offered, registration deadline, scoring rubric, and much more can be found within the document.**

***Healthy Lifestyles Ambassador Opportunity:***

**The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program is seeking motivated, passionate, and hard-working teens to improve the lives of Texans! Do you have teens in your county who are looking to make a difference in their health and the health of others? If so, the HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM is the perfect opportunity for them to become trained in health, wellness, and safety while helping you grow your local program efforts!**

**This program is designed for high school age youth (grades 9-12) who have a passion for health and wellness. These youth will be trained at the regional level to become youth health experts who can motivate others to make a change in their lifestyle to improve their health. More importantly, these ambassadors will assist local county extension agents with program efforts, project activities, and much more! Healthy Texas Youth Ambassadors are the boots on the ground component of peer education!**

**Who’s Eligible?**

**Youth do not have to be current 4-H members but must join 4-H for the 2022-23 year. Agents are encouraged to look beyond the 4-H program and recruit youth from local school health advisory committees, health science programs, high school culinary arts programs, home school associations, community and church groups, and other youth organizations.**

**Eligibility requirements include:**

**• Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.**

**• Submit online application by May 1, 2022 https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_cYoOz9V9VkJlndY**

**• Have an interest and passion to serve others in health education which includes nutrition, physical activity, passenger safety, and safe environments!**

**What does the program entail?**

**After online applications are received, these will be sent directly to the county Extension agent for them to review and select the youth they wish to serve in the program. Once youth are accepted to the program, they must fulfill the following obligations:**

**• Complete and report 40 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service annually.**

**• Attend a Regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit in a location nearest to them.**

**• Attend face-to-face and online trainings**

**• Agree to the obligations and requirements outlined in the HTYA Handbook.**

**• New and returning ambassadors MUST complete a new application annually.**

**• Complete activities, goals, and commitments with excellence!**

**For more detailed description of requirements and expectations, agents should review the 2022-23 Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Handbook.**

**What is the cost?**

**Currently, there is no application fee for this program; however, selected ambassadors will be required to register for the regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Summit. Estimated cost is $50 for returning ambassadors and $90 for new ambassadors. Ambassadors selected will be responsible for any travel costs related to this or other trainings established by the county extension agent or regional Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Team. Actual program cost will vary from county to county and be dependent on activities and trainings offered.**

**Interested youth should complete the online application at:** <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYoOz9V9VkJlndY> **no later than May 1. Once online applications are received, these will be sent directly to the county Extension agent for review and selection of the youth they wish to serve in the program. Those selected, along with their agent, will be expected to attend one of the regional trainings listed in the HTYA handbook.**

***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)

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating