**4-H Blast**

April 22, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **April 22: Rockdale Fair Turkey Orders Due**
* **April 22: Major Show Steer Tag Order Deadline, Contact Office**
* **April 22: SFT & HOT Swine Tag orders Deadline, Contact Office**
* **April 24: Shooting Sports Project, 2pm, SPJST Hall**
* **April 24-25: District Consumer Contest, Cleburne**
* **April 24-25: District Fashion Show, Cleburne**
* **April 27-May 8: Tractor Supply 4-H Fundraiser (buy clovers at TSC)**
* **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 17: 4-H FCH Coalition Meeting, 5pm, YEB**
* **May 17: Milam County 4-H Council Meeting/Officer Elections, 6pm, YEB**
* **May 20: Rockdale Fair Broiler Orders Due**
* **May 30: Texas 4-H Congress Bill Submission**
* **June 1: Dog Project Survey Due, Online**
* **June 1: D8 County Camp Deadline, Office**
* **June 3-5: Horse Judging Camp, TAMU**
* **June 6-9: Texas 4-H Roundup**
* **June 14: Recordbook Training, 6pm, Cameron Housing Authority**
* **June 21: Club Manager Training/Recordbook Judging, 5:30pm-8pm**
* **June 21-23: D8 Surge/Leadership Lab**
* **July 8-10: District 8 County Camp**
* **July 17-20: Texas 4-H Congress**

***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

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)
* **Gause 4-H Club:** Gause meetings are **the first Monday** of the month. All meetings are at 6PM at the Gause school library.
* **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 **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 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.**

**Steer Tag Order:**

2022-2023 Major Show Steer Tag orders are open. $25.00 per tag. Deadline is **April 22**. Contact the Extension Office

**Swine Tag Orders:**

SFT & HOT Swine Tag orders are open. $20.00 per tag. Deadline is **April 22**. (Reminder that all crossbred gilts must be validated for State Fair and Heart O’ Texas) Contact the Extension Office

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

**3rd Mondays, 5:30pm-6:30pm, NEW LOCATION FOR APRIL!!!!**

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

**We will be having a lot of fun activities and learn more about 4-H.**

* **May 16: Recordbooks/End of Year party!- BACK at MCLA**

***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.**

**• May 17, 2022- 6pm-7pm, YEB- For the intent to run form and election process, please go to the website:** <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/milam-county-4-h-council-and-parentleaders/>

**We will need 3 voting delegates from each club to attend and vote but all 4-H members going into the 8th-12th grade are welcome to run for an office.**

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

**Shirts are here at the office for purchase! Come by and see what we have! They are $15 each.**

***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.

Rockdale Fair Turkey orders are due on **April 22**. Cost per poult, $7.50. Must order in lots of 5 for each entry. Make sure you mail them to the Rockdale Fair, P. O. Box 1582, Rockdale, Texas 76567. Information to be included with order is Exhibitor's name/names, Parent's name, Mailing address, phone number, Club they are entering through and amount of turkeys and money.

The Broiler orders are due on **May 20**. Cost per bird is $1.74. Must order 25 birds per pen.

There are only 2 entries, {2 pens of broilers, 2 turkeys) per exhibitor in the Market Turkey and Broiler show.

***Recordbook Training:* A recordbook training will be held Tuesday, June 14th at 5pm at the Cameron Housing Authority. We will be discussing the in and outs of recordbooks and how to get started.**

***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 8 County Camp:* County Camp registration forms are the Milam County 4-H Website. There is a Youth packet and an Adult packet for registration. The date for camp this year is July 8-10th at Lakeview Methodist Camp in Palestine. Deadline for registrations (paperwork and money) will be due June 1st. Workshop leaders are asked to attend the County Camp planning meeting on June 3rd.**

***State Community Service Project:***

**Each year, Texas 4-H Council selects a community service project to complete in hopes of giving back, one of the primary pillars of 4-H. This year, they selected Non-Slip Socks for the Elderly. June 8-9, during Roundup, from 10AM-3PM, we will be assembling and painting non-stick socks for BCS nursing homes. Clubs and counties are encouraged to bring NEW crew cut socks to Roundup and participate in this project! More details to come but start gathering those socks now!**

**You can bring non-slip socks to the Extension Office from NOW-June 1st.**

***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.**

***TAMU Horse Judging Camp:* What: The 16th Annual Aggie Horse Judging Camp**

**Up-to-date industry instruction on halter and performance classes. Reasons option with group and personal instruction.**

**When: June 3-5, 2022**

**Where: Texas A&M University; College Station, TX**

**Who: Youth ages 10-18**

**Fees: Entries due by: May 20, 2022**

**$325 per participant (includes lunches, judging manual, notebook and t-shirt).**

**Registration:** [Click here to register](https://events.circuitree.com/TAMUS/Registration/RegistrationType/?returnUrl=%252fTAMUS%252fRegistration%252fEventSelection%252f%257b0%257d%252f%253ffilter%253dOrgIDs%257c59&filter=OrgIDs%7C59)**.**

**What to bring: A winning attitude!**

***4-H Dog Project*: We are starting the 4-H Dog project in the fall! We would like to see who might be interested in participating in the project. We also hope to make a field trip in July to the State 4-H Dog Show to learn as well as some other activities to get started this summer. Please fill out the google form if you are interested in the 4-H dog project:** <https://forms.gle/uYVhHLcN4bYy5eNc6> **Please fill out the form by June 1st.**

**Here is some information about the project:**

**What is the dog project?**

**It is a chance to teach 4-H members to be responsible dog owners. Students own or lease the dog they work with in their project. In Milam County, Milam Touch of Love will ensure students wanting mixed breed dogs will have a project dog. Project Managers will work to get a purebred dog and breeder/mentor for 4-H members who want to compete in conformation, especially in AKC competition. Participants can train their dogs as one part of the project.**

**Sign up:**

**Students need to sign up online and pay annual dues. It is helpful if one parent will sign up to volunteer. That allows the project to sponsor and participate in more events and opportunities to learn. This is a great way to work toward goals with your child and to help the organizer/volunteers who are taking on the dog project on behalf of your children.**

**Benefits to the dog project:**

**In addition to learning about dog husbandry and training, participants learn organization, how to research and select a dog that meets a specific niche and the chance to earn scholarships. In addition, many of the 4-H tasks overlap with American Kennel Club title qualifications, and participants can compete in both programs. In addition, students learn effective communication skills, and ultimately will be able to organize community events, research complex issues, give presentations, make decisions, and help teach and guide others through the process of choosing the dog that will best fit their family and teach others about proper dog care. Students and leaders will keep records to document their progress.**

***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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