**4-H Blast**

April 7, 2022

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **April 7:** Consumer Practice (Game Night), 6pm-7pm, Cameron Housing Authority
* **April 8: District Fashion Show Entries due to 4-H Online**
* **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 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 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: 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**

***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.**

**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.**

**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.**

* **April 18: Gardening/Science/Conserving Water- This meeting will be at a DIFFERENT LOCATION- check your emails a week before for the location address and directions!**
* **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.**

***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), 5:30pm-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).**

***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.

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 oders 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.

For additional information please contact Livestock Superintendent, Tammy Patin at 512-365-0022

Rockdale Fair Commercial Heifer Tag-In

Saturday **April 2**. 10:30 to noon

Milam County Auction Barn -Cameron

Please pay with Check or exact change - $50 a pen.

***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 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.

***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