**4-H Blast**

November 7, 2019

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* **November 7:** Major Show entry night, 4-6pm, County Extension office
* **November 8:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange Entries Due, Email
* **November 8:** Notification of Commercial Heifer Tag In
* **November 12:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 16:** Commercial Heifer Tag-In- Milam Livestock Auction Barn, 8am
* **November 19:** 2020 Major Show Swine Validation, 4-6pm, YEB
* **November 21:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 11:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 16:** MCJLS Broilers Due, 6-7pm, YEB (ONLY PLACE TO ORDER)
* **December 17:** Consumer Practice, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 19:** Teen Retreat Deadline, Online

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! DO NOT ENROLL EARLIER! To re-enroll or join 4-H, please see our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/> 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! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show. You will NOT be able to show unless you have enrolled online AND have a completed eligibility form. You must have them signed yourself and sent to the school and the school will send us your signed form if eligible.

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t 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 Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Milam County 4-H Spring Major Show Entry Night*** will be hosted **Thursday, November 7th 4:00-6:00pm** at the Milam County Extension Office. This will be a time for any exhibitors to come in and be assisted with filling out entry paperwork and making entry decisions. Also a notary for Houston Entry's will be on site.

All exhibitors must complete the Quality Counts Certification prior to entry. To register, visit <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>. Please allow up to two hours to complete all coarse material and take the examination. 2020 Major Show entries cannot be accepted without program completion and new Quality Counts certification number.

***Consumer Project Meetings:***

**Here is a list of all the consumer meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be from 5:30-7pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at Bea’s Kitchen. If you are interested in this project, please fill out the entry form: <https://forms.gle/2BstgoKhQ3E1mubi9>

* November 12- Tuesday
* December 11- Wednesday
* December 17- Tuesday
* January 14- Tuesday
* January 22- Wednesday (Consumer Contest I (4-8pm)-MANDATORY MEETING)
* January 30- Thursday
* February 5- Wednesday
* February 14- Target Practice in San Antonio (NEW TIME- 4pm)
* February 25- Tuesday
* March 4- Wednesday
* March 16- Monday
* March 31- Tuesday (Consumer Contest II (4-8pm)- MANDATORY MEETING)
* April 14- Tuesday
* April 8- Wednesday

***Scholarship:*** Scholarships will be updated on the website. Please check it for information on scholarships and applying. If you missed the training, all items have been updated on the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 21st** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 18 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H members (K-12th grade) are encouraged to participate as an individual or with a friend or 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 8th** Only electronic instructions will be accepted this year.

Instructions can be emailed or google shared to Micah Holcombe: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu

(PLEASE make sure you receive a confirmation that your instructions were received) **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** 4-H Shooting sports project will start in December. If you are interested in signing up for the project, please call or email club manager, Keely Reisner. [knlreisner@yahoo.com](mailto:knlreisner@yahoo.com) or 254-721-9270.

***Texas 4-H Center Teen Retreat:*** Teen Retreat 2020 is scheduled for **January 3-5**. Please share this opportunity with your 4-H Members in 7th-12th grade. We will have sessions in Leadership and Teambuilding, Social Science, Leadership, and more! Registration is open on the Texas 4-H Center website, <https://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>. Registration fees will increase on **December 20th** and close on December 31.

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 25-28, 2020***

* Exhibitors must notify Commercial Heifer Chairman, or Show Secretary of their intention to tag-in commercial heifers no later than, ***Friday, November 8, 2019.***
* Tag-In Dates & Ownership deadlines: Commercial Heifers will be tagged -----------------**November 16, 2019**. Heifers will be tagged at the Milam County Livestock Auction Barn @ 8:00 a.m.
* Mkt. Lambs & Goats: **November 18** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Hogs: **December 2** 4-6pm. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Broilers: (NEW) Order **December 16**, 5:00 – 7:00 a.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 25,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

***MCJLS Broiler Order:*** ATTENTION: This is still news for ordering Broilers for the 2020 MCJLS. You will need to go to the YEB in Cameron on Dec. 16. That is the only way to order broilers for the show. Order in lots of 25. Make checks out to Milam County Junior Livestock Show Association and orders must be paid for by the ordering deadline Dec 16th. If they are not paid for by Dec 16th, they will not be ordered.

Entry NIGHTS:

* Monday, **February 10:** Rockdale General Store Meeting Room
* Tuesday, **February 11th**: Thorndale Ag Science Building
* Monday, **February 24th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 24, 2020. After February 24, late entries will be accepted until March 26th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***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 or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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