**4-H Blast**

December 29, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **December 31:** Deadline to do FAFSA for Scholarships
* **January 4:** Thank you notes due to Banquet Sponsors
* **January 4:** County Council Meeting- POSTPONED
* **January 5:** Cameron 4-H Club Meeting- CANCELED
* **January 6:** Consumer Project meeting, 6pm, Zoom
* **January 8:** Deadline to submit a scholarship online for review (and email Micah)
* **January 10:** Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline, online
* **January 11:** Cloverbuds Zoom Meeting, 5:30pm
* **January 14:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **January 21:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **January 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **February 3:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, Zoom
* **February 6:** Central Texas Consumer Contest, Gatesville (TENTATIVE)
* **February 9:** MCJLS Entry Night, Thorndale
* **February 11:** MCJLS Entry Night AND LAST DAY TO ENTER, Cameron

**We wish you all a safe and Happy NEW YEAR!!!!!**

***4-H BANQUET UPDATE:*** Congratulations to all our 4-H Members who applied for 4-H Awards this year! Congratulations to all the youth and adult leaders on receiving awards! Here is a link to the video if you missed it! Please come by and pick up your banquet awards this week and next week. Thank you notes are due by January 4th. <https://youtu.be/2Mx0KK1s6oY>

***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/> 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 awaiting review, you are good! If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***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:*** 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 favortie, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Club/Project News:***

* **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> You need to enroll online to receive the zoom link!
* **Plant ID:** If you are interested in being in the 4-H Plant ID project, please email Irby McWiliams: [irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com](mailto:irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com)
* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page (the old one was closed). Please like the new page for club news and information: <https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub> Next meeting: **FEBRUARY 2nd** – **NO JANUARY MEETING!**
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** TBA

***ATTENTION:*** All 4-H members and families MUST sign a COVID 19 Screening form when you attend a 4-H event/club meeting. You can grab these at: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2020/08/Screening-Letter-COVID-19-Youth-Overnight-events-6.12.20.pdf>

They will have a few at the meeting if you forget it. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing at the 4-H club meetings. If you are attending an online meeting, the screening forms are not needed.

***4-H Consumer Project:***

If you are interested in 4-H Consumer please make sure you do the consumer survey if you have not done so already. Please complete this survey by January 1st

SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/gX8Jv2GTCopNJYgZ9>

We have some NEW and different things going on, so PLEASE READ this WHOLE letter! **NEW THINGS:**

* We will start practices in January this year
* Practices will be virtual and face to face (we will also try to do zoom while having practice- no guarantee.)
* We will have 1 county contest this year- February 12th
* There will be no HOT and San Antonio Consumer Contest this year.
* Coryell-Milam Invitational Contest- We will be helping host an invitational contest with Coryell County again this year: DATE- February 6th
* April 18th Store Practice- Tour practice to 4pm this year.
* ALL classes and information will be put in the google drive each week. It is your responsibility to look in there and practice your classes.
* District Contest will be on April 19th in Cleburne this year. We will plan to do another overnight stay for this so please try to fundraise a lot for this contest!!!! Parents you might want to take off for this contest or arrange other options to get them there, it is a Monday (April 19th).
* If you choose REMOTE learning, please check with your school about extracurricular options for 4-H. You may have to do unexcused absences if you go to a contest or not attend practices and contests.

**Here is a list of all the meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be at various times for each age division ranging from 5:00-8pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at the County Extension Office. Again, go ahead and pencil in these dates, Please know this: If you cannot make the practices, it’s ok!!! I will put all the classes on google drive each week! It is up to you to practice with your child(ren) if you miss. Just make sure you make the mandatory contest! Remember, if you are an intermediate or senior (6th-12th grade) it is important you do try to come to a few practices because of learning reasons. If you miss, you can text me a video of your reasons.

**Please send me if you would like to do a class. They will be due the Monday before the class. Any 4-H member can do a class (Juniors may need parent’s help). Classes must be emailed to me so I may make changes as needed. You can also send it to me on a google drive.**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Class** |
| January 6 | ZOOM- 6pm | Zoom | Overview |
| January 14 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-8pm Intermediates/Seniors (Dist Reasons Clinic) | Office | Jr: Portable Speakers  Int/Sr: Reasons Clinic |
| January 21 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors | Office | Headphones and Earbuds |
| January 28 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors | Office | Tablets/Fitness Trackers |
| February 3 | ZOOM- 6-7pm | Zoom | Review |
| February 6 | Central Texas Consumer Contest- Gatesville | Gatesville | Contest |
| February 11 | CONTEST:  PLEASE COME DURING THESE TIMES:  5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors | Office | Contest |
| February 25 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors |  | Athletic Shoes |
| March 3 | ZOOM- 6-7pm | Zoom | Outdoor Backpacks |
| March 11 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors |  | Activewear |
| March 23 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors |  | Outdoor Equipment |
| April 1 | 5-6pm Juniors  6-7pm Intermediates  7-8pm Seniors |  | Bluetooth Car Kits |
| April 7 | ZOOM- 5:30pm | Sunglasses |  |
| April 15 | Game Night- either on Zoom or in Person | All Classes |  |

**Cloverbuds Project Group:** NEW!!!!!! This year we will be having our first ever Cloverbuds project group! We will be meeting monthly on zoom and learning about all kinds of fun projects and activities!

Cloverbuds are Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders

2nd Monday, 5:30pm-6:30pm, ZOOM

Next Meeting: **January 11th** Topic: Science/Weather

You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to be on the Zoom!

For more information on Cloverbuds, please see the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clover-kids-k-2nd-grade/>

This month you will need to bring:

Candy with a cone- chocolate kiss or other

Toothpicks- 6 or more

Marshmallows- regular (3 or more)

Gummy candy- gum drops, fruit snacks, gummy bears- 6 or more

Show and Tell:

**Favorite Weather**- bring something that you would use in your favorite weather (ie- hot sun/summer- hat or sunscreen; rain- umbrella, etc)

***D8 4-H Scholarship Forum:***

A recording of the scholarship training was done, so email the Extension Office for the link and password. Remember these dates:

• **December 31st**-FAFSA needs to be submitted. (You will not get it back in time otherwise)

• **January 4th-8th**-Upload application for district review and email to Micah for draft review

• **February 15th**-Deadline for submission \*\*\*Please note that this is the very last day to submit\*\*\*

Link to scholarships and information: <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:*** The Rules have been updated and posted on the website. Baked goods will be added later. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 24-28, 2021**

* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 27**, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.

Entry cards and fees must be turned into SHOW SECRETARY on show registration night. Dates will Be: Thorndale – Tuesday, **February 9**, location to be announced. Cameron – Thursday, **February 11**, Youth Expo Building. Contact your C.E.A, or Ag Science Teacher for further information. All entries must be received by secretary no later than **February 11,** 2021. After **February 11**, late entries will be accepted until **March 24th** for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***Texas 4-H Dog Validation:***

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on **July 9-10, 2021** at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by **January 10, 2021** in 4-H Online. Email Micah Holcombe ([mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu)) for the instructions. Misty Cathy has also created video instructions <https://youtu.be/3NzoIjK9Pco> if that is more convenient.

***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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