**4-H Blast**

January 19, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **January 21:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5pm, Zoom
* **January 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5pm, Zoom
* **February 3:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5pm, Zoom
* **February 8:** Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **February 9:** MCJLS Entry Night, Thorndale
* **February 11:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5pm, Zoom
* **February 11:** MCJLS Entry Night AND LAST DAY TO ENTER, Cameron
* **February 15:** Deadline to enter for Scholarships
* **February 25:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5pm, Zoom
* **February 27:** Bunnies Tattooed Deadline

***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
* **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**
* **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> or complete them ONLINE. Remember ALL adults and youth MUST complete a form if they are attending the meeting. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CljXn3JknE2hQtEx06ehFjaDcnkTVElDqZP2GyoRUPlUN1NYQVI1WjVWTUFVVjQ2V0Y0UkVISFhBRi4u>

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 Meetings:***

UPDATED: 1-5-21: Meetings up until March will be on Zoom. After February, we will see if we can meet in person. Lessons will be at 5pm and at 6pm reasons will start. I have sent zoom calendar invites to everyone in the consumer email list. I will be doing google surveys for each class for each week so I can record answers as well as keep progress of each participant. If you miss a zoom meeting, just make sure you review your study guide and do the class on the google survey each week. Intermediates and seniors will do their reasons on zoom from 6-8pm. If you miss a zoom, you will email, text, or message Micah your reasons videos. On April 1st, 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. 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.

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.

All meetings will be: 5-6pm Lesson: All; 6-8pm Reasons: Intermediates/Seniors unless otherwise noted.

* January 28- Zoom
* February 3- Zoom
* February 11- Zoom
* February 25- Zoom
* March 3- Zoom
* March 11- TBA
* March 23- TBA
* April 1- County Contest
* April 7- Zoom
* April 15- TBA
* April 19- District Contest
* May- Central TX Consumer Contest

**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: **February 8** 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.

MCJLS has added the Ag Mechanics Show this year!!! Please see the website above to get rules!!!

***Recordbook Survey:***

The Texas 4-H Record Book Committee wants to hear from YOU! Proposed revisions could be made for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H year, but we need your help!!! There will be NO CHANGES made until that time, if any. We have developed a user survey that we are asking that your 4-H members, families, volunteers as well as each of you complete to help us better evaluate the current process. We wanted to have as much input as possible rather than blindly recommending changes which our users may not feel were necessary. The survey is designed for those that have NEVER completed a record book as well as those that are actively involved in the process. We are asking that the survey be completed by Sunday, January 31st. Once the survey is closed, we will compile the results and evaluate the information shared. Then as a committee we will then determine what recommended changes, if any, should be considered for the 2021-2022 Texas 4-H year. <https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5nE8qe3imEfN109>

***Vet Camp:***

The Veterinary Science Certificate Program will be offering 3 2021 Summer camps. The goal of the Texas 4-H Veterinary Science Camp is to provide experiential learning opportunities for students participating in the Veterinary Science Certification Program (VSCP). Students will learn and practice clinical skills on large and small animals under the supervision of a veterinarian.

This year the camps will be at Texas A&M Kingsville June 7-9, Texas A&M University June 14-16, and West Texas A&M July 12-14. The link for the camp application will be available Monday February 1st and the deadline will be no later than March 5th by 5pm. We will announce selection by March 19th. Cost is $400 (includes room, meals, and materials). Age Requirements: 4-H member 12—18 years old as of September 1, 2020. For more information you can contact Tyler Vogel at tyler.vogel@ag.tamu.edu.

***Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge:***

The Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge will be held June 20-21, 2021 in Brownwood, Texas, at the 4-H Center. Click on the link below for more information about cost, schedule, registration, and more. See you there! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kQDZm4Zp6rJmgdKrNp6jpQ0H_ClFbTun/view>

***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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