**4-H Blast**

March 19, 2021

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **March 1-20:** Houston Livestock Show
* **March 12:** Texas Volunteer Award Deadline
* **March 12-28:** Rodeo Austin
* **March 15:** Beekeeping Essay Due
* **March 20:** MCJLS Baked Goods
* **March 22:** Photography Entries Due, 4-H Online
* **March 22:** Consumer Practice (Intermediates and Seniors Only), 6pm, Office
* **March 24-27:** Milam County Junior Livestock Show
* **April 1:** Consumer County Contest, 4pm, County Office
* **April 1:** Delegate at Large Application Due
* **April 7:** Consumer Practice Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **April 12:** Cloverbuds Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
* **April 19:** District Consumer Contest, Cleburne

***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:*** ***MCJLS FORMS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED FOR ALL THOSE COMPETING!!!!!***

***Those students off for Spring Break need to get their form in THIS WEEK!!!!!***

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. Please contact the office for a NEW form. 254-605-0226 and they can email you one.

***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!

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:***

***HEADS UP!!!! The schedule has changed!!!! Please check the new schedule for updates! Also, make sure you look at the Milam County 4-H Facebook page for updates about the MCJLS.***

***Don’t forget to do Eligibility forms THIS WEEK!!!!***

The Rules have been updated and posted on the website.

<https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 20-28, 2021**

HEADS UP: ALERT ALERT!⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

BAKED GOODS SHOW INFORMATION

Baked goods competition is **Saturday, March 20.**

At the conclusion of the competition, ALL baked goods will be for sale to the public. This "Donation Sale" will be from 1:30 - 2:30.

Minimum price $25.00 and you will receive your baked item at that time.

Come out and get you a cake, pie, or a batch of cookies and support these fine bakers from Milam County.

See you Saturday, March 20, 1:30.

***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!
* **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>
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** March 29th- next meeting, need donations for fundraiser.
* **Shooting Sports Club:** Anyone interested in shooting sports. The following dates are meetings for Shooting Sports: 4/18, 5/2, and 5/16. The meetings will be located at the Rockdale at the New Salem Bldg. Please pass the info on if you know someone interested. COVID protocols will be followed.

***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:***

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

* March 11- Zoom
* March 22- 6pm, Office (Intermediates and Seniors Only)
* April 1- County Contest, Place- TBA
* April 7- Zoom
* April 15- TBA
* April 19- District Contest
* May- Central TX Consumer Contest

***District/State Photography Contest:***

All entries are due to 4-H Online by 5:00 p.m. on **March 22nd** for Junior, Intermediates, and Seniors.

Items to be done by March 22th:

Enter Photos on 4-H ONLINE (DOES NOT OPEN UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 8th!!!)

1 picture per category

Enter Picture on 4-H Connect (see guidelines on website for category, size, and name of file for each)

$5 per photo (if your photo does not go to district, you will not be charged for the photo. If it advances to district all fees will not be put on your card until approval of the pictures to district on/before April 1)

Eligibility Form (filled out and sent to school)

For more information: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

CLOVERBUDS PHOTOS: Cloverbuds will be able to enter FREE of charge into the photo contest- please enter your entries here: <https://forms.gle/FQq2ngrqQSWcF76S9> (CLOVERBUDS ONLY). Deadline is the same (March 22)- Categories are different than other age brackets because some have been combined or eliminated. Please use category descriptions on website above. Cloverbuds will not advance to District/State. Please Rename PHOTOS with name and category!

***Cloverbuds Project Group:*** Cloverbuds project group 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: **April 12** Topic: Environment/Nature

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:

TBA

Show and Tell:

TBA

***4-H Contest Opportunities:***

* District Fashion Show:
	+ Contest: April 20th
	+ Deadline: March 19th
	+ Location: Virtual
	+ How to enter: email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* District Duds to Dazzle:
	+ Contest: April 19th
	+ Deadline: March 19th
	+ Location: Cleburne
	+ How to enter: email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* District Fashion Storyboard
	+ Contest: April 19th
	+ Deadline: March 19th
	+ Location: Virtual
	+ How to enter: email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* District Consumer Contest:
	+ County Contest: April 1st (Must compete for District)
	+ Dist Contest: April 19
	+ Location: Cleburne
	+ How to enter: email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* North Texas Whizbang:
	+ Contest: Sat. March 27
	+ More info: The 4-H Shotgun Sports Club of Grayson County will be hosting a whizbang contest on Saturday, March 27th in Whitesboro, Texas. Please let your shotgun coaches know about this opportunity. Event registration can be found at <https://grayson.agrilife.org/ntwb>
* District 4-H Food Challenge- Jr and Intermediate Contest
	+ Contest: May 19th
	+ Deadline to register: April 12th
	+ County Contest if needed: April 26th
	+ Location for Dist: Bell County Expo, Belton
	+ How to enter: email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* Virtual Bass Fishing Skill-a-thon Contest
	+ Open to ALL 4-H members including Cloverbuds
	+ Contest Dates: April 10, 17, 24
	+ Deadline to Register: March 12 (can register later)
	+ Can be: Individual, Team, or Both
	+ Join here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1202432833284039/>
	+ Registration will open on 4-H Online at 8:00 a.m. on March 1, 2021. Go to 4-H Online at https://texas.4honline.com and select 2021 4-H Virtual Fishing - Bass from the event list and submit your entry fee(s).
		- Entry to 4-H Online is due by April 8, 2021 to participate in the April 10th tournament. Only those registered on 4-H Online by the deadline will be eligible to participate.
		- 4-H Online will reopen again on April 12th for registration for the April 17th tournament (you only need to register if you did not register for the first tournament) and close at 11:59 pm on April 16th.
		- 4-H Online will reopen again on April 19th for registration for the April 24th tournament (you only need to register if you did not register for the first or second tournament) and close at 11:59 pm on April 23rd.

***Delegate at Large Information- State 4-H Council:***

Application Deadline: **April 1st**

Interested? Look here: **https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ambassadors/** and will be listed under Texas 4-H Council.

***Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador Program Taking Applications:***

The Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador program is seeking motivated, passionate, and hard-working teens to improve the lives of Texans!

This program is designed for high school age youth (grades 9-12) who have a passion for health and wellness.

**Who’s Eligible?**

Youth do not have to be current 4-H members but must join 4-H for the 2021-22 year.

Eligibility requirements include:

• Be in at least the 9th grade at beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

• Submit online application by **May 1, 2021** (<https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3RisvLKymQZoPps> )

• Have an interest and passion to serve others in health education which includes nutrition, physical activity, passenger safety, and safe environments!

***TexasSpeaks Online Survey:***

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in Milam County. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target we invite your participation in TexasSpeaks.

TexasSpeaks is a community assessment survey for citizens to identify the strengths and needs of their communities, and is the first step to understanding timely resources that improve the lives of Texans.

Your opinion is highly valued in our community, so we hope you can provide your input and share the TexasSpeaks community assessment widely. Our expectation is that the assessment will take about 10 minutes, and we thank you for your time.

You can provide your input by going to the following <http://tx.ag/texasspeaks>.

***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>

***Texas 4-H Center Summer Camp:***

Are you ready for Texas 4-H Summer Camps?

Texas 4-H Summer Camp Registration

will open February 1, 2021!!

Registration is on our website, [www.texas4hcenter.tamu.edu](http://www.texas4hcenter.tamu.edu). Click the green register now button on the right hand side of the screen, then click on 2021 Summer Camps, and then select the camp(s) you and your campers will attend this year!

***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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