**4-H Blast**

**January 11, 2017**

* **January 10:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 16:** Office Closed, Holiday
* **January 17:** County Council Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen- Cameron
* **January 17:** 4-H Scholarship Application Due, email
* **January 24:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 27:** Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline
* **January 27:** SALE Consumer Contest Hotel Room Reservation Deadline
* **January 27:** 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline to County Extension Office
* **January 30:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen

***4-H Blasts:*** [***http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/***](http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/)

***CLUB NEWS:***

No news to report…

***County Council Meeting:***

We will have our first County Council Meeting of the new year on **Tuesday, January 17th**, at 6pm at the Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron. We have a neat program as we will be learning about a new 4-H project called Ag Product ID and how you can get involved. Come and learn about this new project and when meetings will be taking place. See you all there!

***4-H Scholarship Application Deadline:***

If you are applying for a 4-H Foundation Scholarship, please email a copy of your application (FAFSA, transcripts, course catalog, excluded) to Micah by **January 17th**. This is so it can be edited and sent to the District Committee for review as well. The final deadline with all documents is due to the County Extension Office by **January 27, 2017.** For the application and other information, please see the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

There are also some more scholarships due around this time so please check the website!!!

***MCJLS/MAJOR SHOW 4-H LIVESTOCK NEWS:***

* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed ------------------------ **February 20**, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* MCJLS Broilers Pick-Up, **February 15**, 4-5:30pm, YEB
* Ft. Worth Passes are in!!! Come and get them if you ordered them!!!
* If you would like a site visit from Floyd to see your animals before major shows, please call the Extension Office and set up an appointment (254-697-7045).

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show Entry Nights:***

* Tuesday, **February 7**: Rockdale
* Wednesday, **February 8**: Thorndale
* Monday, **February 20**: Cameron
* **February 20**: FINAL Deadline
* **After February 20**, late entries will be accepted until March 30th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show 4-H Club Meeting Requirement:***

* You much enroll on 4-H Connect for the current year starting September 1st
* You can ONLY attend your primary club to count for the TWO meetings
* Attend TWO meetings from **August 1, 2016-March 1, 2017**
* Make sure you SIGN the sign in/attendance sheet when you first arrive at the meeting

***4-H Photography Contest:*** The County Photo Contest for district and state will be held in March. Please see the website for all the information. Entries are due **March 27,2017**. <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

***4-H Coloring, Photography, and Art Contest:***

ATTENTION: Open to Clover Kids and all 4-H members- The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program is partnering with the Texas A&M Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to help celebrate their 50th Anniversary of ensuring the safety of our state. To do this the TVMDL is sponsoring a coloring contest for Texas 4-H Clover Kids and an art and photography contest for 4-H members. The contest will run from **January 1, 2017 to April 1, 2017** and all entries are to be turned into the Extension Office and we will scan them and enter them on 4-H Connect. This does means that all Clover Kids and 4-H members will need to have an active profile in 4-H CONNECT to enter. To enter the contest and for more information, please go to: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>.

***State 4-H Opportunities:*** Here are a few opportunities going on in the State 4-H Program! For more opportunities and information, see the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>

**2017 Beekeeping Essay Contest information:** This year’s essay will be submitted online through Texas 4-H Connect.2017 Essay Topic: “How can MP3 (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) more effectively protect honey bees from pesticide exposure?” Deadline for submission will be Friday, January 27, 2017. AWARDS: Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners from Texas 4-H: 1st Place: $300.00, 2nd Place: $200.00, 3rd Place: $100.00

***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)

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