**4-H Blast**

**October 24, 2016**

* **October 24:** County Food Show Deadline, call or email County Extension Office
* **October 24:** Thorndale 4-H Club Meeting, 7pm, Thorndale Sr. Citizens Building
* **October 25:** Sheep and Goat Validation, 4-6pm, YEB-Cameron
* **October 25:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 27:** Heifer Validation, 4-6pm, YEB-Cameron
* **October 30:** Shooting Sports Meeting, 2pm, New Salem Building, Rockdale
* **October 31:** Last day to enroll for $20 (goes up to $25)
* **November 1:** Cameron 4-H Club Meeting, 6pm, Yoe High School
* **November 2:** County Food Show, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 3:** Major Show Sign Up Night, 4:30-6:30pm, County Extension Office
* **November 5-**6: Holiday Classic, Belton
* **November 9:** Deadline to Email Instructions for Holiday Gift Idea Exchange
* **November 14:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange/County Council, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen

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

***CONGRATS to all the kids who participated last week at the Rockdale Fair!!!! You did awesome!!!***

***County Food Show:*** **November 2nd**, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Deadline to register: **October 24th**

OPEN TO: CLOVER KIDS: K-2 GRADE, JUNIOR: 3-5 GRADE, INTERMEDIATE: 6-8 GRADE, SENIOR: 9-12 GRADE

CATEGORIES TO ENTER: Protein, Fruits and Vegetables, Grains, Dairy

New This Year! Jr, Int, Sr 1st place winners advance to district! District- Dec 7th

FYI: All 4-H members will have to prepare their dish and do an interview in front of judges! (Not hard at all!) For more information, please see the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/food-and-nutrition-project/>

***Spring Majors: Sheep, Goat, and Heifer Validation:***

Validation for Spring Major Stock Shows: *Fort Worth, Odessa, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and Austin*.

* **Sheep & Goat Validation:** Tuesday, **October 25, 2016**. 4:00–6:00 Youth Expo Building in Cameron.
* **Heifer Validation:** Thursday, **October 27, 2016**. 4:00–6:00pm Youth Expo Building in Cameron.

**These will be the only validation dates for Spring Majors.** Can’t make it? You need to come by the Extension office and fill out paperwork. This must be done by **Monday, October 24, 2016** or animal cannot be validated. If you have any questions at all, please contact the Extension office.

***Consumer Project Meeting:*** The next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 25th** at 6:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron (SEE SPECIAL TIME FOR THIS MEETING). Please bring all butterbraid forms and money as well as your registration form for all contests! Thanks!

***Major Show Sign Up Night:*** The 2017 Spring Major Show season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 1 day for sign-up; **Thursday, November 3rd** at the Extension Office, 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call the Office if you have questions. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

***Holiday Classic:*** The clinic is **November 5-6, 2016** at the Bell County Expo. It is FREE!!!! Open to all youth in grades 3-12th. Please see the 4-H AG website for more information! The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facilitiy maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation. <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>

***Holiday Gift Idea Exchange:*** On **November 14th** 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 14 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H Members: (Kindergarten-12th grade) bring a Holiday Craft or Food and demonstrate it to the audience!

A booklet with all instructions will be given out! 4-H members are also asked to bring a second item of the same to give for door prize! Deadline to email instructions to the County Extension Office: **November 9th**, Email: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu with instructions

***CLUB NEWS:***

Shooting Sports: Please join us on Sunday, **October 30th** at 2:00 p.m., New Salem Building-Rockdale, for our first shooting sports meeting of the year.

Thorndale 4-H Club: We have our October meeting today, **October 24th** at 7:00 at the Thorndale Senior Citizen's Building.

Cameron 4-H Club: Remember our next meeting is **TUESDAY, NOV 1st** at 6pm and you will need to turn in any unsold tickets that night so they can get a count of how many plates to prepare.

***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

***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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