

4-H Blast

September 18, 2017

- **September 18:** County Council, 6:30pm, New Salem Building, Rockdale
- **September 21:** Major Swine Tag Orders DUE
- **September 21:** Livestock Judging Practice, 7pm, Extension Office
- **September 24:** Painting for Consumer, 2-4pm, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church
- **September 24:** Ag Product ID Practice, 5pm, Thorndale Elementary
- **September 29:** Major Broiler Orders DUE

New 4-H Year:

The new 4-H year will start **September 1st**. 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! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll!

County Council:

County Council Meeting will be **September 18th**, 6:30pm at the New Salem Building in Rockdale. All 4-H Club presidents, vice presidents, and council delegates need to be present. We will also be announcing some important dates and activities coming up so don't miss out!

Major Swine Tag Orders:

Swine tag order deadline for all 2018 spring Majors Shows is **September 21st**. You may order by calling the extension office or stopping by. Payment will be due by the 21st deadline. Please make checks to Milam County E.L.A.B

LIVESTOCK JUDGING:

Milam County 4-H will be holding a Livestock Judging Team Meeting Thursday, **September 21st** at 7:00pm at the Extension office. This meeting be for all 4-Hers interested in participating in Livestock Judging contests. This will be a short meet and greet meeting to go over schedules, contests, practices, and expectations. Please bring any questions or concerns you might have.

Ag Product ID Practice:

Ag Product ID contest is a fairly new contest to Milam County. They will meet on Sundays at 5:00 p.m and will begin practice on **September 24th**. They will be meeting in Coach Cindy Widner's classroom at Thorndale Elementary. She will be giving a practice contest please encourage your child to review their materials before we meet. If you have any questions, please let Cindy know at: cdjw1978@gmail.com

Major Broiler Orders:

Broiler order deadline for Major Shows including HLSR, SASSR, and Austin are due to the Milam County Extension office by 5:00pm, **September 29th**. Price of Broilers will be \$1.50 per-bird. (\$37.50 per 25 chicks). Payment will be due by the 29th deadline. Please make checks to Milam County E.L.A.B

National 4-H Week:

National 4-H Week is set for **October 1-7, 2017**. National 4-H Week is a great week to celebrate all the wonderful things that 4-H has to offer in the nation, state, county and club! Milam County 4-H has a large variety of activities for National 4-H Week: We are having a 4-H Coloring Contest to Celebrate National 4-H Week! It is open to ages K-2nd grade; Place name and grade on the top left corner of the page; **October 3:** Coloring Contest Entries due to County Extension Office; **October 6:** Winner Announced and posted on Social Media as well as all coloring pages placed on window of Extension Office; Coloring Pages can be found at: www.join4h.com

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, we would like EVERYONE to wear green or a 4-H T-shirt to celebrate National 4-H Week! Show your PRIDE of 4-H!

Monday-Friday, we are asking all 4-H members to make some bake goods and take them to the local businesses, Firehouses, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, or Schools and let them know how much you appreciate their help in our community. Make sure and let them know it is National 4-H Week. A list of our local sponsors can be found on the website!

On **October 7th** 4-H members throughout the State of Texas will be participating in many different community service projects. The idea of the One Day project is to get as many 4-H members, parents, and leaders involved in community service projects, giving them an opportunity to say "Thanks" to the state for their support of Texas 4-H for the past 109 years.

Rockdale Fair Update:

Rockdale Fair Home Economic Division and Auction Baked Goods Rules are posted on the website! Change from last year: Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division activities will once again be back at the New Salem Building on the fair grounds and happen at the beginning of the week. Check-in for the Home Economics Division starts on Monday, **October 16, 2017**, and check out will be Wednesday, **October 18, 2017**, from 6-7pm along with pictures at 5:30pm.

Auction Baked Goods Competition:

Who Can Enter: Junior youth - 3rd grade ages 8 or 9 – 13 years of age and Senior youth – ages

14 – 18 by the day of the show **October 14th, 2017** who are 4-H and/or FFA members. All UIL rules apply, (eligible requirements – no pass/no play).

What To Enter: Exhibitors may enter one item in each of the following categories – Cakes (not decorated), Pies, Cookies (6). No items requiring refrigeration may be entered in this division.

For all rules on Rockdale Fair, please visit the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/> (NEW- Pig Scramble Entry form and rules have been posted)

- Rabbit tag in: **Sept 13** Home Demonstration Building Rockdale 5:30-7:30
- Commercial Heifers Palpation and body condition scoring: **Oct 7** Milam county Auction Barn. Sifting starts 10:00am
- Pig Scramble Entry Form: **October 11th**, to RFA

Major Heifer Validation:

Heifer Validation for the 2018 show year will be **October 24, 2017** at the Milam County YEB

Price will be \$10.00 per heifer. Heifers previously validated will not need to attend.

Consumer Practices and Contests:

The 4-H Consumer Project is a great life skill to have. The contests are open to 3rd grade-12th grade but we have opened up the project to now 1st and 2nd grade to practice and learn early. Below are the practice and contest dates. However, we have already started fundraising for the San Antonio Contest hotel rooms so please email Micah (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) to be added to the consumer email list and receive the fundraiser packet.

- October 7th: HOT Consumer Contest- Waco
- October 30th: Fundraiser Form and Money due to Extension Office
- November 7th (7pm, Cameron HS)- Practice
- November 14th- Practice
- November 28th - Practice
- December 12th- Practice
- January 9th Need to check on this one- Practice
- January 16th- Practice
- January 30th (County Contest-mandatory for all members who are competing in SALE and District) - Practice
- February 16th: San Antonio- Target- Practice before SALE
- February 17th: SALE Consumer Contest
- February 27th- Practice
- March 3rd: District Consumer Contest

Major Sheep & Goat Validation:

Major sheep and goat validation for Spring Major Shows will be Thursday **October 26th** 2017 at the Milam County YEB

This is not MCJLS Sheep and Goat tag in. However if you are a family that is validating sheep or goats for major shows and will be validating a MCJLS only sheep or goat project, you may bring it to tag along with your Major Show projects.

Holiday Classic: The clinic is **November 4-5, 2017** 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 facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation.

Holiday Gift Idea:

On **November 13th** 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 13 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. **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!**

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

- You must 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, 2017-March 1, 2018
- 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 or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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