**4-H Blast**

**November 20, 2015**

* **November 23:** MCJLS Lamb and Goat Validation, 4-6pm, YEB
* **November 24:** Major Show Swine Validation, 4-6pm, YEB
* **December 1:**Pecan Pie Bake Off, 8-9am, CEO
* **December 6:** Shooting Sports Holiday Social/Meeting, 2-4pm, New Salem Building-Rockdale
* **December 7:**MCJLS Market Hog Validation, 4-6pm, YEB
* **December 8:**Broiler Orders Due

***MCJLS:***

The 2016 MCJLA Rules have been posted on the Milam County 4-H Website! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

* Mkt. Lambs & Goats: **November 23** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted., YEB
* Mkt. Hogs: **December 7** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted., YEB
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 22**, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Broilers: $1.74 per bird+$1.00 box fee-order multiples of 25. Make Checks out to: MCJLS. Order from Teacher/Agent by **December 8**
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.

***Pecan Show and Pecan Pie Bake Off:***

The Milam County Extension Office, in cooperation with the Milam County Extension Horticulture Committee will be holding the annual Pecan Show and Pecan Pie Bake Off on Monday and Tuesday November 30 and December 1, 2015.

This year, we have added a Pecan Pie Bake Off! Entries are due from 8am-9am on **Tuesday, December 1,** 2015. The rules are as follows:

* The recipe must accompany each entry.
* Recipe must include pecans.
* No refrigerated entries accepted.
* You do not have to grow your own pecans.
* There will be two divisions:
  + Youth (ages 18 and under)
  + Adult (age 19 and older)
* Only pecan pies will be accepted.
* Bake Off entries will become the property of the Milam County Horticulture Committee.
* Please use a disposable pie plate.
* An entry form and recipe must be submitted with each entry.

***Shooting Sports:***

Please join us for the annual Milam County 4-H Shooting Sports Holiday Social to be held Sunday, **December 6th** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the New Salem Building in Rockdale.

All members are asked to bring a meat dish, side dish, or dessert to share with everyone. For those who would like to participate, the kids will have a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (worth $10-$15) for each family member who will be participating in the exchange. It is always a lot of fun for the kids, but remember participation is optional.

If you have any questions please contact the club managers Joe & Stacey Pedroza at spedroza8@yahoo.com / 512-269-9874 or Susan & Tiny Dean at sdean.rockdale@yahoo.com.

**Teen Retreat:** Join us for Teen Retreat **January 8-10** at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. This year’s program includes awesome educational sessions, including STEM, Share the Fun, Wildlife, and Leadership. We will also have a Polar Bear Plunge and, of course, nightly 4-H dances! Registration is now open at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu or click the link on our Facebook page. Cost is $115/youth, $85/adults and includes lodging and meals. Registration is open thru December 31st. Check-in will start at 7 pm on Jan. 8th and the retreat will conclude at 10 am on Jan. 10th. Registration, travel, and chaperone are on your own.

***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)