**4-H Blast**

**November 6, 2015**

* ***November 7-8:*** Holiday Classic, Belton
* ***November 9:*** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange Instructions due, email mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu
* ***November 9:*** Consumer Practice, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen, Cameron (Butterbraid Orders Due)
* ***November 16:*** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 24:** Swine Validation 4-6pm, YEB

***Holiday Classic- GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!!:*** The Holiday Classic Clinics and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families (4-H & FFA) 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. Open to all interested youth in 4-H and FFA. Concession stands available. Free Saturday evening meal. Youth must attend Saturday clinics to participate in Sunday showmanship and prospect shows. Contact your Floyd Ingram or the County Extension Office for more information.

***Holiday Gift Idea Exchange - Nov. 16:*** This year will mark the 21st year of the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange. On November 16th the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be conducted at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. We invite each 4-H member to participate. All you have to do is provide a finished item (Holiday decoration or food item) and then you will demonstrate how you made it in front of everyone. The finished one will be donated as a door prize for the evening. If you plan to participate, all instructions/recipes need to be dropped off or emailed out by November 9th so we can make a book for those who come to the event. This is a great tradition we plan to continue so please think about your most awesome decoration or food you can make!

***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/>

* Beef Heifers: November 1, 2015 (Non Regis. Must be tagged) (Contact steer superintendent before October 15, 2015)
* Mkt. Lambs & Goats: November 23 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Hogs: December 7 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: February 22, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Broilers: Order from Teacher/Agent by December 8.
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.

***Coming soon…***

* ***December 1:*** Pecan Show and Pecan Pie Bake Off- We will be adding a pecan pie bake off to the Pecan Show this year. All youth will be welcome to enter. You must include a recipe and all entries must be dropped off by 9am on December 1st.

***Other Opportunities:***

Young Grillers TV Opportunity: A major cable network is looking for the most talented young grill masters around the country who have what it takes to compete for the chance to win a grand prize. We are in search of young BBQ masterminds who can handle the heat and smoke the competition! For more information, email Micah and she will email you the information.

**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’s 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)