**4-H Blast**

**December 29, 2017**

* **January 3-7:** Nationals Consumer Contest, Denver
* **January 5-7:** Teen Retreat, Brownwood
* **January 9:** Cameron 4-H Meeting, 6pm, Cameron Yoe High **NEW DATE!!!!**
* **January 9:** Consumer 4-H practice, 7pm, Cameron Yoe High
* **January 15:** County Council, 6:30pm, Gause School
* **January 16:** Consumer 4-H practice, 6pm (staggered times for ages), Bea’s Kitchen

***Good luck to our NATIONALS team competing next week!!!!***

***County Council:*** County Council will be meeting on Monday January 15th at the Gause School. Please come and learn about the spring 4-H projects!!! We will start at 6:30pm. This is also a Gause 4-H meeting.

**Cameron 4-H Meeting Notice:** The Cameron 4-H meeting will be **Tuesday, January 9th** NOT the 1st Tuesday this month because of the holidays. Please make sure you are making your required meetings to participate in MCJLS.

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show!* March 23-24, 2018** SAVE THE DATE!!! For entry forms and rules please go to: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 12,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

Entry NIGHTS:

* Tuesday, **February 6th**: Thorndale
* Wednesday, **February 7th:** Rockdale
* Monday, **February 12th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 12, 2018. After February 20, late entries will be accepted until March 22th 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, 2017-March 1, 2018**
* Make sure you SIGN the sign in/attendance sheet when you first arrive at the meeting

***Consumer Practices and Contests:***

Practice and Contest dates.

* December 12th- Practice- 5:30, 6:15, 6:45pm, Cameron Chamber of Commerce
* January 9th, 7pm, after Cameron 4-H meeting
* January 16th- Practice, (5:3pm-new, 6pm-Jr/Int/Sr), Bea’s Kitchen
* NEW!!!!! January 22nd- Practice, 5:30pm (newbies), 6pm (Jr/Int), 6:30pm (Sr.)
* January 30th (County Contest-mandatory for all members who are competing in SALE and District) – Practice, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* February 16th: San Antonio- Target- Practice before SALE
* February 17th: SALE Consumer Contest
* February 27th- Practice, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* March 3rd: District Consumer Contest

***Texas 4-H Community Service Project:***

The 2017-2018 Texas 4-H Council is encouraging local 4-H clubs to collect new or gently used children and young adult books. The books should be donated back to your local community, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc. We will be collecting the books at the Extension Office then donating them to the different libraries in the community!

Please send the Extension Office photos of your service project of collecting books. A presentation will be made during Texas 4-H Roundup announcing the impact made across the state. Collection will be taken from now till June 1st.

***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! Please make sure you check your status, if you are pending or active, you are good. If you have an inactive, incomplete, or resubmit, please go in and take care of these enrollments. Thank you!!!

***Milam County 4-H Raffle:***

**NOW THROUGH MARCH 1st!!!**

How to Get Give-A-Way Tickets:

4-H Give-a-Way Tickets are now available from club managers (or fund raising leaders).

When is the Give-A-Way Drawing?

The drawing will be held at the Milam County Junior Livestock Show- March 24, 2018. The club that sells the most tickets will have their representatives named Mr. & Miss 4-H and the club that sells the second highest amount of tickets will have their representatives named Prince and Princess. Those results will not be announced till the 4-H Awards in September 2018.

Where to sell?

 Sell tickets to friends and family. Please do not sell door to door for safety reasons. We need all 4-H families to sell as many as possible to continue providing support to 4-H.

How do you benefit from selling?

 The Milam County 4-H Give-A-Way will award the top 3 families who sell tickets with a gift card! Also each 4-H member who participates in 4-H at the County level benefits from these funds!

Don’t forget to get your tickets and sell!

***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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