**4-H Blast**

October 23, 2018

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* **October 23:** Consumer Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **October 23:** Heifer Validation, Major Shows
* **October 25:** Sheep and Goat Validation, Major Shows
* **October 30:** Consumer Butterbraid Order Forms and Money due to Meeting
* **October 30:** Consumer Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 3-4:** Holiday Classic
* **November 7:** Consumer (Juniors 3-5th grade), 5-7pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 8:** Spring Major Livestock Entry Night, 4-6pm, Extension Office
* **November 26:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange
* **December 12:** District Food Show

Great job to all of those who competed at the Rockdale Fair! You did a great job representing 4-H!

***New 4-H Year:*** Last day for discount to enroll is **October 31st**!!!! Enroll now! 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!

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Consumer Meetings:***

The 4-H Consumer Project is a great life skill to have. The contests are open to 3rd grade-12th grade. Below are the practice and contest dates. Please email Micah (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) to be added to the consumer email list.

* Practices:
	+ **October 23, 6-8pm** (Tuesday)- Orientation ALL- BEA’s Kitchen
	+ **October 30, 6-8pm** (Tuesday)- FUNDRAISER MONEY/FORMS DUE-Bea’s Kitchen
	+ **November 7, 5-7pm** (Wednesday)- Juniors- Bea’s Kitchen

***Major Heifer Validation:***

Heifer Validation for the 2019 show year will be **October 23, 2018** at the Milam County YEB

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

***Major Sheep & Goat Validation:*** Major sheep and goat validation for Spring Major Shows will be Thursday **October 25th** 2018 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 3-4, 2018** 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.

***Milam County 4-H Spring Major Show Entry Night*** will be hosted **Thursday, November 8th 4:00-6:00pm** at the Milam County Extension Office. This will be a time for any exhibitors to come in and be assisted with filling out entry paperwork and making entry decisions. Also a notary for Houston Entry's will be on site.

\*\* NEW for 2019\*\* All exhibitors must complete the NEW Quality Counts Certification prior to entry. To register, visit <https://www.texaslivestockvalidation.com/qc/qcregister.aspx>. Please allow up to two hours to complete all coarse material and take the examination. 2019 Major Show entries cannot be accepted without program completion and new Quality Counts certification number.

***Holiday Gift Idea:***

On **November 26th** 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 26 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 16th**, Email: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu (google drive: micahholcombe6@gmail.com) with instructions. **PLEASE BRING A CAN GOOD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE!!!!!**

***Junior Leadership Retreat: Nov 9-11:*** Junior Leadership Retreat 2018 is open for registration! Junior Leadership Retreat is designed for youth in 3rd through 8th graders! You can register online by clicking the "Register Now" button at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu Participant must be chaperoned by an adult and transportation is not provided.

***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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