**4-H Blast**

January 10, 2020

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* **January 14:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 15:** County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Gause Library
* **January 22:** Consumer County Contest, 4pm-8pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 25:** Ft Worth Plant ID Contest
* **January 26:** Shooting Sports Project Meeting, 2pm, New Salem Clubhouse-Rockdale
* **January 30:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **February 1:** Central Texas Consumer Contest

***ENROLLMENT!!!*** Please sign up then! [www.join4h.com](http://www.join4h.com) Tell your friends to sign up!!! 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!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show or a contest. You will NOT be able to show unless you have enrolled online AND have a completed eligibility form. You must have them signed yourself and sent to the school and the school will send us your signed form if eligible.

***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 Project Meetings:***

**Here is a list of all the consumer meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be from 5:30-7pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at Bea’s Kitchen.

* January 14- Tuesday
* January 22- Wednesday (Consumer Contest I (4-8pm)-MANDATORY MEETING)
* January 30- Thursday
* February 1- Central Texas Consumer Contest
* February 5- Wednesday
* February 15- SALE Consumer Contest
* February 25- Tuesday
* March 4- Wednesday
* March 16- Monday
* April 14- Tuesday
* April 8- Wednesday

***Scholarship:*** Scholarships will be updated on the website. Please check it for information on scholarships and applying. If you missed the training, all items have been updated on the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/scholarships/>

***4-H Shooting Sports:*** If you would like to participate in shooting sports, the next meeting will be **Sunday, January 26th at 2pm** at the New Salem Clubhouse in Rockdale (on the Rockdale Fairgrounds). They will be practicing air rifle and archery. Come and learn about this project!!!!

***County Council Meetings:***

County Council will be holding meetings for the spring! Don’t forget to put these dates on your calendar!

**January 15, 5:30pm**- Gause Library (Program: Public Speaking/Roundup)

**April 15, 5:30pm**- Thorndale Chamber (Program: Officer Elections)

Upcoming service activity: February Valentines Party- we will be holding a Valentine’s Party for residents at the Nursing Home. We plan to get a date at the January meeting.

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 25-28, 2020***

* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 24,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

Entry NIGHTS:

* Monday, **February 10:** Rockdale General Store Meeting Room
* Tuesday, **February 11th**: Thorndale Ag Science Building
* Monday, **February 24th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 24, 2020. After February 24, late entries will be accepted until March 26th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***Community Service Project:*** We will be having a monthly collection of items for the Milam Touch of Love Animal Shelter. You can drop your items off at the Extension Office, Cameron 4-H Club Meeting. Items needed:

* Dog food (any kind)
* Cat Food (any kind)
* Collars
* Leashes
* Dog and Cat toys
* Blankets
* Hanging water bowls
* Clorox bleach
* Monetary donations for spaying and neutering

Milam County 4-H Service Project: Rainbow Rooms are 24/7 resource centers usually located within local Child Protective Services (CPS) offices. In the Rainbow Room, CPS caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect- clothing, school supplies, diapers, and much more.

We are collecting supplies for the Rainbow Room Wish List. Here are the wish list top 6 items. New items are the only things excepted. Items can be also dropped off at the Extension Office.

* Carseats
* Pack ‘n’ Play Portable Play Yards
* Toys and Children’s Books
* Household cleaning supplies
* Diapers-all sizes
* New Children’s clothing

Thanks Colby Green for organizing this County Service Project.

***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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