**4-H Blast**

January 24, 2020

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* **January 25:** Ft Worth Plant ID Contest
* **January 26:** Shooting Sports Project Meeting, 2pm, New Salem Clubhouse-Rockdale
* **January 27:** Ag Product ID Trip to Brookshire Brothers, 4:30pm, Cameron
* **January 28:** Ag Product ID Practice, 5:30, Mrs Ramthun’s Room- Thorndale High School, Thorndale
* **January 30:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **February 1:** Central Texas Consumer Contest
* **February 3:** Ag Product ID Practice, 4:30pm, County Extension Office, Cameron
* **February 4:** Ag Product ID Practice, 5:30, Mrs Ramthun’s Room- Thorndale High School, Thorndale
* **February 10:** MCJLS Entry Night, Rockdale General Store Meeting Room
* **February 11th:** MCJLS Entry Night, Thorndale Ag Science Building

***GOOD LUCK to all of our 4-H members competing at Major Shows starting today and tomorrow!***

***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 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

***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!

**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. The date will be February 17th. More information to follow!

***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.

***Ag Product ID Practices:***

Below are the upcoming dates for practices and contests.  All Monday practices will be held at the Extension Office in Cameron and Tuesday practices will be held in Mrs. Ramthun's Classroom at Thorndale High School. We are planning to visit Brookshire Brothers and the Thorndale Meat Market for some hands-on learning.  If you have not already done so, please let Cindy Widner know what contest you are planning to attend. Entries are due very soon.

**AG ID Schedule**

Monday, January 20th-Practice-Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, January 21st-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

Monday, January 27th- Trip to Brookshire Brothers -Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, January 28th- Practice-Thorndale-5:30

Monday, February 3rd-Practice-Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, February 4th-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

**Friday, February 7th-Bell County Contest**

Monday, February 10th-Practice--Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, February 11th-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

Monday, February 17th-Practice-Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, February 18th-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

Monday, March 2nd-Practice-Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, March 3rd-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

Tuesday, March 17th-Trip to Thorndale Meat Market-5:00

**Friday, March 19th-Houston AG Product ID Contest**

Monday, March 30th-Practice-Cameron-4:30

Tuesday, March 31st-Practice-Thorndale-5:30

**Friday, April 3rd-District 8 AG Product Contest-Tarleton**

***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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