**4-H Blast**

January 3, 2020

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* **January 3-5:** Teen Retreat, Brownwood
* **January 5:** Shooting Sports meeting, 2pm, New Salem Club House
* **January 8:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 14:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 15:** County Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Gause Library
* **January 22:** Consumer Contest, 4pm-8pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **January 30:** Consumer Project Meeting, 5:30pm, Bea’s Kitchen

***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 8- Wednesday
* January 14- Tuesday
* January 22- Wednesday (Consumer Contest I (4-8pm)-MANDATORY MEETING)
* January 30- Thursday
* February 5- Wednesday
* February 14- Target Practice in San Antonio (NEW TIME- 4pm)
* February 25- Tuesday
* March 4- Wednesday
* March 16- Monday
* March 31- Tuesday (Consumer Contest II (4-8pm)- MANDATORY MEETING)
* 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:*** Hello my name is Addie Reisner and I am a club officer for Milam County Shooting Sports and I would like to encourage shooters from all over Milam County to come join our club! Ages from 8 years to 18 years old can participate. We practice at the New Salem Building in Rockdale behind the Fair Grounds. We shoot air pistol and air rifle inside and we shoot archery outside under the trees. We are only able to practice air and archery at our meetings because there is not an outside range on the Fair Grounds. We will start our season up on **January 5, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. this year. We are looking forward to having lots of new faces at our meeting. Please come and join us. Shooting Sports is a great way to meet new people from all over the state and learn characteristics such as discipline, safety, patience, problem solving and respect. We are looking forward to seeing you on January 5th!!

***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 25,** 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 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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