**4-H Blast**

December 10, 2020

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4-H Happenings Coming Up:

* **December 14:** Cloverbuds “Get Together,” 6:30 (NEW TIME), Zoom
* **December 15:** ONLINE on Facebook: Milam County 4-H Banquet NEW NEW NEW!!!!
* **December 15**: District 8 Scholarship Forum, Zoom, 6:30pm
* **December 21:** MCJLS Mkt. Broilers: Order 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* **January 6:** Consumer Project meeting, 6pm, Zoom
* **January 10:** Texas 4-H Dog Validation Deadline, online
* **January 14:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **January 21:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **January 28:** Consumer Project Meeting, see times below, Office or Zoom
* **February 3:** Consumer Project Meeting, 6pm, Zoom
* **February 6:** Central Texas Consumer Contest, Gatesville
* **February 9:** MCJLS Entry Night, Thorndale
* **February 11:** MCJLS Entry Night AND LAST DAY TO ENTER, Cameron

***4-H BANQUET UPDATE:* We have had to cancel the Face to Face 4-H Banquet held on December 13th in Thorndale. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is limiting Extension events in Milam County to a maximum of 10 persons per event. The banquet will now be a video on December 15th on the Facebook page. 4-H families receiving awards will be able to pick up awards from December 15th to 18th at the Extension Office (during office hours). We will miss seeing you all so much but would like for you and your family to stay safe during this Holiday Season! Please support these 4-H members by watching, commenting, and sharing the video once it is up. This is a great way to encourage others to complete awards next year!**

***ENROLLMENT*** [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!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR ENROLLMENT BEFORE YOU SUBMIT IT! If you are awaiting review, you are good! If it says resubmit or incomplete, you will need to finish before you can be approved!

***Eligibility Form:*** Please make sure that you are completing your eligibility forms before you go to the show. 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:*** Do not 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 3 dots by search and like and then click Follow Settings, Step 3: set as favortie, Step 4: Click on Posts and choose STANDARD, Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Club/Project News:***

* NO MEETINGS WILL HAPPEN WITH MORE THAN 10 persons in attendance.
* **Milano 4-H Club:** Milano 4-H Club is ready for meetings! Please connect with their club by joining their Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677500032472214> You need to enroll online to receive the zoom link!
* **Plant ID:** If you are interested in being in the 4-H Plant ID project, please email Irby McWiliams: irby.mcwilliams@icloud.com
* **Cameron 4-H Club Facebook Page:** Cameron 4-H Club has a new facebook page (the old one was closed). Please like the new page for club news and information: <https://www.facebook.com/camerontx4hclub> Next meeting: Jan 5th
* **Thorndale 4-H Club:** No meetings, just community service.

***ATTENTION:*** All 4-H members and families MUST sign a COVID 19 Screening form when you attend a 4-H event/club meeting. You can grab these at: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2020/08/Screening-Letter-COVID-19-Youth-Overnight-events-6.12.20.pdf>

They will have a few at the meeting if you forget it. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing at the 4-H club meetings. If you are attending an online meeting, the screening forms are not needed.

***4-H Consumer Project:***

If you are interested in 4-H Consumer please make sure you do the consumer survey if you have not done so already. Please complete this survey by January 1st

SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/gX8Jv2GTCopNJYgZ9>

We have some NEW and different things going on, so PLEASE READ this WHOLE letter! **NEW THINGS:**

* We will start practices in January this year
* Practices will be virtual and face to face (we will also try to do zoom while having practice- no guarantee.)
* We will have 1 county contest this year- February 12th
* There will be no HOT and San Antonio Consumer Contest this year.
* Coryell-Milam Invitational Contest- We will be helping host an invitational contest with Coryell County again this year: DATE- February 6th
* April 18th Store Practice- Tour practice to 4pm this year.
* ALL classes and information will be put in the google drive each week. It is your responsibility to look in there and practice your classes.
* District Contest will be on April 19th in Cleburne this year. We will plan to do another overnight stay for this so please try to fundraise a lot for this contest!!!! Parents you might want to take off for this contest or arrange other options to get them there, it is a Monday (April 19th).
* If you choose REMOTE learning, please check with your school about extracurricular options for 4-H. You may have to do unexcused absences if you go to a contest or not attend practices and contests.

**Here is a list of all the meeting dates.** ALL MEETINGS will be at various times for each age division ranging from 5:00-8pm other than County Contests.  ALL MEETINGS will be at the County Extension Office. Again, go ahead and pencil in these dates, Please know this: If you cannot make the practices, it’s ok!!! I will put all the classes on google drive each week! It is up to you to practice with your child(ren) if you miss. Just make sure you make the mandatory contest! Remember, if you are an intermediate or senior (6th-12th grade) it is important you do try to come to a few practices because of learning reasons. If you miss, you can text me a video of your reasons.

**Please send me if you would like to do a class. They will be due the Monday before the class. Any 4-H member can do a class (Juniors may need parent’s help). Classes must be emailed to me so I may make changes as needed. You can also send it to me on a google drive.**

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| **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Class** |
| January 6 | ZOOM- 6pm | Zoom | Overview |
| January 14 | 5-6pm Juniors6-8pm Intermediates/Seniors (Dist Reasons Clinic) | Office | Jr: Portable SpeakersInt/Sr: Reasons Clinic |
| January 21 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors | Office | Headphones and Earbuds |
| January 28 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors | Office | Tablets/Fitness Trackers |
| February 3 | ZOOM- 6-7pm | Zoom | Review |
| February 6 | Central Texas Consumer Contest- Gatesville | Gatesville | Contest |
| February 11 | CONTEST:PLEASE COME DURING THESE TIMES:5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors | Office | Contest |
| February 25 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors |  | Athletic Shoes |
| March 3 | ZOOM- 6-7pm | Zoom | Outdoor Backpacks |
| March 11 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors |  | Activewear |
| March 23 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors |  | Outdoor Equipment |
| April 1 | 5-6pm Juniors6-7pm Intermediates7-8pm Seniors |  | Bluetooth Car Kits |
| April 7 | ZOOM- 5:30pm | Sunglasses |  |
| April 15 | Game Night- either on Zoom or in Person | All Classes |  |

**Cloverbuds Project Group:** NEW!!!!!! This year we will be having our first ever Cloverbuds project group! We will be meeting monthly on zoom and learning about all kinds of fun projects and activities!

Cloverbuds are Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders

2nd Monday, 6:30pm-7:30pm, ZOOM **NEW TIME FOR DECEMBER ONLY!!!!!**

Next Meeting: **December 14** Topic: Christmas!!!!!

You MUST SIGN up on 4-H Online to be on the Zoom!

For more information on Cloverbuds, please see the website: <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clover-kids-k-2nd-grade/>

This month you will need to bring:

WEAR PAJAMAS!!!!

Show and Tell: Your favorite thing about Christmas (item or event)

We will be mailing a special surprise do not forget to bring it!

***D8 4-H Scholarship Forum:***

With many counties sitting on our COVID lists, we have decided to cancel next week’s Scholarship Forum that was set for Bell County. We will continue to offer the Virtual Program on December 15th.  Registration is open at: <https://forms.gle/wA5G7PqbHDVja1cn6>

**December 15th** Zoom, 6:30pm

Register Above for Link

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show:*** The Rules have been updated and posted on the website. Baked goods will be added later. <https://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

**March 24-28, 2021**

* Steers will be tagged: Milam Co. major show tags will be accepted, or steers will be tagged **September 8**, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (Youth Expo Bldg)
* Mkt. Broilers: Order **December 21**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 27**, 8:00 –10:00 a.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1.

 Entry cards and fees must be turned into SHOW SECRETARY on show registration night. Dates will Be: Thorndale – Tuesday, **February 9**, location to be announced. Cameron – Thursday, **February 11**, Youth Expo Building. Contact your C.E.A, or Ag Science Teacher for further information. All entries must be received by secretary no later than **February 11,** 2021. After **February 11**, late entries will be accepted until **March 24th** for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***#Giving Tuesday:***

This year for Giving Tuesday, we are kicking off our campaign: Give $4 to GROW 4-H! The campaign starts today and will go through December 31!

We are asking each 4-H member to secure a $4 sponsor. They can collect more, but we are only asking for $4!

All funds raised will support Texas 4-H programs, and 40% of funds raised STAY in the county they are raised in!

In addition to the 40% back to each participating county, the Texas 4-H Foundation will host a drawing for participating 4-H members every week in December. Four members will be chosen at random to win a $100 project scholarship.

The first 200 individuals that contribute over $50 will receive a Give 4 to Grow 4-H T-shirt and a 4-H baseball cap!

Texas 4-H members and leaders may accept any donation amount over $4 to contribute to the campaign.

Donations can be made via check or through our giving page <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/givetogrow>

Donations MUST have which county it is designated to and a 4-H Member’s name (if applicable) to be included in the member drawing.

Checks can be mailed to:

Texas 4-H Foundation

P.O. Box 11020

College Station, Texas 77842

***Texas 4-H Dog Validation:***

Texas 4-H Dog Show will be held on **July 9-10, 2021** at the Walker County Fairgrounds in Huntsville, Texas. To be eligible for this show, dogs must be validated by **January 10, 2021** in 4-H Online. Email Micah Holcombe (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) for the instructions. Misty Cathy has also created video instructions <https://youtu.be/3NzoIjK9Pco> if that is more convenient.

***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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