**4-H Blast**

**October 28, 2016**

* **October 30:** Shooting Sports Meeting, 2pm, New Salem Building, Rockdale
* **October 31:** Last day to enroll for $20 (goes up to $25)
* **November 1:** Cameron 4-H Club Meeting, 6pm, Yoe High School
* **November 2:** County Food Show, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **November 3:** Major Show Sign Up Night, 4:30-6:30pm, County Extension Office
* **November 5-6:** Holiday Classic, Belton
* **November 9:** Deadline to Email Instructions for Holiday Gift Idea Exchange
* **November 10:** Scholarship Training, 6pm, County Extension Office
* **November 14:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange/County Council, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen

***4-H Blasts:*** [***http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/***](http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/)

***Major Show Sign Up Night:*** The 2017 Spring Major Show season is not far off and sign-up dates have been set. We will only have 1 day for sign-up; **Thursday, November 3rd** at the Extension Office, 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call the Office if you have questions. 4-H members must obtain Quality Counts verification online before being allowed to enter major shows!

***Holiday Classic:*** The clinic is **November 5-6, 2016** 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 facilitiy maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, showmanship, and transportation. <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>

***Scholarships:*** Training for Scholarships will be Thursday, **November 10th** at 6pm. Part of it will be broadcast online and part will be hints and tips on filling out applications and timelines! Open to all youth and adults! PLEASE MUST CALL to ATTEND: 254-697-7045. If you cannot make it but want to attend the online training, please call the office and leave your name and email address. Also, please notice that scholarships have been updated on the website so please keep track by looking at it on a monthly basis if you are a senior:

***Holiday Gift Idea Exchange:*** On **November 14th** 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 14 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 9th**, Email: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu with instructions

***CLUB NEWS:***

Shooting Sports: Please join us on Sunday, **October 30th** at 2:00 p.m., New Salem Building-Rockdale, for our first shooting sports meeting of the year.

Cameron 4-H Club: Remember our next meeting is **TUESDAY, NOV 1st** at 6pm and you will need to turn in any unsold tickets that night so they can get a count of how many plates to prepare.

***CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!!!*** The Pecan Bake Off will be Friday, **December 2nd** at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron. We have added some extra categories to the Pecan Bake-Off: Pie, Cake, Cookie, Candy. We will also divide based on age turned in. Adults and Youth (K-12th grade) are welcome to participate. Entries for the Bake-Off will be needed to be dropped off by 9am on December 2nd at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron (parents may drop them off for children, no release from school will be provided). Show off your pecan baking skills!!! Free to enter!

***Milam County Junior Livestock Show 4-H Club Meeting Requirement:***

* You much enroll on 4-H Connect for the current year starting September 1st
* You can ONLY attend your primary club to count for the TWO meetings
* Attend TWO meetings from August 1, 2016-March 1, 2017
* Make sure you SIGN the sign in/attendance sheet when you first arrive at the meeting

***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](http://www.Join4-h.com) or [www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH](http://www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH)

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