**4-H Blast**

**August 17, 2016**

* **August 19:** Entry Deadline for State Fair of Texas
* **August 22:** Sheep and Goat Tag Orders due for Major Stock Shows
* **August 26:** MCJLS and Major Show Turkey Orders Due
* **September 1:** New 4-H Year Starts! Enroll now!
* **September 9:** Entry Deadline for Heart O’Texas
* **September 11:** 4-H Banquet, 3pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall

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

***State Fair and HOT Fall Entry Deadlines:***

Fall Show Season is just around the corner and deadlines for State Fair of Texas (Dallas) and Heart O’ Texas (Waco) quickly approaching. If you plan on showing at either of these shows, please read and pay close attention.

* **State Fair of Texas –** Entry deadline for State Fair of Texas will be **Friday, August 19,2016.** All paper work including Entry Forms, W-9, Quality Counts Verification, and Payment will be due to the Extension office by 5:00pm that day.
* **Heart O’ Texas** – Entry deadline for Heart of Texas will be **Friday, September 9, 2016.** All paper work including Entry Form, Quality Counts Verification, and Payment will be due to the Extension office by 5:00pm that day.

Entry forms for both shows are available at the County Extension Office or on the website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-livestock-projects/>. You can either print these and fill them out, or stop by the office and fill out copies we have here. Either way the original paperwork will need to be sent in. This means scanned or faxed copies cannot be accepted. Reminder: Eligibility forms are due to the office 1 Week before you leave for the show!

If you have any questions about the shows, entry forms, rules, etc, please contact Floyd Ingram.

***Sheep and Goat Tag Orders for Major Shows:***

We are now taking sheep and goat tag orders for those that are showing at Major Stock Shows in the spring. (Fort Worth, Odessa, San Angelo, San Antoino, Houston, Austin).

Deadline to get your orders in will be **Monday, August 22, 2016**. Orders can be placed by coming by the office, calling: 254-697-7054 , or emailing floyd.ingram@ag.tamu.edu

All orders placed must be paid for by the deadline or we will not be able to send your order in. Below is the list of this year’s tag prices.

* Market Lambs: $12.00
* Market Goats: $12.00
* Registered Sheep: $10.00
* Wether Dams: $12.00
* Registered Boar Goats: $10.00
* Weather Does: $12.00

**MCJLS and Major Turkey Orders Due:**

* Order by: August 26th
* Pick up by: First Week in November
* $3.50 per bird

***Rockdale Fair Update:***

Rockdale Fair Home Economic Division Rules are posted on the website! NEW!! Rockdale Fair Home Economics Division activities will be conducted at the George Hill Patterson Community Center in Rockdale. Check-in for the Home Economics Division starts on Thursday, October 20, 2016 and check out will be Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 12-1pm along with pictures at 12:30pm. NOTICE: You are not required to buy a ticket to drop off items, view Home Economics items, or pick up items! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

***4-H Banquet:***

Save the DATE! The Annual 4-H Banquet will be held **September 11, 2016**, at 3pm (NEW TIME), at the Thorndale Volunteer Fireman’s Hall. We will be having a patriotic theme and will be awarding our 4-H members who have achieved their goals this past 4-H year and recognize our 4-H sponsors and leaders. We will have light refreshments and enjoy company, so save the date!

***New 4-H Year:***

The new 4-H year will start **September 1st**. 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! Our new club leaders and club information will be posted soon! NOTE: Please make sure you enroll ASAP because you will not receive the 4-H Blasts until you re-enroll! REMEMBER!!!! You MUST be enrolled on 4-H Connect to participate in any 4-H contests or livestock shows!

***State 4-H Opportunities:***

Looking for some more opportunities at the State 4-H Level, click here: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/state-4-h-opportunities/>

***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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