**4-H Blast**

**August 26, 2016**

* **August 26:** MCJLS and Major Show Turkey Orders Due
* **September 1:** New 4-H Year Starts! Enroll now!
* **September 7:** Rockdale Fair Broiler Pickup, New Salem Building, Rockdale, 5:30-7:30pm
* **September 9:** Entry Deadline for Heart O’Texas
* **September 11:** 4-H Banquet, 3pm, Thorndale Fireman’s Hall
* **September 13:** 4-H FCS Training/FCS Coalition Meeting, 6pm, County Extension Office (Cameron)
* **September 14:** Rockdale Fair tag in, New Salem Building, Rockdale, 5:30-7:30pm
* **September 14:** Rockdale Fair Breeding Heifers entries, postmarked or bring entries to rabbit tag in
* **September 27:** Consumer Orientation and Planning Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen (Cameron)
* **October 1:** Palpation and body condition scoring, Milam county Auction Barn, Sifting starts 10:00am

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

**MCJLS and Major Turkey Orders Due:**

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

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

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

* **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.

***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/>

* Broiler Pickup **Sept 7** Home Demonstration Building Rockdale 5:30-7:30
* Breeding beef heifers entries postmarked **Sept 14** or bring entries to rabbit tag in.
* Rabbit tag in: **Sept 14** Home Demonstration Building Rockdale 5:30-7:30
* Palpation and body condition scoring: **Oct 1** Milam county Auction Barn. Sifting starts 10:00am

***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!

***4-H FCS Projects Training:***

We will be having a FCS 4-H Leader Training and Coalition meeting on **Tuesday, September 13th** at 6pm at the Extension Office. Do you like healthy lifestyles, consumer, clothing and fashion, or food and nutrition?! This training and orientation is for you! We will be planning for the 4-H FCS projects mostly and then as leader training we hope to plan and train some of the clubs do the FCS projects at their meetings. Please mark your calendar to attend, learn, and plan!!!

***Consumer Meetings:***

Want to learn how to shop better! Consumer is the project for you?! All Meetings to be held at Bea’s Kitchen, unless otherwise said below. Please call the office, if you are interested in Consumer so we can add you to the email list.

* **Tuesday, Sept 27, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, October 4, 7pm**
* **Tuesday, October 25, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, November 8, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, November 15, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, November 29, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, January 10, 6pm**
* **Tuesday, January 24, 6pm**
* **Monday, January 30, 6pm**
* February-March- TBA
* HOT, **October 8**, 9am, Waco
* SALE, February 18, all day, San Antonio
* District, TBA

***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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