**4-H Blast**

**September 9, 2016**

* **September 9:** Last Day to purchase One Day T-Shirts, online
* **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/)

***4-H Banquet-ALL INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND:***

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! We have a LOT of special guests coming so please try to attend this banquet. It is also great because it shows 4-H families what awards and opportunities are in the 4-H program.

***ONE Day 4-H T-shirts AVAILABLE-Order Today:***

***TODAY IS THE DEADLINE* to order your 2016 One Day 4-H T-Shirt orders. Late Orders will not be accepted due to production and shipping!**

[**CLICK HERE TO ORDER ONLINE**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001-F3Sc0NxMrAyKbgc3-esyDEZaI2BRoaTJ7UYfnn4rGk4yH-bL6rvz75jIYGD7K-EJP5qvLfkUJZMZI9NZx44Jgi1wo2B3hAPHvu8S_qpbhK9DsK_A5UETfQ1UFwCQ-xbDYVQZwmQHktVl-Txs5otlVvE-SuEFk0i69pQm_SfvaUC3L5o5MftT_RB-Q_ARBzFrIQlEh6WIvI=&c=tQP-w5_GO14YKhqycS46-vwICpah6uSyGN-FE_ZbfYprtAa9sA86zg==&ch=lM8H6WlwgLCYYS6aTsDEwkJC57vdSD8sEggl0QpkNzPi9ZraIa_m5g==)

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**ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

***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/>

* 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 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, **March 4th**

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

The new 4-H year started **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 has been posted! You MUST be enrolled on 4-H Connect to participate in any 4-H contests or livestock shows!

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

To be an ACTIVE MEMBER in Milam County 4-H and be able to participate in the 2017 Milam County Junior Livestock Show, all members will be required to attend a minimum of TWO Club meetings. This rule will start August 1, 2016 and all members have from August 1-March 1 to attend their 2 meetings. 4-Hers must attend 2 meetings of their primary club (the club you registered for as primary on 4-H connect) and you MUST sign in on the attendance sheet when you arrive at the meeting. This is so your attendance is documented and that all members are accounted for when the Club Managers keep track of attendance.

REMEMBER:

* 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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