**4-H Blast**

**March 23, 2016**

* **March 24:** Eligibility Forms due to Office for MCJLS
* **March 25:** Office Closed, Holiday
* **March 28:** Photography Contest Entries Due
* **March 31-April 2:** Milam County Jr. Livestock Show
* **April 1:** 4-H Has Talent Deadline
* **April 1:** Notify CEO if you are validating horse
* **April 6:** Rockdale Fair Commercial heifer tag in, Milam County Livestock Auction, 5:30pm-7:30pm
* **April 7:** Texas 4-H Congress Interest, email Micah or call office
* **April 15:** Tag Orders Due (lambs, goats, swine, steers)

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

***Photography Contest:***

This year’s entries will be emailed to Micah. All entries are due **March 28, 2016**. Please make sure and follow the instructions in the State Photography Guidelines for rules on submitting for county. The 2016 Texas 4-H Roundup Photography Rules and Guidelines are available on the Milam County 4-H website:

<http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/projects/photography-contests/>

To enter county, please email pictures, eligibility form, and entry form to Micah Holcombe (mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu) by March 28, 2016. An eligibility form must be attach to the entry (event: County and District Photography Contest– date April 1, 2016). Entry forms are also located on the photography website (above). Please follow the State rules on naming your photos. Confirmation of email entries will be emailed on March 29, 2016.

***MCJLS:***

The 2016 MCJLS Rules have are posted on the Milam County 4-H Website!

PLUS THE NEW SCHEDULE HAS BEEN POSTED!!!!

<http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-projects/milam-county-junior-livestock-show/>

ALL ELIGIBILITY FORMS DUE TOMORROW!!!- Please make sure you turn in your eligibility forms by tomorrow for MCJLS! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/eligibility-form/> \*Make sure you follow the directions to fill out the form!! It is on this website.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: If you are participating in the Premium Baked Goods Contest, please bring a recipe with your food and an extra one if you are participating in the showmanship contest. Senior Showmanship will take place at **2pm (TIME CORRECTION)** and others in the morning starting at 8:30am.

***Rockdale Fair* *Dates to Remember:***

* **April 6:** Tag in for Commercial Heifers, Milam Co Auction Barn, 5:30-7:30pm
* **May 18:** Boiler Order Deadline
* **May 19:** Steer Tag In, Milam Co Auction Barn, 5:30-7:30pm

***Texas 4-H Congress:***

Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H member who will be in 9th through 12th grade for the 2016-2017 school year. Also eligible to participate are 4-H youth who graduated high school in the spring of 2016. During this time, 4-H members assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, press corps, and special interest groups to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth. These bills are assigned to the appropriate committee, debated in committee meetings, and then on the floor of the House or Senate. If a bill is successful in negotiation and the legislative debate in all three stages, it is delivered to the Governor of Texas 4-H Congress for his or her signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that are signed into law during Texas 4-H Congress are provided to the Office of the Governor for review. If you are interested in attending, please email Micah or call the Office by **April 7, 2016.**

***Mark Your Calendar:***

* April 19: County Council Meeting, 6pm, Thorndale
* April 30: District Roundup, Riesel
* May 19: Ag in the Classroom (DATE CHANGE!!!)
* May 17: County Council Meeting- Officer Election/Recordbook Training #2, 6pm, Milano
* June 7-9: State Roundup, College Station
* June 20: County Recordbooks Due
* June 21: County Recordbook Judging
* June 26-29: Leadership Lab, New Braunfels

***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)