**4-H Blast**

**April 21, 2016**

* April 30: District Roundup, Riesel
* May 4: Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest Practice, 6:30pm, County Extension Office
* May 5: Awards Task Force Meeting, 5:15pm, County Extension Office
* May 16: Bylaws Task Force Meeting, 6:15pm, Thorndale Chamber Of Commerce
* May 17: County Council Meeting- Officer Election/Recordbook Training #2, 6pm, Milano
* May 19: Ag in the Classroom
* June 7-9: State Roundup, College Station
* June 17: Fun Day Camp, 9am-12pm, Cameron
* June 20: Validation, 6:15am,
* June 20: County Recordbooks Due
* June 21: County Recordbook Judging
* June 26-29: Leadership Lab, New Braunfels

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

***Good luck to all of those 4-H members competing at District Contests this week!!!!***

***Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest:***

The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational has been a part of Texas 4-H Roundup for the past 6 years. This year, it is scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, June 7th at Texas 4-H Roundup. Being an invitational contest, intermediates and seniors are welcome to participate and may register as either an individual or team. Registration through 4-H CONNECT is required in order to participate in this contest. Each participant works individually to place/rank eight classes, each of which consists of a scenario and four options related to a healthy lifestyles topic. For each class, the individual participant will rank the four options based on the given situation. Some classes may also include a multiple choice and/or true/false quiz. Seven minutes are allowed for each class, with one minute in between classes to allow for rotation to the next class. Additionally, each team will be presented with a scenario and have 10 minutes to evaluate it, decide on a solution and prepare a presentation. Each team will then have 3 minutes to present their solution to the problem/scenario, to a panel of judges. Our first practice will be held **May 4th**, 6:30pm, at the County Extension Office. If you are interested in joining, please call the Extension Office.

***County Council Officer Elections:***

**May 17th** at 6pm at the Milano ISD, we will be holding our County Council Meeting and Officer Elections. If you would like to run for an officer position, please fill out the Intent to Run form on our website: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/files/2015/04/Milam-County-4-H-County-Council-Officer-Intent-to-Run-Form-2016.pdf> Right now, the bylaws state you must be ages 13-19 to run (or in the 8th-12th grade for the 2016-2017 year). We will also be holding an Awards and Bylaws Task Force meeting in May before the meeting. If you are interested in these meetings, please email Micah so you can be given more information.

***Awards and Recordbooks:***

It is time to start thinking about recordbooks and awards! Please see the website to start getting an idea of what you need to be documenting and taking pictures for your book: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/> Awards and Recordbooks will be due ***June 20th*** but don’t start too late!!! The next training will be ***May 17th*** at the County Council Meeting! We plan to have some new awards this year so please apply!!! Award applications will be up on the website by May 15th.

***2016 Fall Majors Lamb, Goat, & Swine Validation***

***2016-2017 Major Steer Validation:***

Monday, June 20th 2016

Milam County Livestock Auction

Beginning at 6:15am with Swine them Lamb and Goats then Steers.

THIS WILL BE THE ONLY VALIDATION DATE!

***Outdoor Challenge Summer Opportunity:***

The 2016 4-H Outdoor Challenge is scheduled for June 17-19 in Guadalupe County at the Seguin Outdoor Learning Center. Registration opens in May on 4-H Connect. Contest Fee: $35/per contestant. **2016 4-H Outdoor Challenge Events:** Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Fishing, Climbing, Kayaking, Outdoor Skills, Biologist Skills, Gear Judging, Outdoor Safety. Outdoor Education and Living Skills webpage; <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/outdoor-education-living-skills/>.

***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)