**4-H Blast**

**April 6, 2016**

* **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 9:** Hackamore Range/Plant ID Contest, 8am, 44 Farms
* **April 11**: Quiz Bowl notification, email Floyd
* **April 15:** $10.00 per horse validation deadline
* **April 15:** Tag Orders Due (lambs, goats, swine, steers)
* **April 15:** National Congress Application Deadline
* **April 15:** District Plant ID, Stephenville

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

***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

2016 Rockdale Fair Commercial Heifers

* Tag In: April 6, 2016
* Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
* Place: Milam County Auction Barn in Cameron
* Costs: $30 per pen
* Reminder, NEW RULES for 2016
* -minimum of 3 heifer to be tagged in per exhibitor
* -must be a minimum of 90 days pregnant
* -There will be a sift on October 1, 2016 top 40 pens will attend the fair
* -Top 40 pens will sale in the Rockdale Commercial Heifer Sale
* -Showmanship in all age divisions
* Also, Joel Walzel still has heifers that will be proper age and gestation for Rockdale. Already running with a bull, some have been AI'ed. You can call Joel at 254-931-3144
* If you have any questions please call either Wesley 512-626-0511 or myself at 512-760-5428.

***Major Show Tag Orders Due-April 15th***

Swine, Lamb and Goat Tag Order Deadline - April 15: These tags are required to exhibit a swine, lamb, or goat at the 2016 State Fair of Texas and Heart of Texas Shows. Cost $12.00 per tag. Steer Tag Order Deadline - April 15: These tags are required to exhibit a steer at the 2016-2017 Major Shows. Cost $13.00 per tag. All late tag orders will be $25 for swine, lamb, goats, and steers.

Make checks payable to Milam E.L.A.B.  Payment must be received by the April 15th deadline. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the extension office at 254-697-7045.

***Texas 4-H Congress (July 17-20):***

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*.**

***County Council (April 19):***

County Council will be held on ***April 19th*** in Thorndale Senior Citizens Center. We will be discussing the Ag in the Classroom event as well as the upcoming officer election and awards banquet. Come and help us discuss this important information! It will be held at 6pm and end at 7 pm. May 17th will be the next meeting and we will be electing officers for the new year! We will also be having recordbook training! Please make an effort to come to these last couple important meetings!!!

***Recordbooks:***

It is time to start thinking about recordbooks! Please see the website to start getting an idea of what you need to be documenting and taking pictures of for your book: <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-activities/recordbooks/> Recordbooks will be due ***June 20th*** but don’t start too late!!! The next training will be ***May 17th*** at the County Council Meeting!

***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)