**4-H Blast**

August 5, 2015

The Fall 4-H Newsletter is ready for viewing!!! There is a **LOT** of information for the new 4-H year so make sure you check it out and read it!!!! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-blasts/>

**August 5:** Jacket and Patch Orders Due TODAY!!!

**August 17:** County Council and Parent Leader Meeting, 6:30pm, New Salem Building-Rockdale

**August 17:** HOT and State Fair Stock Show Entry Night, 6-7:30pm, New Salem Building-Rockdale

**August 19-21:** Texas 4-H Virtual Summit

**August 21:** Lamb and Goat Tag Order Deadline

***Jackets, Blankets and Patches***

The Milam County 4-H program has for many years awarded 1st time - 1st Place STATE winners with a 4-H green jacket or blanket. Winners need to download the form on the website and fill out. The deadline to return the order form is August 5th. The 4-Her will be recognized at the 4-H Celebration with their sponsor. <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-clubs/awards/>

***Attention All 4-H Families-GIVE-A-WAY TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE:***

Please sell Give-A-Way Tickets from now until **September 1, 2015**. This is the annual 4-H Council fund raiser to provide funding for the county opportunities!!! 4-H Give-a-Way Tickets are now available. Contact your club managers (or fund raising leaders) for you to get proper credit. The drawing will be on September 13th during the 4-H County Celebration in Cameron. The club that sells the most tickets will have their representatives named Mr. & Miss 4-H and the club that sells the second highest amount of tickets will have their representatives named Prince and Princess.

Items up for the give-a-away:

1. YETI Cooler-65 QT - PLUS $100 Gift Card (value $500)

2. Henry Golden Boy .22 Lever Action RIFLE - PLUS Gift Card (value $500)

3. $ 300 Gift Card

4. $ 250 Gift Card

5. $ 200 Gift Card donated by Cheryl & James Walker

6. Horseshoe Cross donated by Tiny & Susan Dean

Top three Raffle ticket sellers will be given prizes.

* $50 Walmart Gift Certificate to Top Seller
* $30 Walmart Gift Certificate to Second Place Seller
* $20 Walmart Gift Certificate to Third Place Seller

***Annual 4-H Enrollment:***

4-H Connect on-line Enrollment: https//texas.4honline.com

All 4-Hers and Leaders Need To Update Enrollment Annually– ENROLLMENT STARTS **SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

***2 Meeting Requirement:***

As per 4-H Council and the Parents and Leaders; a new rule will be enforced this year. To be an **ACTIVE MEMBER** in Milam County 4-H and be able to participate in the 2016 Milam County Junior Livestock Show, **all members will be required to attend a minimum of TWO Club meetings**. This rule will start September 1, 2015 and all members have from **September 1, 2015-March 1, 2016** 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 September 1, 2015-March 1, 2016
* Make sure you SIGN the sign in/attendance sheet when you first arrive at the meeting

***Heart O’ Texas & State Fair Stock Show Entry Night-August 17, 2015***

Entry night for Fall Majors (Heart O’ Texas & State Fair) will be at the New Salem Building in Rockdale from 6:00-7:30pm. If you plan to compete in either of these shows you will need to attend entry night to enter yourself and your project. Please bring the exhibitors Social Security Card and Quality Counts Number. If for some reason you will be unable to attend the entry night contact Milam County Extension Office before **August 17.**

***4-H Council and Leaders Meeting-August 17, 2015***

4-H Council and Leaders meeting is set for **August 17** at 6:30pm at New Salem Building, Rockdale. This will be an important meeting to elect county council officers, along with finalizing plans for the Celebration and National 4-H Week.

***Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline-August 21, 2015***

If you plan on showing a Lamb, Goat, breeding goat, or breeding sheep in any 2016 Major shows you will need to order tags before **August 21**. Tags can be purchased at the County Extension Office.

Market Lambs, Market Goats, Wether Dams, and Wether Does will be $12.00

Registered Sheep and Registered Goats will be $10.00

Lambs and goats validated for the 2015 State Fair of Texas will have to be revalidated for the 2016 Spring Majors. TLBA (Texas Lamb Breeders Assn.) tag numbers MUST be in the lamb’s ear and recorded on the validation form at validation. NO TLBA tag numbers will be added to the validation forms after the forms are submitted. Market lambs must have a TBLA tag to be eligible to compete in the San Angelo Stock Show or Receive TBLA Recognition at other major shows. Lamb/Goat validation for spring shows will be in late October.

***Rockdale Fair***

HE Rules and Entry Forms are POSTED online! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

* Broilers: pick-up **August 26**, New Salem Building, Rockdale
* Rabbits: **September 9, 2015**, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., New Salem Building, Rockdale
* Commercial Heifers: Palpation: **Oct. 3, 2015**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

***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)