**4-H Blast**

September 18, 2015

* **September 21:** County Council Meeting 6:30pm, Thorndale Senior Citizens Center
* **September 24:** Beginners Consumer Meeting, 6pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **September 25**-October 18: State Fair of Texas, Dallas
* **September 29:** Poster Contest Entries due to County Extension Office
* **October 3:** Commercial Heifers: Palpation
* **October 4-10:** National 4-H Week

***County Council Meeting:***

Please remember that County Council will meet on Monday, September 21st at the Thorndale Senior Citizens Center at 6:30pm. All Club Presidents, vice presidents, and council delegates are expected to attend. However, any 4-H member is welcome to attend. We will have a program on Junior Master Gardeners and how you can help be a leader!

***Consumer Meetings:***

If you are interested in learning more about consumer and how to be a better shopper! Here are the project meetings for the project:

ALL meetings will start at 6pm at Bea’s Kitchen.

* September 24th (beginners night-we will be going over the basics of judging)
* October 5th- practice night- before HOT fair
* October 26th
* November 9th
* January 25th
* February 8th
* February 22nd

***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** [**http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/**](http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/4-h-enrollmentguidelines/)

ATTENTION!!!! If you have registered on 4-H Connect and your membership says "Pending" you are good!!! You are considered active at that point unless there is a problem once we approve you. If it says "inactive" or "incomplete," then you need to make sure it is taken care of! We hope to get a lot of the memberships approved next week!!

***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.

***National 4-H Week***

National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2015. We have a lot of activities for that week so please see below how you can be a part of the group!

* September 29: Poster Contest Entries due to County Extension Office
* October 2: Pick up posters from Office and Radio Spots/News Articles
* October 3: Distribute Posters to businesses to promote National 4-H Week
* October 4: Flowers in honor of National 4-H Week at Churches
* October 5: Wear 4-H Shirts
* October 6, 7, 8, 9: Take refreshments to businesses and/or school lounges as a thank you for supporting 4-H; Radio Spots from 4-H members
* October 10: One Day 4-H Community Service Projects

Poster Contest:

Promote 4-H by creating a poster to display around the community!!!

Rules

Poster must be the generic poster size: 24”X36”

Must have “National 4-H Week, October 4-10”

Must contain a 4-H clover on the poster

Follow 4-H Emblem Guidelines– no text or picture over clover or distort or recreate/recolor clover in anyway.

May work as a team of a max of 2

Prizes will be given to beginner (5-7), junior (8-10), intermediate (11-13), senior (14-18)

Distribute in community after judging

***GIVE-A-WAY TICKETS AVAILABLE:***

Please sell Give-A-Way Tickets from now until **October 17 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. The drawing will be on October 17, 2015.

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

***Rockdale Fair***

HE Rules and Entry Forms are POSTED online-THERE HAS BEEN A MISTAKE ON AUCTION BAKED GOODS PLEASE CHECK NEXT WEEK FOR NEW RULES!!!! <http://counties.agrilife.org/mc4h/rockdale-fair/>

Ownership and Tag-in dates are as follows:

* Commercial Heifers: Palpation: **Oct. 3, 2015**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

***Coming SOON….***

* **October 24:** County Food Show, Fashion Show, Duds to Dazzle Contest, 2pm-Tentative, Entries will be due- October 19th! – PLEASE CHECK SOON FOR MORE INFORMATION!!!
* **November 5:** Major Show Sign Up Night- Major Show entries for all major shows in the spring!!! County Extension Office, 5pm-7pm

***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)