**4-H Blast**

September 4, 2015

* **September 7:** Labor Day, Office Closed
* **September 8:** MCJLS Steer Tag-In, 5-6:30pm, YEB (Major Show Tags accepted)
* **September 9:** Rabbits, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., New Salem Building, Rockdale
* **September 11**: Major Show Swine Tag Orders Due, County Extension Office, $12
* **September 13:** 4-H Celebration, 2pm, Cameron Yoe High School Performing Arts Center

***4-H Celebration:***

Invite your family and come and learn about 4-H at the Celebration on September 13, 2015, at the Cameron Yoe High School Performing Arts Center, - YOE High School at 1000 N Fannin St. Refreshments will be at 2:30pm and the awards will start at 2:45pm.

***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

***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/)

***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.

***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:

* 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.

***Coming SOON….***

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

***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

***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)