**4-H Blast**

November 15, 2018

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* **November 16:** Deadline for Holiday Gift Idea Exchange Entry, email
* **November 26:** Holiday Gift Idea Exchange
* **November 28:** Consumer (Seniors 9-12th grade), 5-7pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 5:** Consumer (ALL), 5-7pm, Bea’s Kitchen
* **December 8:** MCJLS Broiler Orders 2019, 8-10am, YEB, Cameron
* **December 11:** Consumer (Seniors 9-12th grade), 6-8pm, Cameron Chamber
* **December 12:** District Food Show

***4-H Facebook:*** Don’t forget we have a 4-H Facebook page!!!! We post 4-H Blasts, 4-H contest results and neat opportunities to do in 4-H! Make sure that you “see us first” in your settings. Step 1: Like the Page, Step 2: Click on Following, Step 3: See First, Step 4: Turn Notifications ON! Then you will see all 4-H posts when they arrive!

***Holiday Gift Idea:*** On **November 26th** the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange will be held at Bea’s Kitchen in Cameron from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. You will see a variety of demonstrations, get handouts with instructions for the projects and enjoy refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome at the program. Come to the Holiday Gift Idea Exchange on November 26 and get new ideas for the holiday season.

4-H Members: (Kindergarten-12th grade) bring a Holiday Craft or Food and demonstrate it to the audience!

A booklet with all instructions will be given out! 4-H members are also asked to bring a second item of the same to give for door prize! Deadline to email instructions to the County Extension Office: **November 16th**, Email: mlholcombe@ag.tamu.edu (google drive: micahholcombe6@gmail.com) with instructions.

***MCJLS DATES TO REMEMBER:***

***MCJLS- March 28-30, 2019***

* Mkt. Lambs & Goats: **November 20** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Hogs: **December 4** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change). Milam County Major show tags will be accepted.
* Mkt. Broilers: (NEW) Order **December 4**, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Youth Expo Bldg.
* Mkt. Bunnies will be tattooed: **February 12,** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (subject to change).
* Mkt. Turkey: Order from Teacher/Agent. See Rule F1

***MCJLS Broiler Order:*** ATTENTION: There is a new procedure for ordering Broilers for the 2019 MCJLS. You will need to go to the YEB in Cameron on Dec. 8, from 8-10am. That is the only way to order broilers for the show. Order in lots of 25. Cost of bird $1.74- $43.50 per entry. Birds will be straight run (pullets and roosters). Make checks out to Milam County Junior Livestock Show Association and orders must be paid for by the ordering deadline Dec 8th. If they are not paid for by Dec 8th, they will not be ordered. Hatch/Pick up date: Friday, Feb 15, 2019. Estimated arrival at YEB of 10am. Birds need to be picked up at the YEB in Cameron. The birds will be coming from Texas A&M University and picked up shortly after 8am that morning. Exhibitors may need to make arrangements to have someone to pick up their birds at the YEB. Any questions, call Melvin Hollas, 254-697-2017 or 254-697-1911 (mobile). Again this year, there will be 2 divisions of broilers, a Pullet and a Cockerel division. If a mixed pen is shown, it will be in the cockerel division. Any birds that lose wings will not be eligible to be shown.

Entry NIGHTS:

* Tuesday, **February 6th**: Thorndale
* Wednesday, **February 7th:** Rockdale
* Monday, **February 12th**: Cameron
* All entries must be received by secretary no later than February 12, 2018. After February 20, late entries will be accepted until March 22th for an ADDITIONAL $100.00 per entry.

***Teen Leadership Retreat:*** Registration has opened for Teen Retreat, **January 4-6, 2019**. 4-H youth currently in 7th through 12th grade can register to attend. Agents, specialist, and former summer staff will lead educational sessions covering the topics of; Survival Guide to Turning 18, STEM, Teambuilding, and Advocacy. To register go to texas4hcenter.tamu.edu and click on “Register Now”.

***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 or www.facebook.com/milamcountyfourH

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