



Cameron County 4-H January Newsletter – 2017



Happy New Year Everyone!!



OLD BUSINESS

* **Christmas Holiday Help** was held Wednesday, December 7th at the County Extension office. This year we took part in a larger project that was coordinated by RGV Credit Union. The main focus of this project was to assist teenagers as they are often overlooked when it comes to donations. Thanks to all the 4-H members who were able to donate toys and other gifts and for taking the time to make the delivery to the RGV Credit Union.

* **4-H Club Managers and County Council Meeting** was held Wednesday, December 7th at the County Extension office. Thanks to Anna Lee Stanko for coordinating our nice pizza dinner to celebrate the Christmas holiday. We discussed upcoming stock show dates and deadlines and the upcoming County and District 4-H events.

* **Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Poultry Orders and Entries** were due on December 9th to the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show office.

* **Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Cover Girl Revue contest** entry forms were due on December 16th to the RGVLS office. The contest will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Best of luck to all those participating.

NEW BUSINESS

* **Premise I.D. Tags** please remember that all sexually intact sheep and goats must have a premise I.D. Tag on their ear to participate in the upcoming South Texas Youth Stock Show, Cameron County Fair, Major Shows, and RGVLS. These tags should be obtained from the breeder in which you purchased your project from. You may also order your own set of tags and a tagger of you or your parents breed your own show animals. The number to the Texas Animal Health Commission can be obtained by calling the Extension office.

* **4-H Livestock Judging Contest** This is a reminder that the average class scores for the livestock judging contests at the Cameron County Fair, San Antonio Stock Show, and the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will be used to comprise our district livestock judging teams that will compete in Fredericksburg for our district contest. You must have competed at a minimum of two shows to qualify for the county team. We will take your best two performances to average your total score. Best of Luck And Be Sure To Do Your Best!!

* **San Antonio Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest** We will have 2 county teams entered for San Antonio and the Highland Hustlers 4-H club will have another four club teams entered. They can be Junior or Senior teams or a combination of both. Remember: Senior team members must be 14-18 years of age as of August 31st of 2016, and Junior team members must be 8 -13 years of age as of August 31st of 2016. Please let me know if you are interested in judging. If we have more members wanting to judge than we have slots available, we will then use the scores from the Cameron County Fair in order to rank each individual. We will then comprise our teams using those scores.

* **Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show** Reminder: Market Animal entries are due on January 13th, 2017. 4-H clubs are responsible for submitting their own entries to the stock show office. They need to be done on the stock shows website and submit your entries online. The website to download entry forms or to submit entries is www.rgvlivestockshow.com

* **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday** will be Monday, January 16th. The Extension office will be closed on this day.

* **Cameron County Fair Scholarship Applications** are due by January 27th, 2017. Completed applications must be mailed by the deadline to CCFLS Scholarship Committee at P.O. Box 530985 Harlingen, Texas 78553.

* **Cameron County Fair Cowgirl Contest** is set for Saturday, January 28th at the Los Fresnos High School Cafeteria. Best of Luck to all Cameron County 4-H members competing.

* **Sonny Brazil Classic** prospect show will be held January 28th at the Sonny Brazil Agricultural Complex in San Benito. The entry deadline is January 25th. Entry forms are available at the Extension office.

* **4-H Council and Managers Meeting** will be held on Monday, January 23rd at the Extension office. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend this meeting.

* **RGVLS Poultry Project Delivery** will be on Tuesday, January 31st, 2017 at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock show grounds in Mercedes. RGVLS will send out a notice as to the pickup time for January 31st. Anybody unable to be there to pick up poultry must make prior arrangements for someone else to pick them up for you. Poultry not picked up on that day and time will become property of the RGVLS.

* **4-H Livestock Judging Trainings** will be held on Monday, January 23rd at 5:30 p.m at the Extension office. We will be having an additional livestock judging training on Wednesday, February 8th at 5:30 p.m. here at the Extension office in San Benito. The training will begin at 5:30 p.m. and should conclude by 6:30 p.m. Please make plans to attend these trainings that are in preparation for the upcoming Cameron County Fair livestock judging contest.

* **Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Deadlines:**

January 13th Deadline for Steer, Market Hog, Market Lamb, Market Goat, Horticulture Market Rabbits, Jr. Breeding Rabbits, and Photography.

January 13th Deadline for Academic Scholarships to be in the livestock show office.

January 27th Deadline for Greased Pig Scramble applications

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Deadline for Jr. Beef Heifer, Jr. Commercial Female, Jr. Breeding Gilt, Jr. breeding Goat, Jr. Breeding Sheep, Open Female Pen show, Open Commercial Heifer, cotton style show, and shop projects,

(Double Check deadlines for all show divisions online at rgvlivestockshow.com)

January 27th Deadline for Calf Scramble Applications

February 17th Deadline for Open/Youth Horse Show

March 4th Cover Girl Revue Contest

* **Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show** will be held February 16th – 19th at the Rodeo Grounds in Los Fresnos. Scholarship applications are due by January 27th. Eligibility forms must be turned in to the Extension office one week prior to the show and must be signed by your principal or counselor

*** 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Applications** are due to the Extension office in San Benito on Monday, January 30th. Remember: You must complete a (FAFSA) financial aid application online and retrieve your expected family contribution (EFC). This information has to be included in your scholarship application in order for it to be complete. You need to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible in order to get your EFC back in time for you to include in your application. It is recommended to complete your FAFSA during the months of (November/December 2016) in order to get information back that is needed for your scholarship application.

CLUB NEWS

Club Managers, please remind you club reporters to submit your club news on or before the 1st of every month so that we can include your clubs highlights and activities in our County Monthly Newsletter. The club news can be e-mailed to m-ponce@tamu.edu or it can be faxed to my attention at 361-8289.



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