



CAMERON COUNTY 4-H NEWSDAY

The official monthly newsletter of the Cameron County 4-H Program

December Issue

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“Just remember, the true spirit of Christmas lies in your heart” – The Polar Express

As the flickering lights of our decorated trees and holiday movies illuminate our homes this Christmas, let us bask in the heartwarming embrace they offer us, ushering us towards the new year with open hearts and a sense of gratitude!

The Cameron County Extension Office and I, extend our warmest wishes to all the cherished members of the Cameron Co. 4-H community! May your hearts be filled with the timeless magic of the season, and may you find joy in the company of your loved ones!

Stay up-to-date with upcoming events on our social media and Remind. Do not hesitate to reach out to us at (956) 361-8236 if you need any help. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

*Sincerely,
Analisa Sanchez
CEA 4-H and Youth Development*

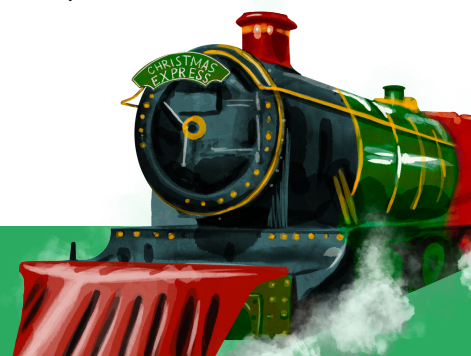
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4-H Updates

December

- (12/2) D12 MODIFIED 600 & 3D ARCHERY CONTEST
- (12/13) HOLIDAY HELP / CHRISTMAS PARTY
- (12/15-16) RGVLS VEGETABLE & CITRUS SHOW (AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST)

January

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- (1/11) D12 FASHION SHOW STORY BOARD
- (1/16) CC - COUNCIL MEETING
- (1/16) RECORD BOOK TRAINING
- TBD CC - ROUND UP



Thanksgiving - Holiday Help



The Cameron County 4-H community really showed up to the plate this Thanksgiving as they banded together to create meals for 20 local families! Commissioner Garza stopped by to speak to the kids and expressed how grateful he was for the work our 4-Hers have been doing! Special shout-out to the 4-H Clubs and Cameron County Farm Bureau for making this happen!

4-H Updates



Christmas - Holiday Help

Deck the halls in your most outrageous Christmas sweater or any festive wear you fancy, because we are all set to roll on December 13th at 5 PM for our Christmas-Holiday Help! Don't forget to bring a wrapped gift for RGV Credit Union's "Gifts for Teens" campaign!

Cameron County 4-H Council presents
**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
HELP**

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER
13

5:00
PM

**EXTENSION
OFFICE**

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS
SWEATER OR FESTIVE WEAR, AND
JOIN US FOR OUR HOLIDAY
HELP/CHRISTMAS PARTY!



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Gifts for Teens

5PM
Wednesday 13 December

The Cameron County 4-H Council will be participating in the county-wide RGV Credit Union "Gifts for Teens" drive.

Donation Items: Basketballs, Board Games, Toiletry Items, Pajamas, Sweaters, Light Jackets, Hygiene Products, Backpacks, Perfumes/Colognes, Puzzles, etc.

Please drop off your donations by Wednesday, December 13th, by 5 PM at the Cameron County Extension Office! The council officers will deliver all the donated items on December 13th at 5 pm!

1390 W Expressway 93 San Benito, TX 78586-7633 U.S.A.

Take a peek at our flyer to see what makes the cut for donations! Swing by the Extension Office to drop off your goodies ASAP or latest by December 13th, 5 pm. Let's sprinkle some holiday magic for kiddos in need!



District/State

2024
CENTRAL TEXAS
4-H INVITATIONAL CDM CONTEST
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024
THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GATESVILLE
2533 E MAIN ST, GATESVILLE, TX 76528
8:30 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM CONTEST ORIENTATION

AGE DIVISIONS:

- JUNIOR: 3-5 GRADE
- INTERMEDIATE: 6-8 GRADE
- SENIOR: 9-12 GRADE

ORAL REASONS:

- JR: NO
- INT: 1 SET
- SR: 2 SETS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JAN 16TH

TEAM: \$40
INDIVIDUAL: \$10
LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE CONTEST FOR \$60 PER TEAM AND \$20 PER INDIVIDUAL.
SCANTRONS WILL BE PROVIDED

AWARDS IN EACH DIVISION:

- TOP FIVE INDIVIDUALS
- TOP 3 TEAMS
- Scholarships for High Point Senior Individuals

REGISTER HERE:

MAIL REGISTRATION PAYMENT TO: MILAM COUNTY 4-H
806 W CROCKETT AVENUE, CAMERON, TX 76520
PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO MILAM COUNTY 4-H
REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE:
[HTTPS://MILAM.AGRILIFE.ORG/LINKS/CENTRAL-TEXAS-CONSUMER-INVITATIONAL-CONTEST/](https://milam.agrilife.org/links/central-texas-consumer-invitational-contest/)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
CORVELL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 865-2414
MILAM COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AT (254) 605-0226

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Get Ready to Rock Your Ugliest Sweater!

Ugly SWEATER CONTEST

Come and join the fun by sharing a family photo of your UGLIEST Christmas sweater!! Share your photo in the comments! You must have the name of your 4-H County somewhere in the photo!

The comment with the most likes wins the contest!

1st place - \$30 Amazon Gift Card
2nd Place - \$20 Amazon Gift Card
3rd Place - \$10 Amazon Gift Card

BEGIN SUBMITTING DEC. 1ST

The contest will close December 31st! The winner will be announced January 1st!

District 12 4-H



CCFLS AND RGVLS ENTRY DEADLINES

If you are interested in participating in the Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show and the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, please make sure the applications are submitted online by the deadlines!

Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show

- Online registration is open from November 1st - January 15th.
- Register here: <https://valley.fairwire.com>
- Any questions about accounts or online entries, please contact Terri Kotzur at terri@rgvls.com / (956)565-2456

2024 RGVLS Premium - [Click Here](#)

Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show

- Online registration is open from December 1st - January 15th.
- Register here: <https://ccfls.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19536>
- Any questions about accounts or online entries, please contact Rebecca Goad at becca.goad@gmail.com.

2024 CCFLS Premium - [Click Here](#)

4-H Updates

ATTENTION

TEXAS 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



OPENS NOVEMBER 1

Program changes and tips for 2023-2024:

- Collegiate Scholarships will not be given out in 2024.
 - Available Scholarships will be Baccalaureate, Technical, and Courageous Heart.
- FASFA will not open until December! Encourage youth to apply for their FASFA as soon as it opens!
- Do **not** submit applications before fall grades have been added to the transcript!
- Once submitted, **no updates** will be allowed
- All applications must be submitted through the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Portal, you can find the link [HERE](#)
- Remember to use an email you will have access to after graduating high school.
- CEA's will not be using a verification form, you will receive a list of applications submitted by the deadline for approval and eligibility.
- ACT and SAT is not required again this year for the 4-H Opportunity Scholarship.

Goodluck to the 4-Hers applying for Scholarships this year! The key is to start early, and edit often before submitting!

A FUNDRAISING EFFORT FOR A BETTER FUTURE..

the Texas 4-H Foundation's Jerky Jackpot

TEXAS 4-H

★ **JERKY** ★
JACKPOT



SAVE THE DATES!

RGVLS

CITRUS & VEGETABLE SHOW

DECEMBER 15-16, 2023
FRANCES R. COOPER EVENT CENTER



www.rgvls.com

**CALLING ALL TEXAS
FOURTH GRADERS!**

*The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
Trailblazer Committee is proud to
announce its 4th annual writing
competition!*

*The theme is "My Magical Rodeo Garden,"
and you may enter an essay or a poem.*

*For contest details, rules
and regulations and entry submission visit
rodeohouston.com/writing*

Entry deadline is Dec. 5, 2023

There is no entry fee.

Questions? Email: writingcompetition@hlsr.com



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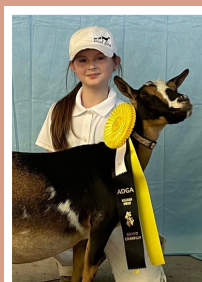
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Officer Spotlight



2ND VICE PRESIDENT



KEATON FOHN

I am a Sophomore at Lyford High School, serving as 2nd Vice President of Cameron County 4-H Council and Highland Hustlers 4-H Club.

My main projects include raising and showing swine, livestock judging, photography, community service, ag product ID, and shooting sports.

I am an active member of Lyford FFA and currently serve as Historian.

I play baseball, love to hunt, and raise cattle with my family.



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This year I attended the Texas Youth Livestock and Agriculture short course at Texas A&M University in College Station to become a Texas Livestock Ambassador. I am very excited to share my experiences and knowledge advocating on behalf of livestock and agriculture across our great state!



CAMERON COUNTY 4-H SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

Note: Dates and locations are subject to change!

AUGUST

- **(8/4)** CC - 4-H AWARD INTERVIEWS
- **(8/25)** - CC 4-H AWARDS BANQUET

SEPTEMBER

- **(9/18)** CC- COUNCIL MEETING/LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKSHOP
- **(9/23)** CC- FOOD SHOW/ FOOD CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

OCTOBER

- **(10/7)** LA MUNECA FIELD DAY/ LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
- **(10/8)** ONE DAY 4-H
- **(10/14)** CC - FOOD SHOW/FOOD CHALLENGE
- **(10/17)** HORTICULTURE TRAINING/CC- COUNCIL MEETING
- **(10/24)** LAMB AND GOAD VALIDATION

NOVEMBER

- **(11/1-2)** PATH TO PLATE
- **(11/11)** D12 ROUND UP CDM
- **(11/13)**- FORT WORTH STOCKSHOW APPLICATION DUE
- **(11/14)**- ALL MAJOR STOCKSHOW APPLICATION ARE DUE
- **(11/20)** CC - AG PRODUCT ID

DECEMBER

- **(12/2)** D12 MODIFIED 600 & 3D ARCHERY CONTEST
- **(12/13)** HOLIDAY HELP
- **(12/15-16)** RGVLS VEGETABLE & CITRUS SHOW (AG PRODUCT ID CONTEST)

JANUARY

- **TBD** - CC - ROUND UP
- **(1/11)** D12 FASHION SHOW STORY BOARD
- **(1/16)** CC- COUNCIL MEETING /RECORD BOOK TRAINING

FEBRUARY

- **(2/2)** CC- FASHION SHOW CONTEST
- **(2/7)** CC- PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
- **(2/12)** D12 HORSE JUDGING CONTEST
- **(2/20)** CC- COUNCIL MEETING
- **(2/15-18)**- CAMERON COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

MARCH

- **(3/7-17)** RGVLS
- **(3/1-31)** D12 POSTAL LEAGUE
- **(3/24)** D12 TRAP, SKEET, & WHIZBAND SHOOT
- **(3/18)** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

APRIL

- **(4/2-11)**D12 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
- **(4/6)** D12 FASHION SENSATION
- **(4/11)** D12 LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
- **(4/15)** CC- COUNCIL MEETING & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
- **(4/27)** D12 3-P & SILHOUETTE RIFLE MATCH

MAY

- **(5/11)** CAMERON COUNTY AWARD INTERVIEWS
- **(5/13)** CC- COUNCIL MEETING/ ELECTIONS
- **TBD** - CAMERON COUNTY AWARDS BANQUET

JUNE

- **TBD** - TEXAS 4-H STATE ROUND UP
- **(6/11-13)** D12 LEADERSHIP LAB
- **(6/14)** D12 ELECTION CONVENTION
- **(6/18)** CC- RECORD BOOKS

JULY

- **(7/9)** D12 RECORD BOOK
- **(7/26-28)** D12 COUNCIL OFFICER RETREAT

CAMERON COUNTY 4-H

Council Meeting Dates

2023 - 2024



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- Monday - September 18th, 2023
- Tuesday - October 17th, 2023
- ★ • Monday - November 20th, 2023
- ★ • Wednesday - December 13th, 2023
- Tuesday - January 16th, 2024
- ★ • Tuesday - February 20th, 2024
- Monday - April 15th, 2024
- Monday - May 13th, 2024



★ = Holiday Help

★ = New Date

**All meetings will be held at the Extension Office
in our conference room unless stated otherwise**

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4-HERS IN ACTION



Call for Photos!

Please send in action 4-H photos to be
in the Cameron Co. Newsday! Please
include name, club, and program!

analisa.sanchez@ag.tamu.edu

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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