



# COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT *Connection*

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## DEEP IN THE HEART.... OF STOCK SHOW SEASON

Stock show season brings so many things....so much fun, competition, time with your 4-H families, long days, many miles walked, time away from YOUR family, the crud....so many things. While you're out of the office, don't forget about taking care of things back home. Things like emails, eligibility forms, and programming still has to happen. How are you staying organized during this time? Share your tips with us! The first 3 people to email me their organization tips will get a fun surprise from me!

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Thankful for you!  
*Megan*

# NEWS FROM D8

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES  
ARE HERE!

The Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship deadline is here! As a reminder, no scholarships will be accepted after February 15th. Please pay close attention to the emails that will come from Kelly Gideon over the next few weeks. She will be sending you a list of your students that you will need to verify.

# 11:59

February 15, 2023

 REMINDER



Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarships are due by 11:59pm! No late submissions will be accepted.



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# WHAT'S COMING UP

## District 8 4-H CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

REGISTRATION: MARCH 20-APRIL 7, 2023 VIA 4-H ONLINE

**APRIL 17, 2023**

**CLEBURNE CONFERENCE CENTER**



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*Place the class!*



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CHECK WITH YOUR CEA FOR  
THEIR REGISTRATION DATES  
& DEADLINES



DISTRICT 8 4-H

**FASHION  
SHOW**

**DUDS TO  
DAZZLE**

**APRIL 17, 2023**

 CLEBURNE CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration open  
March 13-31, 2023 via  
4-H Online



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Check with your CEA  
for their registration  
dates & deadlines

# MEET YOUR COWORKERS

## JEROD MEURER

**1. What is your official job title?**

a. County Extension Agent for Natural Resources

**2. How long have you been in Extension?**

a. 10 Years

**3. What is your biggest program?**

a. Biggest youth program we host is the Summer Wildlife Camp

**4. What is your most favorite program?**

a. My favorite program is Kids, Cows, & More

**5. Where did you go to college?**

a. 2 years at Blinn Junior College, then received my undergraduate degree from Texas A&M, then received my master's degree from Texas A&M Kingsville

**6. What is your degree(s) in?**

a. Undergraduate degree is in Animal Science & masters degree is in Agriculture Sciences

**7. Who makes up your immediate family?**

a. My immediate family is my wife Tyler, 14 yr old son Caiden, 7yr old daughter Brighton, & 3 yr old daughter Brexley

**8. What are you most passionate about?**

a. I would have to say my passion lies in the youth livestock projects and I enjoy working with all the families at the shows and at camps/workshops preparing for the shows

**9. Are you an early bird or a night owl?**

a. Early Bird

**10. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

a. When I was a kid I always wanted to be a veterinarian

**11. What is the most fun part of your job?**

a. For me the most fun part of my job is working with youth and teaching them about agriculture. So many of our youth do not know enough about agriculture so all the educational programs and events we do to teach them about it and when you see that light bulb go off with the connection to their everyday life and agriculture, that is what I enjoy about this job.



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# MEET YOUR COWORKERS

MIKE MCBRIDE



1. **What is your official job title?**
  - a. County Extension Agent, FCH
2. **How long have you been in Extension**
  - a. 4.5 years as a Program Assistant in Montgomery County and 1 year as the Agent in Leon County.
3. **What is your biggest program?**
  - a. Master of Memory has had the largest number of students.
4. **What is your most favorite program?**
  - a. Stress Less with Mindfulness
5. **Where did you go to college?**
  - a. UT El Paso and Denver Seminary
6. **What is your degree(s) in?**
  - a. Bachelor of Business Administration and MA in Counseling
7. **Who makes up your immediate family?**
  - a. I am single
8. **What are you most passionate about?**
  - a. My faith in God
9. **Are you an early bird or a night owl?**
  - a. Early bird
10. **When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**
  - a. An Army officer
11. **What is the most fun part of your job?**
  - a. Meeting new people. No two days are the same

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# MEET YOUR COWORKERS

## CHELSEA DORWARD

**1. What is your official job title?**

a. Bosque County - Agriculture & Natural Resources Agent

**2. How long have you been in Extension?**

a. Just over 14 years.

**3. What is your biggest program?**

a. Since moving to Bosque County in 2014, I have worked a lot in wildlife. I have an active Wildlife Committee locally and have been on the regional and state wildlife committees. Locally we try to have programs focused towards the wildlife enthusiasts and high fence places and incorporate demonstration plots.

**4. What is your most favorite program?**

a. The most rewarding and the most challenging, we can all agree, is 4-H. Watching, teaching, and helping guide the youth as they develop leadership skills, responsibility, and advance within their projects is rewarding. Challenging at times, but very rewarding.

**5. Where did you go to college?**

a. I received both my degrees from Oklahoma State University (Go Pokes!)

**6. What is your degree(s) in?**

a. My BS is in Animal Science - Ranch Operations, my MS is in Environmental Sciences with a focus on Nutrient Management.

**7. Who makes up your immediate family?**

a. My husband Russell and three kiddos - Rance (age 8), Camie (age 6) and Davis (age 2)

**8. What are you most passionate about?**

a. My faith and my family.

**9. Are you an early bird or a night owl?**

a. Neither! I used to be a night owl, but my husband and kids are very early birds, so I am up early and we're to bed early.

**10. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

a. A physical therapist

**11. What is the most fun part of your job?**

a. That no two days are ever the same and we work with all genres. We can be creative and silly with the youth and still have quality programming for adults.



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**WHAT IS....**  
*Photography*

**4-H PROJECT INFO**

Camera time! In the 4-H photography project you will learn to use cameras, lighting, and other photography equipment to get great shots. You'll learn to review and evaluate photos for quality and appearance. You will learn about techniques in editing and developing photographs for display, competition, or personal enjoyment.

**Skills Learned:**

- Responsibility
- Communication
- Tell a story with your photos
- Take photos using a tripod
- Utilizing different lighting
- Using shutter speeds
- Capturing a moment
- Elements of Design


**Project Learning Opportunities**

- Learn through workshops
- Learn through project meetings
- Learn through industry professionals
- Learn through YouTube tutorials
- Learn through practice
- Learn through contests

**Optional Contest Opportunities**

- County, District, and State Photography Contests
- Local County Fairs
- Photography Judging

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The District Photography Contest is quickly arriving. Do your students need a little more help with their photography project? Reach out to a State Photography Ambassador to come lead a workshop!

This Explore Guide is another helpful tool!  
[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/explore\\_book\\_series\\_photography.pdf](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/explore_book_series_photography.pdf)

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