



Press Release

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Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo Cancellation

Amidst the threat of COVID-19, and to be consistent with orders from the Governor of the State of Texas, which are based upon recommendations of the CDC and the President of the United States, Chambers County Judge Jimmy Sylvia has cancelled the yearly, county-sponsored Chambers County Youth Livestock Show and Ranch Rodeo (CCYLSRR).

Rather than meet in person, the CCYLSRR is planning on conducting an online auction. This will allow the students who have worked hard all year to recoup something during this crisis. The County will be encouraging community members to participate in the auction to help the students. At this time, the date of the auction has not been set, but details will be forthcoming.

Sylvia originally felt that postponing the event would be the safest measure to take, but as the COVID-19 crisis has unfolded, things have drastically changed. "The COVID-19 threat is a very fluid situation. A few weeks ago we thought the crisis may be over by April when the President released '15 Days to Slow the Spread'," stated Sylvia. "Now we are being told this may last much longer than originally anticipated," he added.

Health Department Director, Mary Beth Bess, and Local Health Authority, Dr. William C. Brown, agree that life returning to "normal" may not be as close as we all originally thought. "Protective measures may be in place for quite some time to come. Predicting what that may look like is difficult at this time," stated Health Department Director Mary Beth Bess. "Protecting our community and you is the number one priority of local officials in Chambers County," she added.

Judge Jimmy Sylvia added, "This is an international crisis. COVID-19 respects no person and has no boundaries. We have to take measures to protect everyone, so that one day we can all return to life as normal and enjoy this wonderful community together."

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