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The official Hidalgo County 4-H newsletter for members and leaders

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Texas 4-H Connect 2012 - 2013

4-H Year Enrollment!

Remember that starting November 1, 2012, the 4-H Connect Registration Fee will be \$25, so for those of you who have not re-enrolled/enrolled, please do so! All profiles were changed to INACTIVE on August 15th and you will be required to re-enroll for the 2012-2013, 4-H Year. All existing profiles (youth and adults) must be updated.

Please remember that all 4-H members must be officially enrolled in an "active" status on 4-H Connect to be considered an official 4-H member. It is very important that each 4-H member update their profile with the most current information.

Please be prepared to process payment through 4-H Connect with re-enrolling/enrolling your family profile.

IMPORTANT!

4-H Volunteer Enrollment Information

All volunteers must also enroll annually by creating or reactivating their profile in the 4-H CONNECT online management system. The volunteer must enroll as a 4-H volunteer every year. Enrollment and an active profile is required for any volunteer to register for an event in 4-H CONNECT.

Please note that you no longer need to submit the 4-H Volunteer Background Check form. Simply coordinate with the County Extension Office on the \$10 payment for screening or mail-in your check made payable to 4-H Project Account to this address: 410 North 13th Avenue/Edinburg, Texas 78541 or bring it by the Extension Office to Mary Patlan. The pending status on 4-H Connect will change automatically, as soon as it is approved from the State 4-H Office.





2013 County Food Show & Food Challenge

Sunday, October 28, 2012

Travis Elementary • 1200 South 21st Avenue • Edinburg, Texas

Healthy Hearts •

Healthy Hands •

Healthy Food







Please pay at the Extension Office, prior to event. (Checks should be made payable to FCS Committee.)



District Food Show Information

Only Top Winners will advance to District 12 Contest.

Date: December 8, 2012- Laredo, Texas

Registration: Open on 4-H Connect, starting 11/01/2012—11/20/2012.

 Please remember to select a recipe that will withstand the travel to Laredo, if you advance to the District Contest.

Persons with special needs are requested to call 1(800)638-8239, in advance, so these may be addressed.

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Numbers are in from the Paper Clover Promotion...

We are pleased to announce that this was the most successful fall promotion to date bringing in a total of \$498,721! This would not be possible without all of your dedication and hard work with the team members at local Tractor Supply Companies as well as Del's stores.

This year's spring and fall Paper Clover promotions have brought in, over the course of 24 days, a total of \$1,021,558 to support 4-H youth programs! Be sure to stop by your TSC or Del's store to tell them how meaningful this support is to your 4-H program.

The top 5 states with the highest number of transactions in their store to include a Paper Clover purchase are:

1.	Texas	\$64,961
2.	Michigan	\$36,347
3.	Ohio	\$34,627
4.	New York	\$33,919
5.	Pennsylvania	\$28,631

If you would like to see how much each store raised, look for our state reports that will be posted at the TSC/4-H mini-site.

Celebrating 2012 National 4-H



Proclamation "Celebrating National 4-H Week" at City of San Juan - (Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Hediberto "Eddie" Suarez, Mayor Pro-Tem Armando Garza, Jr., Mayor San Juanita Sanchez, Faith Morales, Shelby Thompson, Trey Morales, Marlo Morales and Mayolanda Morales, Commissioner Bob Garza, and Commissioner Luis Ramos.)

Cameron County Extension Office 1390 West Expressway 83 San Benito, Texas 78586 Office: (956)361-8236\ Fax: (956)361-8289



4-H Beef, Lamb & Goat Project Clinic

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Saturday, October 27, 2012
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds
Steer Arena

The presenters for this event are Kenton Kirkpatrick and Phillip Throckmorton, with event sponsored by Cameron County 4-H and Hidalgo County 4-H.

Registration: 8:30 a.m. — Lamb and Goat Presentation: 9:00 a.m. Beef Presentation: 10:30 a.m.

Please see attached flier.

Veterinary Science Classes

November 6, 2012 (Edinburg) November 20, 2012 (Weslaco)

Veterinary Science Program — Classes are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at <u>6:30 p.m.</u> Please be sure to read your emails for updates. **Note:** <u>The</u> Program is not taking new students at this time.

<u>Gail Weigel Ortiz</u> will be available to you, via email, at gailweigelortiz@msn.com or at (956)463-1373.



Arlina Ramos at (956)534-0750 or at arlinaramos@gmail.com

Christina Perez at (956)383-1026, or email at christina.perez@ag.tamu.edu



Adult Leader & Parent Association

Adult Leader & Parent Association (ALPA) will be held <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 27</u>, <u>2012 at 6:30 p.m</u>. at the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service Office. Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of each month.

County 4-H Council Meeting

The County 4-H Council meeting will be held <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 27</u>, <u>2012 at 6:30 p.m</u>. at the Texas A & M AgriLife Extension Service Office. Please be there for our special guest speakers throughout the year. Meetings are held every 4th Tuesday of each month.

4-H Ambassador Meeting

The next 4-H Ambassador meeting will be held <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 11</u>, <u>2012</u>, from <u>4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</u>, at the Extension Office (Large Meeting Room).









2013 4-H Youth In Action Award

National 4-H Council is now accepting applications for the annual Youth in Action Award, to be presented at the 4-H Legacy Awards Gala in New York City on April 18, 2013! This Award recognizes an outstanding young person from your 4-H Program who is realizing 4-H's vision for youth driving positive change in their communities. The 4-H Youth in Action Award is open to 4-H members and recent alumni. ages 16-21.

Applicants should have led a project, service or event that:

Identified a problem in their community; • Included 4-H as part of the solution, and, • Made an impact in resolving the issue.

Application Requirements:

In a 3 minute or less video, the nominee should address the following questions/statements: Note: (File size should not exceed 50MB or 3

- · What problem or global issue did your community face?
- What was the solution to the problem or global issue, and how was 4-H involved?
- What impact did the resolution have on your community?
- How has 4-H impacted your life?

Describe any adversities or challenges that your 4-H experience has helped you overcome.

How to Apply: Please download 2013 Youth In Action Award Guidelines for complete details.

Application Deadline: Online applications must be submitted by Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Questions regarding the application process will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. ET, November 1, 2012. Please download 2013 Youth In Action Award Guidelines for complete award information and application rules.

Questions? We're happy to help! Please email Jennifer Bellamy at jbellamy@fourhcouncil.edu for any assistance.

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Updates & Approaching Deadlines

Reminders on upcoming Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program Events and Important Dates, which are updated regularly:

4-H Shooting Sports Rifle, Pistol, & Archery Postal Leagues: Registration closes November 4, 2012 on 4-H Connect. New detailed instructions for each specific event will be posted this week on our website.

Mark your calendars!

- 2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports Games-Archery & Shotgun Events: July 15-20, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas.
- 2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports Games-Hunting & Wildlife, Muzzleloading, Pistol, & Rifle Events: July 22-27, 2013 in Callahan County, Texas.

Registration for ALL State Games Events will be open May 1, 2013 -June 16, 2013 on 4-H Connect and completed by the individual (not the coach as done in recent years past).

Further Information: Laci Chapman/(979)845-1214 or for detailed event information go to the following website at: http://texas4h.tamu.edu/natural



Swine Validation

November 20, 2012





Swine validation will take place at the Edinburg Ag Farm on Schunior Road (just West of Bus Barn), from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Kendall Classic Steer Show

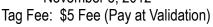


November 10, 2012 Kendall County Fairgrounds Highway A6 East/Boerne, Texas

Please see attached flyer further information/registration.

Commercial Heifer Validation

November 3, 2012





Mark Your Calendars!

Animal registration form can be found on the Mercedes Livestock Show website and turned in during validations, which are scheduled from 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m., at the Rio Grande Valley Show Grounds/Mercedes/Texas 78570.

Texas 4-H Holiday Tree Ornament Collection November 20, 2012

The State 4-H Office has a new tree and is looking into decorating

it with 4-H ornaments Each 4-H club and/or a unique holiday ornaon the tree highlighting your 4-H club, county Ornament(s) group. chased and customtion of your county. ments have a secure



from across Texas! county is invited to mail ment that can be placed something special about program, or project can be handmade, purized, or be a representa-Please make sure ornaway to hang on a tree.

with a small (readable) tag stating the name of the club/county donating it. The tree will be decorated the last week of November: therefore, please ship your ornament to the Texas 4-H Office, c/o Ornament Collection, 4180 State Hwy 6 South, College Station, Texas 77845 by November 20, 2012.

Once all the ornaments are on the tree, photos will be published on the Texas 4-H website as well as feature some of the more unique one's in the December Texas 4-H Standard newsletter. Toby Lepley, t-lepley@tamu.edu





Farmers Market

November 3, 2012



Harvest Season Opening! 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. McAllen—Fireman's Park Corner of 1st Street & Business 83 McAllen, Texas



Please see the attached 2012—2013 Farmers Market Schedule.

Contact Information: Extension Office Barbara Storz, CEA—Horticulture Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service 410 N.13th Ave./Edinburg, Texas 78541 Phone: (956)383-1026



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Duval Classic Prospect Show

Steer, Heifer, Lamb & Goat Shows November 10th & 11th, 2012 Benavides FFA Farm (Located off of Highway 2295, Next to Benavides High School)

Please see Attachment for Schedule of Events and (2012 DUVAL CLASSIC ENTRY CARD).





San Antonio International Farm & Ranch Livestock Clinic

"Educating Youth on Livestock Topics"

November 10, 2012 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The San Antonio International Farm & Ranch Show and Bexar County A&M AgriLife Extension would like to invite you to the Livestock Clinic held at the San Antonio Freeman Coliseum (3201 East Houston Street/San Antonio). **Dwight Sexton, Brad Roeder, Todd Swift,** and **Chuck Real** are the guest speakers for this event. Topics to be covered include health management, feed and nutrition, grooming for show, showmanship, and project selection. The Clinic is open to all 4-H and FFA members.

Contact Information: Cheree' Leita at (210)467-6575 or Fax: 210/930-1753

Please see attached flyer!





Bobcat Showdown

November 17, 2012

Edinburg Ag Farm/1015 East Schunior, Edinburg

This event will give you an opportunity to exhibit animals and gain that valuable experience for future events such as the "S.T.A.R." and the RGVLS. Buckles, ribbons, and other prizes will be awarded to qualifying participants and their livestock.

Please see attached Bobcat Showdown Entry Form 2012.

Sponsored By: Edinburg FFA Booster Club & Edinburg FFA Chapter



Entry Fee Deadline: Post Marked by November 9, 2012

(<u>Late Entries:</u> \$5 Additional Fee/Cash Only)

Entry Fees: Cattle - \$25 Per Head Goats & Lambs - \$20 Per Head Showmanship: \$5 Pay at Gate



Mail Entries To: Edinburg FFA Booster Club (Gloria Salinas/P.O. Box 797/La Blanca Texas 78558

Please Make Checks Payable To: Edinburg FFA Booster Club







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2nd Annual 2012 District 12, 4-H Dog Project Clinic

December 1, 2012 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds Mercedes, Texas

Registration: Registration available at http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/dogproject/4-h-dog-clinic-registration/ and will be <a href="https://open.gogpe

The registration will include the following process:

- © Online registration http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/dogproject/4-h-dog-clinic-registration/
- You will receive a confirmation email
- Attach copies of your vaccination records and rabies certificate
- Mail your confirmapayment to the adon the invoice.



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Please visit http://d124-h.tamu.edu/events/dogproject/ for agenda and letter.

Club Manager's Meeting Wednesday December 5, 2012 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Texas A & M University of Kingsville Citrus Center

312 North International Boulevard, Weslaco, Texas Please RSVP with Mary Patlan by November 30, 2012.

Dinner will be provided!



Cowboy Classic Belt Buckle Blowout



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2012

RGV Livestock Show Grounds in Mercedes, Texas Steer, Heifer, Lamb and Goat Shows (8 head =Breed)

Please see attachment for Entry Card Registration.



Registration is not complete until payment is received.

2013 San Antonio Livestock Show Food Challenge

The 4-H Food Challenge will be conducted at the San Antonio Live-stock Show! The contest is set for Saturday, February 16, 2013 and is open to all senior-aged 4-H and FFA members. The 4-H Food Challenge guidelines will be followed, with the exception that for this contest youth will participate as individuals (not teams). **Entry deadline is**

2013 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational

June 13, 2013

The 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational will provide youth the opportunity to participate in a competitive event and utilize the knowledge and skills gained through participation in 4-H healthy lifestyles programs. Youth will be provided an additional opportunity to participate in Texas 4-H Roundup.

This contest is scheduled during Texas 4-H Roundup and is open to intermediate and senior 4-H members who can participate either as an individual or on a team. Pre-qualification is not required to participate.

Information and resources (Contest Packet) for the 2013 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational Contest are available online at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles/









2013 Texas 4-H Photography Contest Rules & Guidelines

The Photography Contest rules and guidelines are available at (http:texas4-h.tamu.edu). Contests includes 15 categories, and an increase in the award money presented to each Best of Show entry.

Some other highlights/changes to the 2013 contest include:

Theme category is "Holiday Season in Texas." This theme allows 4-H members to take photos of any holiday from January 1, 2012 to time of entry. The Holiday theme should have photographs depicting a Texas theme/flare or western heritage. Photographs can include nature, land-scape, people, animals (domestic and wildlife), as long as the subject of the photo is clearly related to a holiday with a Texas/Western basis.

New Photography Activity Resource Pages

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program release three photography activity pieces that can be used in introducing and promoting the 4-H photography project. Activity sheets are categorized in beginning, intermediate, and advanced and are designed to engage 4-H and non-4-H members, to think about careers, education, and opportunities within the photography project. The activity sheets are available online at the Texas 4-H Photography website (http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_photography) or call (979)845-1212.



The Texas School Safety Center is seeking high school students with a passion for tobacco prevention and environmental change to represent their Senate District at the **2013 Texas Youth Summit on January 13-16, 2013**. Two delegates will be selected from every district to represent their peers as they are engaged in the legislative process through education and advocacy.

At the Texas Youth Summit, Delegates will hear from experts in the areas of clean indoor air, tobacco product taxation and the importance of prevention programs. They will take the information they learn into small group settings where they will craft language for environmental prevention

strategies to be delivered to their Senator and Representative during our Capitol Day visits at the end of the Summit.

For more information about Delegate eligibility, or to download the application, please visit www.texasyouthsummit.com



Rio Grade Valley Livestock Show Show Grounds in Mercedes, Texas March 8—17, 2013



Entry Deadline:

Only 4-H club managers may submit entries. All entries will be submitted online. The link to register will become available on the RGVLS website soon. Deadlines are <u>January 15, 2013</u> for market animals (rabbits, chickens, steers, lambs, hogs and goats), photography, horticulture, and shop, and <u>February 15, 2013</u> for jr. breeding animals.

Market Poultry

The deadline for ordering market poultry for the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show is <u>December 3, 2012</u>. Submit your orders to the Extension Office (Christina Perez).

Rabbits

If you are interested in showing rabbits contact your club manager so your order can be placed. Remember your rabbits must be no more than 70 days old by the time of show.

Cheryl Imel/Livestock Secretary at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show/Phone: (956)565-2456 or Fax: (956)565-3005, or www.rgvls.com. Facebook at: http://www.face book.com/RGVLS

2012—2013 Texas Major Shows

SHOW DATES	STOCK SHOW	WEBSITE
09/28/2012- 10/21/2012	State Fair of Texas (Dallas)	http://www.bigtex.com/sft/
01/18/2013-02/9/2013	Ft. Worth Livestock Show & Rodeo	http://www.fwssr.com/
02/7-24/2013	San Antonio Livestock Exposition	http://www.sarodeo.com/
02/09-24/2013	San Angelo Stockshow & Rodeo	http://www.sanangelorodeo.com/
02/25/2013-3/17/2013	Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo	http://www.rodeohouston.com/
02/27/2013— 3/02/3013	South Texas Agricultural Round-Up (STAR)	http://www.gostar.org/
03/8-17/2013	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show	http://www.rgvlivestockshow.com/
03/8-23/2013	Star of Texas Livestock Show	http://www.rodeoaustin.com/





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One Day 4-H Project Linn - San Manuel 4-H Club

The Linn - San Manuel 4-H Club members prepared several meals including enchilada casseroles, chicken and broccoli casseroles, and chicken pot pies that were delivered the week-end of October 14th to the Comfort House in McAllen as their One Day 4-H Project this year. Club members also donated much needed items such as cleaning products, paper goods, and canned food.

The Comfort House is a Special Care Facility for patients in terminal stages of illnesses such as cancer, AIDS, heart disease, etc., who have a prognosis of 4 or less months of life. The facility is a nonprofit organization and it does not bill families for services provided.

Below, at the Comfort House were the donated items for the One Day 4-H and the October Month (Brewster School Halloween Candy donations.)



<u>Pictured from left to right:</u> Beth Quintanilla, Matthew Salinas, Ariana Cantu, Amanda Salinas, Elyssa Rodriguez, and Brianna Pena. (Lorissa D. Pena, Reporter/Linn - San Manuel 4-H Club)

One Day 4-H Project Hidalgo County Veterinary Science 4-H Club

On Saturday October 13, 2012, the Hidalgo County Vet Science 4-H Club held a pet supply drive in observance of One Day 4-H, benefitting Recycled Rovers & Friends, a NO KILL animal shelter that is located in Donna, Texas. The Club was able to collect over 100 pounds of dog food, doggie treats, bedding and toiletries for the rescued animals, and much more. Many thanks to the community for their wonderful help, and Legacy 4-H Club for their contribution to our project.

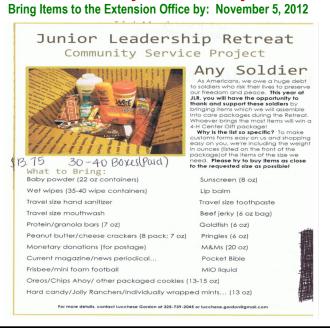


Valley West 4-H Club



Valley West 4-H Club Officers: Kaitlyn Ciomperlik (President), Charles Christopher Lee (Vice President), Daena Ciomperlik (Secretary), Clair Lee (Treasurer), Kelsey Andrade and Tony Rowland (Parliamentarians), Faith Ivey and Tyler Rowland (Reporters), and Daena Ciomperlik and Charles Christopher Lee (County Council)

County 4-H Council Community Service Project







Veterinary Science Class October 2, 2012



Dr. Floron C. Faries Jr., DVM, provided a lecture on Genetics to the Veterinary Science Class at the Weslaco Agrilife Extension Office. Dr. Faries developed the Veterinary Assistance Curriculum

> which is currently being taught to Hidalgo County 4-H members. The course is a five year course designed to provide participants with the skills to become Veterinary Assistants upon completion. Dr.

Faries travels thousands of miles each year to present educational programs and to work with high school and 4-H Clubs.

Veterinary Science Class October 16, 2012



Dr. Amanda Roge from Nolana Animal Hospital attends the Veterinary Science Class as a guest speaker to speak to the students about various topics including, rabies, aging animals, basic cat and dog breeds and much more.

National 4-H Week Palm Fest

The Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassadors did



















South Texas Agricultural Round up (STAR) February 27-March 2, 2013 Edinburg Municipal Park (DooLittle Rd)

Poultry deadline: <u>December 1, 2012</u>

If you are interested in showing chickens for STAR, please submit orders, along with payment, to Janice Dudley at the location (Texas Tops/810 E. Hwy 83 McAllen) (East of McColl, behind the Dairy Queen).

STAR Gala January 19, 2013

Raffle tickets will be ready for pick up with Janice Dudley by the end of next week.

Stock Show Entry Deadlines

Mark Your Calendars!

- Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo: Entry forms will be available on-line soon.

 Extension Office.
- Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo: Entry forms will be available on-line soon. Entry forms due November 26, 2012 at the Extension Office.
- Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Mercedes, Texas: Entry forms will be available on-line soon.
- San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo: Entry forms will be available on-line soon. Entry forms due November 26, 2012 at the Extension Office.
- San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo: Entry forms will be available on-line soon. Entry forms due at the Extension Office by November 26, 2012.
- STAR of Texas: Entry forms will be available on-line soon.
 Entry forms due at the Extension Office by November 26, 2012.

Enjoy this edition of the 4-H Times Newsletter, and please remember to make note of dates to meet all deadlines.

Sincerely,

Barbara Storz, County Extension Agent Horticulture

Barbara C. Story

Christina Perez, County Extension Agent 4-H & Youth Development

Christina Perez

Brad Cowan, County Extension Agent AG/Natural Resources

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Al Lopez, 4-H Youth Outreach Coordinator

Company Cattle

Adelita F. Muñoz, County Extension Agent Family Consumer Science

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