



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

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SPRINKLING KINDNESS IN FEBRUARY

All rallied out? Well same! Now on to our favorite time of year... Livestock Show Season! Trim those hooves, clip those projects, tidy up your artwork, practice your speeches, study your pedigrees and perfect your showmanship skills! Remember it all starts at home not on actual show day! Safe travels to all our families competing in San Antonio and Houston.

We have a new Facebook page please refer to end of the newsletter! Also join our Remind App Group for the latest 4-H Updates for details on how to join please refer to page 8.

We look forward to a busy year and encourage all of you to take advantage of all the opportunities at the County, District and State levels.

All the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agents here in Hidalgo County are here to help in any way with your projects, contests or information you may need, just give us a call at (956) 383-1026.

Thank you to all our parents and volunteers for helping our 4-Her's succeed!

Sincerely,

Hidalgo County Extension Agent Jeann Katarina Rodriguez, CEA-4-H; Dr. Andrea Valdez, CEA-FCH;

Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR; Joanne Ureste, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort

Coming Up

FEBRUARY

Feb 1-3 South Texas Agricultural Roundup Show; RGVLS Fairgrounds

Feb 1-21 D12 4-H Postal League Registration goes live on 4-HOnline till Feb. 21st

Feb 7 Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Meeting; 7pm, Extension Office

Feb 9-26 San Antonio Livestock Show

Feb 13 District 12 4-H Horse Judging Contest, San Antonio (TBA)

Feb 20 President's Day (Hidalgo County Extension Office Closed)

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Feb 21 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whizbang Registration goes live on 4-HOnline

Feb 27 District 12 4-H Photography, Fashion Sensation & Roundup Registration goes

live on 4-HOnline

Feb 28 Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ext. Office

Feb 28... Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Mar 1 District 12 4-H Postal League Shooting Period Begins till April 18th

Mar 4 RGVLS Covergirl Revue, RGVLS Event Center

Mar 9-19 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo; Mercedes, TX

Mar 14 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet, & Whizbang Registration closes

Mar 14 District 12 4-H Livestock Judging Registration goes live on 4-HOnline

Mar 21 D12 4-H Photography, Fashion Sensation & Roundup Registration close

Mar 21 District 12 4-H Rifle Match Registration goes live on 4-HOnline

Mar 25 District 12 4-H Trap, Skeet & Whizbang Contest (TBA)

Mar 28 Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications due by 5pm @ Ext. Office

Mar 28 Hidalgo County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Ex

Office

FEBRUARY HEART HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

What food makes your heart happy?



1 in every 4 people die of heart disease each year in the United States.



Your heart is the hardest working organ in your body





Hidalgo County 2022-2023 4-H Calendar of Events



** Dates & Locations are subject to change**

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	July 2022		August 2022	Se	ptember 2022
07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging	08/12	4-H Leadership Workshop	09/08	County Consumer Decision Making Workshop
07/13	Hidalgo County 4-H Ambassador Social	08/23	4-H Ambassador Meeting 6pm	09/10	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food Challenge)
07/16 - 07/20	Texas 4-H Roundup	08/23	4-H County Council Kick Off Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	09/17	Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
07/22	Hidalgo County Club Manager Training	08/25	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	Swine Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
	•	08/27	Achievement Night	09/27	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
		08/31	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows		
	October 2022	P	November 2022	D	ecember 2022
10/01 10/08	La Muneca Field Day One Day 4-H	11/02- 11/03	Path to the Plate Youth Expo	12/03	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 &
10/20	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	11/05	Commercial Heifer Validation	12/02	3D) Archery Match
10/20	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	11/09	County Horticulture Workshop	12/03	RGVLS Gala County Fashion Show
10/22	County Food Show/Food Challenge	11/12	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	-2/03	Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/22	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors 4-H Ambassador Meeting	11/13	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/06	County Council Christmas
10/25	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders	11/22	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/16-17	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show
	Meeting	11/22	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
	January 2023	1	February 2023		March 2023
TBD	S.T.A.R Gala 4-H Ambassador	02/01 02/04		03/01	District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
TBD	Meeting	02/09		03/21	District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
01/24	Gounty Gouncil Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	02/28	County Council Meeting/Adult	03/25	District 12 Shooting Sports - Trap Skeet &
	- Hidalgo County 4-H Rally (Photography, Fashion Show & Roundup)		Leaders Meeting	03/28	Whiz Bang County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
	April 2023		May 2023		June 2023
TBD	State Photography Deadline	05/06	County Record Book Workshop	06/07 - 06/08	County Record Books Due
04/01	District 12 Fashion Sensation District 12 Roundup	05/23	County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult	16/14 -	County Record Book
04/01	District 12 Kounaup District 12 Livestock		Leaders Meeting	06/15	Judging
04/13	Judging District 12 Shooting				
J-/ LE	Sports - Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match				
TBD	4-H Ambassador Meeting				
04/25	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting				

*Please refer to Monthly Newsletter for details on upcoming events at: https://hidalgo.agriife.org/4-h-youth-development/4-h-times-newsletters/



Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-Hidalgo County 2022-2023

The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year! We believe in 4-H when you possess light within, you see it externally. That is why our theme for this year is

"Illuminate Your 4-H Story"

We invite all 4-Her's and their parents to join us this year at our County Council Meetings and Adult Advisory Board Meetings to learn about new 4-H opportunities, plan or lead new events, and have fun!

See you on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 for the County Council and Adult Leaders Meeting!











Brush Country 4-H

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Club News

This month our members have been busy with prospect shows, Hidalgo County 4-H Rally and recovering from the RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show. Tessa and Victoria have been on a prospect show winning streak with their Beefmaster Heifers. From winning Breed Champion and Overall Supreme Champion to top of Showmanship Classes. At the RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show the Brush Country 4-H Club took the Chapter Sweepstakes Awards. Many of our member had to harvest, clean, study and most importantly have fun during this contest. As a club we would like to thank All farmers, adult leaders & event coordinators who were fundamental in this contest.







South Texas Attitude 4-H

The News

By: Jason

This month the South Texas Attitude 4-H Club Members requested to do a hands on educational activity at the Monza Chocolate Factory. This was overall a fun activity for the following members: Micaela, Gael and Isa Bella. We also had the following members compete in the 2022-2023 Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Contest: Johnny, Micaela, and Jason. Our members received an array of Top Winner and Blue Ribbon Awards with Johnny Ledezma receiving Best Overall Photo with his Water Fall picture.













This month our members hosted a community service project of making homemade casseroles for our local Linn-San Manuel Fire Department and for local Community Members. We also had a rabbit showmanship clinic hosted by Mrs. Enrika Hinojosa! Lastly we also worked hard on improving our sewing skills with our Duds to Dazzle Teams prior to them competing in the Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle Contest.





Town & Country 4-H

By: Jonas

This month our members not only prepared but competed in the 2022-2023
Hidalgo County 4-H Rally Contest. Danielle Luna prepped for fashion show
by taking on a community service project with the Edinburg CPS Rainbow
Room. We also had Sailor, Megan and Danielle represent Town & Country in
the Hidalgo County Fashion Show. Lastly our shooting sports members
Sebastián Coronado, Jaime Xavier, Javier Xander & Jonas Xandro Martinez
help with pulling and scoring as Community Service at the 11th Annual
Hector Diaz Hidalgo Starr A&M Skeet Shoot!















6 P.M. FEBRUARY 7, 2023

HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



DEADLINE REMINDER



4-H NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 24



Submissions can be sent to katarina.rodriguez@agnet.tamu.edu

Hidalgo County 4-H County Council Q&A



HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICER?

- Need to be an enrolled member and have attended 4 meetings prior to the election
- Must be at least 12 years of age and/or an incoming 7th grader for the upcoming 4-H year (August)

HOW TO BECOME A VOTING DELEGATE?

Need to be an enrolled member and have attended 3 meetings prior to the election

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO RUN?

Ms. Kathy has a list and checks it twice, call the office or email: katarina.rodriguez@ag.tamu.edu and ask if you are eligible anytime before elections

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO FOR NOW?

- . ALWAYS SIGN IN AT MEETINGS
- Make sure your name is legible for Ms. Kathy to read
- Attend as many meetings as you can
- . HAVE FUN WHEN JOINING US!!!!!



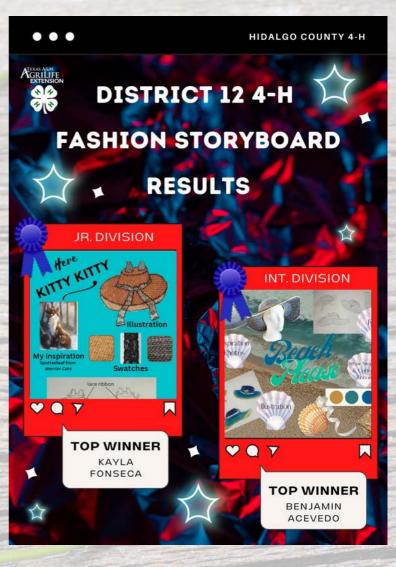




\$30 Deadline to Order Tags will be April 3, 2023

We are now accepting tag orders! To place an order please come in person to the Hidalgo County **Extension Office with** payment







Smallbore Rifle

- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Princigles (v2021), Texas 4-H Smallbore 3-P Rules (v2019) & NRA Smallbore Rifle Rules (v 11/6) 50ft 3-Position Format w/ Orion 12-Bull Target (provided) 3-P for Senions Intermediates, 1-P for Juniors Senior, Intermediate, 8-Junior Divisions Team & Individual Awards

- District 12 4-H Smallbore Pistol Rules (v2021), Texas 4-H Pistol Rules (v2014) & NRA Int'll Pistol Rules 15yd 3-Stage Format (Slow, Timed, Rapid) w NRA B-8 Pistol Targets (provided)
- Senior, Intermediate, & Junior Divisions
 Individual Awards

- District 12.4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Principles (v2021). Texas 4-H Shotjun Rules (v2014), & ATANSSA Rules 2 Events: Trap & Sixest (no combined HOA) Senior. Intermediate, & Junior Divisions Individual Awards



- District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Guiding Phinoipies (v2021)
 18m Indoor FITA Match Format (10 ends of 3), 9m for 1stYJ
 Target flores provided (1 per archer)
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Registration Period: February 1-21, 2023

Match Period: March 1 - April 18, 2023

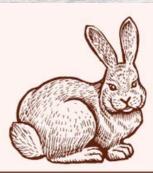
For complete

Rules, Guidelines & **Match Information**

http://d124-h.tamu.edu

If you need any type of accommodation to particip rticipate in this program or have questions abou Luis Saldana at 956-968-5581 by March 1, 2023. ut the physical access provided, please contact

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RGVLS RABBIT VALIDATION

Rescheduled –

FEBRUARY 25TH

Possession date for Market Rabbits is February 15, 2023.

District 1244 INFORMATION

Don't forget to check the District 12 website for events and deadline updates!

For all District 12 4-H Contest and registration information go to:

https://agrilife.org/d124h/





paquin Tamez from 4 Winds 4-H and his many awards from our 2022-2023 Rally Contest

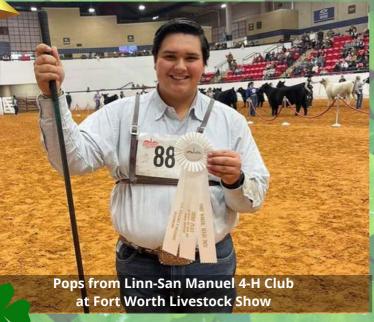


Recreation at the January County Council Meeting
led by Wyatt Robbins



Brush Country 4-H at their January Park Clean up







Davin Pena from Brush Country 4-H during Share the Fun Vocal category



Danielle Luna from Town & Country with her Fashion Show Garment from Rally



The Humphreys at 100 Kids with their Reserve Division Champion Market Goat







Gabriela Ramirez from Linn-San Manuel 4-H in her Fashion Show garment



Some or our Hidalgo County Council Officers at 100 Kids



Codie Hill and Mia Ramirez from Linn-San Manuel 4-H after 2022-2023 Hidalgo County Rally Contest

















TEXAS 4-H LANDSCAPE

JUNE 5, 2023

College Station, TX

Hosted by the Texas A&M University Horticulture Department

- Enhance 4-H members landscape design knowledge
- Promote professionalism to 4-H students by simulating a real-life interaction landcape professionals
- Expose 4-H members to career opportunities in horticulture related fields
- Highlight a degree in a horticultural related field





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CONTEST INFORMATION

https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/horticulture

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENER

Virtual Training

February 21-22, 2023







2023 1111111111 4-H DAY At the Capitol

Event Details:

Thursday, March 29, 2023 - Texas Capitol - Austin, TX I Start Time: 8:30am - Estimated End Tim Event limited to first 250 youth/50 adults (registration is non-refundable)

Registration Information:

n (noon) on February 1, 2023 and will close on February 8, 2023 (or until registration is full)

Cost per participant: \$40.00 (includes lunch and a t-shirt)

The Texas 4–H Youth Development Program will once again host 4–H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4–H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Since this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the Capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited.

- Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:

 This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4–H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4–H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The Capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4–H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4–H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual closed toed shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.











HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE











To all our 4-H parents and volunteers for your time and hardwork helping our 4-Her's!



CALL FOR PHOTOS!

SEND IN YOUR ACTION 4-H PHOTOS TO BE IN THE 4-H TIMES NEWSLETTER TO ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

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