



# 4-H TIMES



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

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## "SEA YOU LATER SUMMER"

Wow as one door closes another opens, looks like it's the 2023-2024 4-H Program Year! We are so excited to bring forth new opportunity to our youth and adults! On behalf of the newly elected County Council Officers we cannot wait to see many of y'all at our upcoming Leadership Workshop. Also parents don't think we forgot about y'all! There's a free upcoming workshop just for you guys as well, it'll be on August 11, 2023.

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 Team*

Katarina Rodriguez, CEA-4-H; Dr. Andrea Valdez, CEA-FCH;  
Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR; Joanne Ureste, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort



# Coming Up

**AUGUST**

- Aug. 10 Hidalgo County 4-H Leadership Workshop; 8am, San Carlos Endowment Center
- Aug. 11 Hidalgo County 4-H 101 for Adults; 8:30 am, San Carlos Endowment
- Aug. 15 4-H New Program Year Enrollment goes Live on 4-HOnline
- Aug. 22 Hidalgo County Livestock Judging Workshop; 6pm Extension Office
- Aug. 22 Hidalgo County Council Kick Off & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Extension Office

- Sept. 9 Hidalgo County 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Workshop; Ext. Office
- Sept. 23 Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
- Sept. 26 Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop; 6pm Ext. Office
- Sept. 26 Hidalgo County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Extension Office

**SEPTEMBER**

**"Our memories of the ocean live on,  
long after our footprints are gone".**

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# Hidalgo County 2023-2024 4-H Calendar of Events

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**\*\* Dates & Locations are subject to change\*\***

<b>July 2023</b>		<b>August 2023</b>		<b>September 2023</b>	
07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging	08/10	4-H Leadership Workshop	09/09	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food Challenge)
07/9 - 07/14	State Games: Pistol and Rifle Match	08/22	Hidalgo County 4-H Livestock Judging Workshop	09/23	Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Hoedown
07/16 - 07/22	State Games: Archery Match	08/22	4-H County Council Kick Off Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Swine Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows
07/18 - 07/23	State Games: Shotgun Match	TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
TBD	Hidalgo County Club Manager Training	TBD	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
<b>October 2023</b>		<b>November 2023</b>		<b>December 2023</b>	
10/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest	11/01 - 11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo (KKM)	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
10/08	One Day 4-H	TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation	12/02	County Fashion Show Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	TBD	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/12	Storyboard Workshop
TBD	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/12	County Council Christmas
10/28	County Food Show/Food Challenge	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/15 - 12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
TBD	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	RGVLS Gala		
<b>January 2024</b>		<b>February 2024</b>		<b>March 2024</b>	
01/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	02/01 - 02/03	S.T.A.R (www.gostar.org)	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Postal League
01/25	Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging	02/08 - 02/25	San Antonio Livestock Show	TBD	District 12 Photography Contest (Virtual)
01/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show & Public Speaking	02/27	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports - Trap Skeet & Whiz Bang
01/27	Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun & Ed. Presentation	TBD	S.T.A.R Gala	03/07 - 03/17	RGVLS
01/29	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications go live			03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
				03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
<b>April 2024</b>		<b>May 2024</b>		<b>June 2024</b>	
04/02 - 04/04	Hidalgo County 4-H Award Interviews	TBD	Hidalgo County 4-H Achievement Night	06/05 - 06/06	County Record Books Due
TBD	State Photography Deadline	05/09	County Record Book Workshop	06/12 - 06/14	County Record Book Judging
TBD	District 12 Fashion Sensation	05/28	County Council Meeting Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Texas 4-H State Roundup
TBD	District 12 Roundup			TBD	District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
TBD	District 12 Livestock Judging			TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention
TBD	District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette) Match				
04/23	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)				

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





CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT

2023-2024

# Welcome to Hidalgo County 4-H 2023-2024

**The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-H year! We believe in 4-H when you move swiftly as the wind, closely-formed as the wood, attack like the fire and are still as the mountain this allows members to generate a mind that is open. Therefore this year's 4-H Theme is: "Capture your 4-H Element"**

**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 at our Leadership Workshop on August 10, 2023 !**





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## 2023-2024 County Council Monthly Meeting Schedule

**MORE MEETINGS! MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN!**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 (Council Officer Declarations)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024 (Council Officer Elections)**

All Meetings at  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office  
Hidalgo County  
7pm - 8pm

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

# COUNTY COUNCIL KICK-OFF PARTY



**CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT**

**AUGUST 22, 2023**  
**7 PM - 8 PM**  
**HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE**



# 2023-2024 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

## COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS



**President**



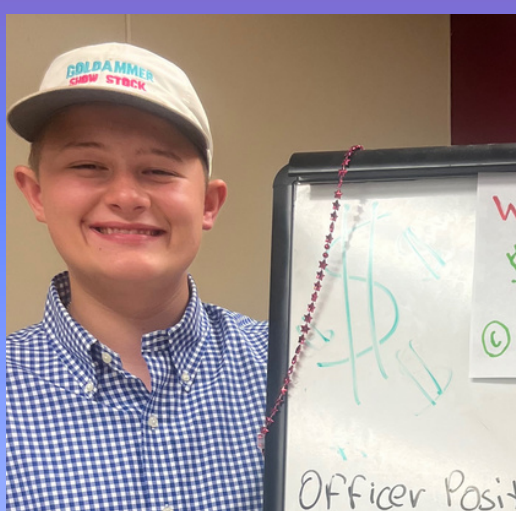
**1st Vice President**



**2nd Vice President**



**Secretary**



**Treasurer**



**Reporter**



**Parliamentarian**

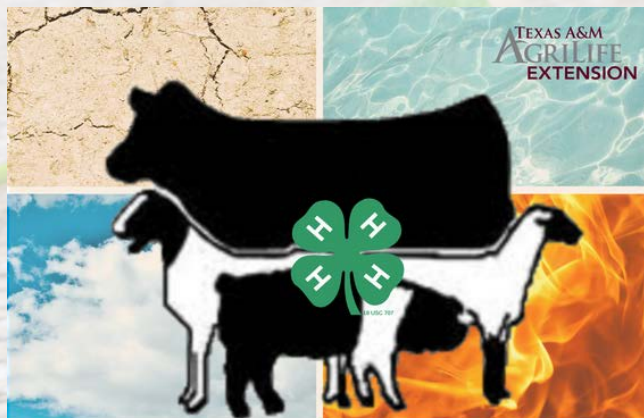


**Delegate**



**Delegate**





## HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKSHOP

AUGUST 22, 2023

HIDALGO COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE  
FROM 6PM - 7PM BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL KICK-OFF



TO REGISTER PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:  
[HTTPS://HIDALGO.AGRILIFE.ORG/LIVESTOCK-  
JUDGING-WORKSHOP/](https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/livestock-judging-workshop/)

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# HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

Presents the 2023-2024

# LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

## Capture Your 4-H Element

**FREE**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**AUGUST 10, 2023**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023**  
**ENDOWMENT COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**107 SUNFLOWER RD.**  
**EDINBURG, TEXAS 78542**  
**8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**LUNCH, T-SHIRT & GOODIE BAG PROVIDED**  
**OPEN TO ALL HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS**

### HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

2023-2024 MAJOR  
LIVESTOCK SHOW  
COMPETITIVE EVENTS



**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS**  
SHOW DATES: SEPT. 29 - OCT. 22  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
COOKING CONTEST  
4-H NATIONAL FOOD CHALLENGE  
YOUTH COOKING CONTEST  
CHILI CHALLENGE  
BIG TEX BBQ CHALLENGE  
BIG TEX "NO RULES" CHILI CONTEST

**FORT WORTH STOCK  
SHOW & RODEO**  
SHOW DATES: JAN. 12 - FEB. 3  
AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS  
ART CONTEST  
AG. ROBOTICS CHALLENGE  
BEEF CHALLENGE  
Calf Scramble  
EQUINE IQ CONTEST  
EQUINE PUBLIC SPEAKING  
CONTEST FWSSR FIDDLE  
SHOWDOWN  
FWSSR SHOOTING SPORTS  
DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING  
GOAT JUDGING  
HORSE JUDGING  
WILDLIFE  
FLORICULTURE  
MEAT JUDGING

**SAN ANGELO STOCK  
SHOW & RODEO**  
SHOW DATES: FEB. 1-18, 2024  
Calf Scramble  
CHAMPIONSHIP COOK OFF  
CONSUMER DECISION MAKING  
WILDLIFE JUDGING  
AG. MECHANICS  
ROBOTICS  
LIVESTOCK JUDGING  
MEAT JUDGING  
AG. PUBLIC SPEAKING  
WOOL JUDGING  
SHEEP & GOAT SKILLATHON  
FOOD CHALLENGE

**RODEO AUSTIN**  
SHOW DATES: MARCH 8-23, 24  
YOUTH ART SHOW  
ULTIMATE SCRAMBLE  
AGROBOTICS  
BBQ CONTEST



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## HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H 101 FOR ADULTS

THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO  
ALL HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H  
PARENTS, PROJECT LEADERS  
AND CLUB MANAGERS

**AUGUST 11, 2023**  
**FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.**

**Sessions Offered**

- ✓ Landscape Contest
- ✓ Wildlife & Fisheries
- ✓ 4-H Chartering 101
- ✓ Livestock Feeding Tips
- ✓ Fashion and Cotton

**San Carlos Endowment Center**  
107 Sunflower Rd.  
Edinburg, TX 78542

**Registration Link:**  
<https://hidalgo.agrilife.org/2023-2024-hidalgo-county-4-h-101-for-adults/>

More Information: Email Ms. Kathy at [katarina.rodriguez@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:katarina.rodriguez@ag.tamu.edu)



# Club Report:

## TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: JONAS MARTINEZ

For the month of July our Town & Country 4-H members enjoyed being a part of the 2023 Texas 4-H State Games. It was a four day event at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas.

One of our very own members: Javier Xandro Martinez placed 7th out of 147 trap shooters total.





## Member Feature:

# CODIE HILL

FROM THE LINN-SAN MANUEL 4-H CLUB

For the month of July Codie Hill has been traveling and exhibiting her heifers. Codie recently participated in the American Junior Simmental Association National Show in Des Moines, IA. She was awarded 3rd and 8th place with her Simbrah heifer, 4th overall Bred & Owned Simbrah Heifer, and placed 9th overall Junior in Public Speaking.





# District 12 4-H 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:

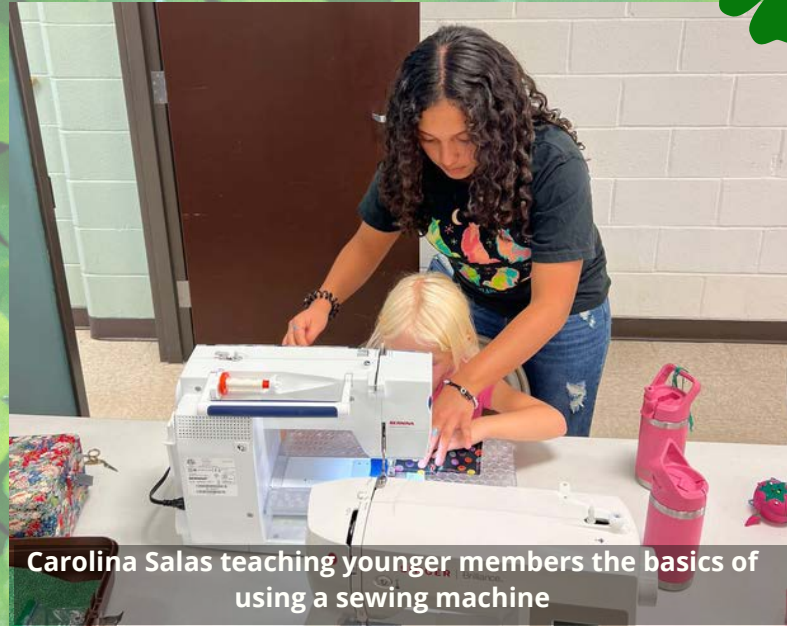
<https://agrillife.org/d124h/>



# 4-HER'S IN ACTION



Hailey McMillan from Brush Country 4-H at the State Games Archery Match



Carolina Salas teaching younger members the basics of using a sewing machine



Santiago Garza giving his re-election speech for JBBA Jr. Ambassador



Town & Country 4-H Member at State Games Shotgun Match



The Garza Family from Cactus Country 4-H at the JBBA National Show & Convention

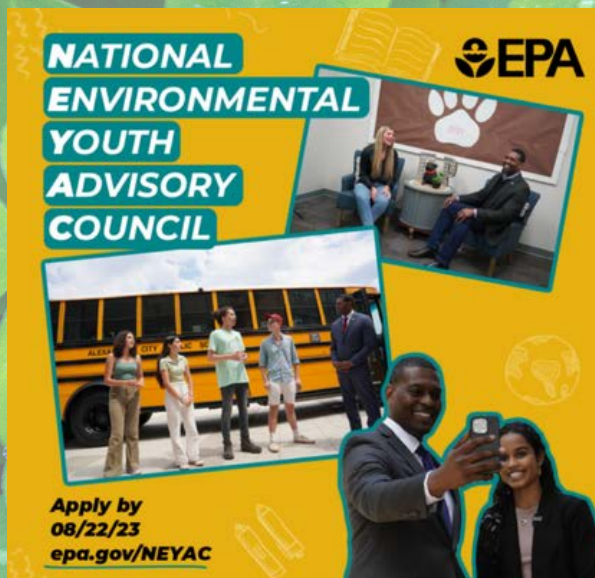




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**Need to stay up to date on 4-H Deadlines? Join our group on the Remind App.**

Send a Text to: 81010

Text the Message: @hc4had

**FIND YOUR SPARK**  
SPARK, IGNITE, THRIVE

**National 4-H Volunteer Conference**  
4-H: Find Your Spark  
September 28-October 1, 2023  
[www.4hvcoss.com/](http://www.4hvcoss.com/)  
Registration opens June 1

Fun Friendship New Ideas

Curriculum New Skills

**2nd ANNUAL JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION**

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 8

OVER \$25,000 IN PREMIUMS & \$20,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

OPEN TO TEXAS 4-H & FFA MEMBERS AGES 11 - 18

**OCTOBER 6 & 7, 2023**

FRIDAY 10/6 - ONSITE CHECK-IN (PRACTICE COURSE & SIDE GAMES OPEN)  
SATURDAY 10/7 - COMPETITION (CHECK-IN, PRACTICE COURSE & SIDE GAMES OPEN)  
SIDE GAMES & PRIZES FOR ADULTS & YOUTH COMPETITORS

DEFENDER OUTDOORS CLAY SPORTS RANCH - FORT WORTH TEXAS  
<https://www.fwssr.com/p/competitions--contests/fwssrshootingssports>

**Texas 4-H Youth Development Program**  
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📌 SAVE THE DATE 📌

🌿 4-H Day in Aggieland 🌿

🏈 Aggies vs. Abilene Christian  
Saturday, November 18th  
<https://www.12thmanfoundation.com/tickets/group-tickets/index.html>

#4HDayinAggieland #Texas4H #AggieFootball



**TEXAS SHEEP AND GOAT EXPO YOUTH PROGRAM**

Hands-on learning, focusing on SKILLATHON TOPICS, from industry experts including Dr. Shawn Ramsey, TAMU - Animal Science, Marty Vahlenkamp, CEA - Runnels County, Marty Gibbs, DEA - West Central District, and Whitney Whitsel, Extension Associate - Youth Sheep and Goat Program

Like our Facebook pages to stay up to date on registration and program information.

f Texas Sheep and Goat Expo  
f Texas Youth Sheep and Goat Program

**SAVE THE DATE**

AUGUST 19, 2023  
1ST COMMUNITY SPUR ARENA  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

**NEW!**

**PROFILE PHOTO**

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H FACEBOOK PAGE**

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# THANK YOU

**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  
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