



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

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"HAVE A FA-BOO-LOUS HALLOWEEN"

Better check the pantry for sugar, because our Hidalgo County 4–H Food Show and Food Challenge is soon approaching! Reminder registration closes on October 4th and then we'll also have the Hidalgo County 4–H Consumer Decision Making Contest on October 19th so brief up on the newest categories released by the State Office!

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 13.

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;

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



National 4-H Week! Oct. 1-La Muneca Field Day; 9am - 4pm La Muneca Cattle Co. Ranch Diamond Rattleback Prospect Show Oct. Hidalgo County 4-H Food Show & Food Challenge Contest; Morris Middle Oct. 14 School, Check-In at 9am **Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Invitational Contest**; 5:30pm Extension Office Heifer, Lamb and Goat Validation; 9am-1pm McAllen Ag. Farm District 12 4-H Shooting Sports Coach Cert. Training; Encino, Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop; 6pm Oct. 24 **Extension Office** Hidalgo County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Extension Office Oct. 24

- Nov. 11 District 12 4-H Food Show, Food Challenge and CDM Contest; Falfurrias, TX
- Nov. 18 Bobcat Showdown Prospect Show

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- Nov. 28 Hidalgo County 4-H Ag. Product ID Workshop; TBA
- Nov. 28 Hidalgo County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting; 7pm Extension Office

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I cannot accept not trying".

MICHAEL JORDAN



Hidalgo County 2023-2024 4-H Calendar of Events



** Dates & Locations are subject to change**

18 USC 707	Dates	G LUCA	tions are subject to o	liange	
	July 2023	August 2023		September 2023	
07/12	District 12 Record Book Judging	08/10	4-H Leadership Workshop	09/09	County Food Show/Food Challenge Workshop (Mandatory for Food
07/9- 07/14	State Games: Pistol and Rifle Match	08/22	Hidalgo County 4-H Livestock Judging Workshop	09/23	Challenge) 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 TBD	State Games: Shotgun Match Hidalgo County Club	TBD	Lamb & Goat Tag Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	Hidalgo County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop
	Manager Training	TBD	Heifer UIN Order Deadline for Major Shows	09/26	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting
(October 2023	N	ovember 2023	D	ecember 2023
0/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest	11/01- 11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo	12/02	District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) Archery Match
0/08	One Day 4-H	TBD	Commercial Heifer Validation	12/02	County Fashion Show
	County Food Show/Food Challenge County Consumer Decision	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/02	Workshop (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
0,15	Making Contest (Invitational)	11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/02	RGVLS Gala
0/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council
0/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28 11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders	12/15- 12/16	Christmas RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
0/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		Meeting	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
-	January 2024	E	ebruary 2024		March 2024
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)
	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 &	TBD	S.T.A.R Gala	03/07- 03/17	RGVLS
	Ed. Presentation Hidalgo County 4-H Award			03/20	Hidalgo County Award Applications Due
	Applications go live			03/26	County Council & Adult Leaders Meeting
	April 2024		May 2024		June 2024
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 TBD	State Photography Deadline District 12 Fashion	05/09	County Record Book Workshop	06/12 · 06/14	. County Record Book Judging
	Sensation	05/28	County Council Meeting		Texas 4-H State
TBD TBD	District 12 Roundup District 12 Livestock	1000-W08-1808	Officer Induction/Adult Leaders Meeting	TBD	Roundup
TBD	Judging District 12 Shooting Sports Rifle (3P & Silhouette)			TBD	District 12 4-H Leadership Lab
04/23	Match County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting (Election Con.)			TBD	District 12 4-H Election Convention

*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-H

CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT

2023-2024

2023-2024

The Hidalgo County Council Officers would like to welcome you to a new 4-Hyear! 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 October 24, 2023 County Council Meeting!





2023-2024
County Council
Monthly Meeting Schedule

MORE MEETINGS! MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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

Come Dressed in Your

HALLOWEEN COSTUME



We will be having a Costume Contest!

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

COUNTY COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING



CAPTURE YOUR 4-H ELEMENT

OCTOBER 24, 2023 7 PM- 8 PM HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE



Not the ideal way to say goodbye, but it is with a heavy heart that I announce I have resigned as the Hidalgo County 4-H & Youth Development Agent. I would like to foremost thank all of y'all for making this the most amazing experience possible. Not many of y'all know this but the 4-H Program found me way back in 2004 when my family and I had just lost my older brother to Leukemia and since has left an immense impact on my life. I am so unbelievably grateful to have had the opportunity to come back and serve a program that once found me at my worst and made me the person I am today. I will miss each and every one of you and please know this difficult decision is one I made with great consideration. My official last day is October 10th.

> With Lots of Love, Ms. Kathy Rodriguez



Club Report:

4 WINDS 4-H

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: CONNOR WEAVER

For the month of September our club focused on community service, guest speakers, and a kick off to the New 4-H Program year. We welcomed our guest speaker Ms. Alyssa Cerroni from the Yaqui Animal Rescue Center. She shared with us the great work they are doing for all animals at their shelter. Lastly a shoutout and thank you to our members for their trunk full of donations to the Yaqui Animal Rescue!









Club Report:

TOWN & COUNTRY 4-H

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: JAVIER XANDER MARTINEZ

For the month of September our Town & Country
Members took part in observance of 9/11 and
donated hot meals to the Mission Fire
Department Station #1. 9/11 will forever be a day
full of heartbreak and sorrow for many
Americans. We stand together and proclaim "to
never forget". We would like to thank our Local
Fire Department for their hard work, sacrifice and
dedication in keeping our community safe! Some
other things club members have done is donated
books to the Hidalgo County 4-H San Carlos
Endowment Center Little Library. and Members
donated essential items for One Day 4-H blessing
bags that will later be donated to local veterans.









Club Report:

SOUTH TEXAS ATTITUDE 4-H

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: JASON LEDEZMA

For the month of August our club went to the UTRGV Campus and explored the Planetarium where we got to watch an exciting movie about the planets. Then at our first club meeting in September we had Mr. John Martinez, a Sports Photographer/Portrait Studio Owner come in to talk to us about photography and the importance of photojournalism. He gave us alot of insight on the difference in picture styles and possible jobs available as a photographer.









4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES CERTIFICATION





REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2023! texas 4honline.com

MUST BE A REGISTERED 4-H VOLUNTEER TO BE A CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS COACH!

FULL DAY SATURDAY & 1/2 DAY SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2023 -\$150

FEE INCLUDES CERTIFICATION, SHIRT, CURRICULUM, MEALS AND

La Copa Rauch ENCINO, TX

DISCIPLINE TRAINING TO BE OFFERED (SELECT ONE)

Shotgun, Archery, Pistol or Rifle

- · Begins at 8:30 am Saturday
- Concludes at 12 PM Sunday
- · Classroom and range qualification included
- Certified Shooting Sports Coach's Polo Included

Program schedule, equipment needed for training, and Green Injection model login information to be emailed once registered

If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions, about the physical access provided please contact Grace Marshall at 956-968-5581.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in program and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of racc color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identify and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M agriLife.



TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST

Registration Closes: October 12, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.

TELEVISIONS

CATEGORIES

DENTAL CARE PRODUCTS

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DRESS

GROCERY MEATS (RETAIL CUTS)



OCT 19 5:30PM

HIDALGO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

410 North 13th Avenue Edinburg, Texas 78541



TO SIGN UP FOR THE UPCOMING CONTEST PLEASE SCAN THE QR
CODE OR HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE AT:
HTTPS://HIDALGO.AGRILIFE.ORG/CONSUMER-DECISIONMAKING/



Hidalgo County 4-H

presents

2023-2024

Food Show & Food Challenge
"COOKING
THROUGH THE
DECADES"

Saturday, October 14, 2023 Morris Middle School 1400 Trenton Rd., McAllen, Texas

Check in at 9 am (all participants)



Registration Deadline October 4, 2023 11:59 pm

Questions? Please call Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at 956-383-1026



ATEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION



HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H



RECORD BOOK

AND

HORTICULTURE

WORKSHOP

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP IS OCTOBER 23, 2023

OCT. 24, 2023

START AT 6:00 P.M.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION:
(956) 383-1026

HIDALGO COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE

410 NORTH 13TH AVENUE EDINBURG, TEXAS 78541

TO REGISTER SCAN OR CODE OR





Belt Buckle Blowout Awarding over 50+

DECEMBER 16, 2023

HEIFERS, LAMBS, GOATS
RGVLS SHOWGROUNDS - MERCEDES, TX

Entry Fee: \$40 per head Goat/Lamb/Heifer No Late Fees

Showmanship - \$10 @ gate (Exhibitor must be entered in show and show own animal.)

ANIMAL CHECK - IN: 8-9 AM for Heifers/Goat/Lamb SHOWMANSHIP TO BEGIN AT 9:30 AM w/ SHOW TO FOLLOW

Entry Fees and Showmanship Fee: Cash Only

FOR MORE INFO CALL:

Doug Denny 956-657-3189

Note: By submitting entry, I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to my child, myself and others involved with this activity, and I choose to voluntarily participate/allow my child to participate in said activity.







PO Box 81 - Linn, TX 78563 956-383-7565 (Office) Carlos 956-802-1641 - Victor 956-807-5515 Carlos Jt: 956-330-1963 - LaMufica/Cattle@ac.com Pease visit our website at www.LaMufica/Cattle.com



2023 Rattler-Diamondback Showdown

Heifer & Steer Buckle Show **Buckles to Showmanship Division Winners!!**

6 Breed Format for Heifers *Classes will be determined after all entries are in

Showmanship Division Junior – 3rd-6th Grade Intermediate – 7th-9th Gr Senior – 10th-12th Grade 6 Division Format for Steers ABC – Red ABC – Black All Other Color AOB – Red AOB - Black AOB - All Other Colors

October 7, 2023

Heifer and Steer check in from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Steer Showmanship starts at 9:00 a.m.

Followed by the Steer Show Followed by Heifer Showmanship Followed by the Heifer Show

Goat & Lamb Buckle Show

Lamb and Goat check in from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Lamb Showmanship starts at 9:00 a.m. Followed by the Lamb Show Followed by Goat Showmanship Followed by the Goat Show

<u>Location</u>: Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds, Mercedes, TX

\$40.00 Entry Fee \$10.00 Showmanship - Pay at the Gate CASH ONLY - Day of the Show

For more information call Sharyland High School FFA at (956) \$80-\$300 Ext. 1293 or Ext. 1242 or Sharyland Pioneer High School FFA at (956) 271-1600 Ext. 4192 or Ext. 4193 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show Grounds Mercedes, Texas



INOUIRES:

President: Susie Palomo 956- 827-000:





ENTRY FEES: CATTLE - \$40.00 PER HEAD GOATS & LAMBS - \$40.00 PER HEAD

SHOWMANSHIP: \$5.00 PAY AT GATE Jack pot- winner takes all!

Overall Grand Champions will receive a BUCKLE Overall Reserve Grand Champions will receive a Buckle

All Breed Champions BANNER

Champions will receive a BANNER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE Trailer will be on HEIFER REGISTRATON – Original Registration

8 head constitute a breed

Oldest Heifer to be shown (09-01-2021) 7:30 - 8:30 AM

SILENT AUCTION

AND CONCESSION Lamb Check In & Weigh In

Fine Wool , Fine Wool Crosses, Southdown, Medium Wool breeds ONLY
Lamb Showmanship - Show will follow STAND

Goat Check In & Weigh In

NOT a TCCA San 8:30 - 9:30 AM SUPPORT OUR Goat Showmanship will begin after lamb show or steer show, whichever finishes first Goat Show will follow SCHOLARSHIP

SHOWMANSHIP AGE GROUPS: Juniors: 8-10 ENTRIES DUE DAY OF SHOW / NO MAIL IN ENTRIES

CASH ONLY!! PLEASE BRING EXACT CHANGE

QR CODES

WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THE MORNING OF THE SHOW

Prospect Show Steers, Heifers, Lambs, & Goats SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 @ RGVLS SHOWGROUNDS ganized with: 100 Kids that Give a Darn in the Barn Barns open @ 6 a.m.- Enter Armory Street Gate chedule: Check- in: 7-8:30 a.m. Judges: Heifers/ Steers: Harrison Smith \$5 Showmanship: 9:00 a.m. Goats/ Lambs: Logan Jackson Show Immediately following Show Order: Brahman, Beefmaster, Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ARB, Mini- Hereford, AOB, ABC Commercial, AOB Commercial Check- in: 7-8:30 a.m \$5 Showmanship: 9:00 a.m. · Show Immediately following Show Order: Light Weight, Light Middle Weight, Middle Weight, Heavy Weight . Classify & Weigh- in: 10-12:30 p.m. • \$5 Showmanship: 12:30 p.m. or immediately following heifers Show Immediately following · Show Order: Santa Gertrudis, Simbrah, ABC, Chianina, Charolais Maine Anjou, AOB Classify & Weigh- in: 10-12:30 p.m. \$5 Showmanship: 12:30 p.m. or immediately following Goats Show Immediately following Show Order: Haired Sheep, Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Buckles for: Breed & Reserve Breed Champions BUCKLES! Entry Fee: Entries will be taken on-site Any Questions: \$40 per head

Mitch Thomas (956) 535- 0936 Cora Ford (956) 325- 3447

FUND

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/





Safety in the Kitchen Newest Project Members



Wildcat 4-H Members at the

Consumer Decision Making Workshop

with Mrs. Ashley





4-HER'S IN ACTION





Borderline 4-H Members and costume donations to Vannie Cook Children's Foundation



Hunters Education Certification Course all members in attendance passed the test!



Sharyland 4-H Club President: Gabby Salinas leading their first club meeting













WWW.12THMANFOUNDATION.COM/GROUPS



BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO APPLY TODAY

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE FOR A

\$6,000

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS IS ACCEPTING ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR ITS YOUTH LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIPS. EACH YEAR, THE STATE FAIR AWARDS MULTIPLE \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AROUND THE STATE WHO HAVE PARTICIPTED IN COMPETITIVE YOUTH LIVESTOCK EVENTS HELD AT THE STATE FAIR. RECIPIENTS MUST ATTEND AN ACCREDITED TRADE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND PREFERENCE IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO PURSUE A DEGREF IN AN AGRICILLY HIRD J. FELL ATED FEIL OF TEXAS AND PREFERENCE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT BIGTEX.COM/SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2024



Milam County Youth Expo Buidling 301 S. Houston Ave Cameron, TX 76520

AG PRODUCT ID STATE INVITATIONAL CONTEST



This Statewide AG Product ID Contest is open to all juniors, intermediates, seniors, and cloverbuds!!

Awards for top 3 individuals and teams in each category!

Open to all 4-H & FFA members.





JOIN US FOR AN EVENT WITH KENDRA SCOTT!

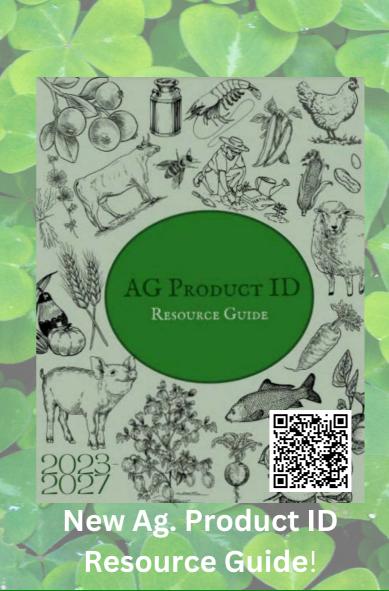
Support Texas 4-H with 20% of your purchase

DATE & TIME

Visit any of our 31 Texas Kendra Scott Locations October 7th from 12-2pm



Or support online at kendrascott.com October 6th-7th with code: $\mbox{GIVEBACK-TEXAS4H}$





Teachers can earn
Continuing
Professional
Education (CPE)
credits with
AgriLife Learn!

AGRILIFE LEARN



GUADALUPE CO. 4-H & COUNTY FAIR

> CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
Deadline to Enter is Sept. 29
Cost: \$40 per team
Check in 8am & Contest 8:30@
Seguin Coliseum

7 classes to judge and go through

TO REGISTER, CONTACT MATT MIRANDA AT

830-303-3889

Email : mjmiranda@ag.tamu.edu











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



SEND IN YOUR ACTION 4-H PHOTOS TO BE

IN THE 4-H TIMES NEWSLETTER TO

ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

