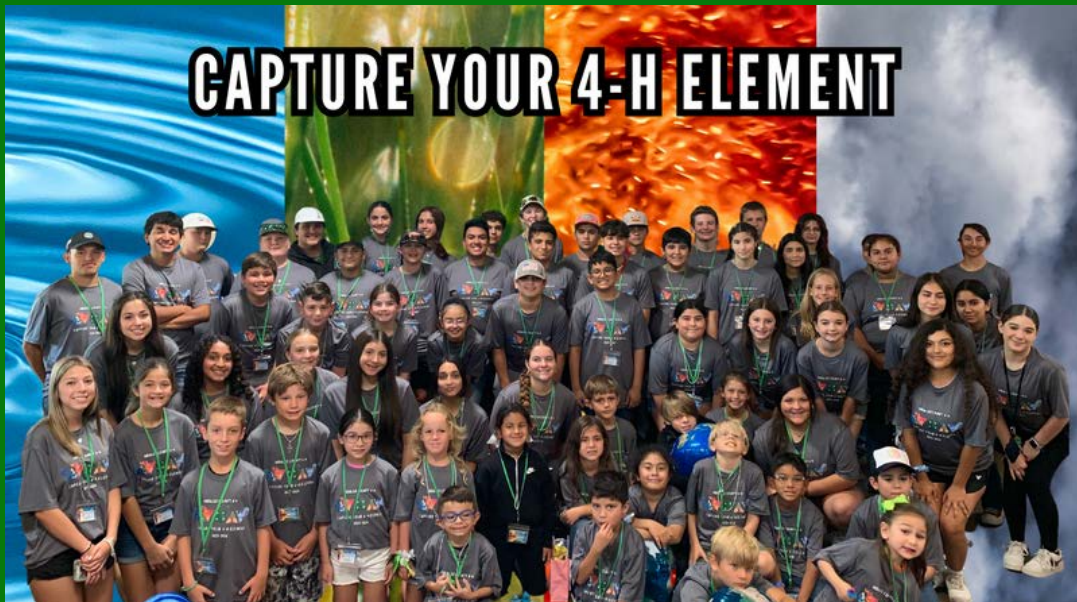




4-H TIMES



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

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"PRACTICE GRATITUDE"

We extend a warm welcome to December! As the year draws to a close, this month invites us to look back with gratitude and look ahead with hope. We have a busy and exciting 2024 planned so please observe all contests and dates on page 2.

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 Team*

Dr. Andrea Valdez, CEA-FCH; Vidal Saenz, CEA-ANR;
Joanne Ureste-Armijo, CEA-FCH; Ashley Gregory, CEA-Hort

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Coming Soon...

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2 Hidalgo County Fashion Show Workshop
- Dec. 2 District 12 Shooting Sports (Modified 600 & 3D) & Archery Match
- Dec. 12 Hidalgo County 4-H Council Christmas Party
- Dec 15-16 RGVLS Citrus & Vegetable Show
- Dec 18 Hidalgo County Rally Contests Registration Open Online
- TBA Ag. Product ID Contest

- Jan 1 Extension Office closed for New Year's Day
- Jan 23 Hidalgo County 4-H Council Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office
- Jan 23 Hidalgo County 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting @7 pm @ Extension Office
- Jan 25 Hidalgo County 4-H Photography Judging (Judges only)
- Jan 26 Hidalgo County 4-H Fashion Show and Public Speaking Contest
- Jan 27 Hidalgo County 4-H Duds to Dazzle, Share the Fun, & Educational Presentation Contest
- Jan 29 Hidalgo County 4-H Award Applications Open

JANUARY



"December is a time of joy and sharing - a time to reflect on the year that has passed, to renew old friendships and make new ones."

-Unknown



Hidalgo County 2023-2024 4-H Calendar of Events

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

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 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
October 2023		November 2023		December 2023	
10/07	La Muneca Field Day & Livestock Judging Contest	11/01-11/02	Path to the Plate Youth Expo (KKM)	12/02	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)
10/14	County Food Show/Food Challenge	11/11	District 12 Food Show/Food Challenge	12/02	RGVLS Gala
10/19	County Consumer Decision Making Contest (Invitational)	11/11	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	12/12	Storyboard Workshop & County Council Christmas
10/21	Lamb, Goat & Heifer Validation for Majors	TBD	Hog Validation @ ECISD Ag Farm	12/15-12/16	RGVLS Vegetable & Citrus Show (Ag. Product ID Contest)
10/24	Hidalgo County 4-H Horticulture & Record Book Workshop	11/28	Ag. Product ID Workshop	12/20	County Fashion Show Workshop 2 (Mandatory for Duds to Dazzle)
10/24	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting	11/28	County Council Meeting/Adult Leaders Meeting		
January 2024		February 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)
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
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	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.agriife.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 November 28, 2023 County Council Meeting!



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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



MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRY DEADLINES

**WE ARE REQUESTING MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOW ENTRIES BE
 SUBMITTED A WEEK PRIOR TO THEIR OFFICIAL SHOW DEADLINE
 TO ALLOW OUR OFFICE TIME TO PROCESS ENTRIES**

HIDALGO COUNTY ENTRY DEADLINES FOR MAJORS
FORT WORTH - 11/10/23

HOUSTON - 11/21/2023
SAN ANTONIO - 11/21/2023
SAN ANGELO - 11/21/2023

AUSTIN - 12/11/2023

Thank you



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.



FASHION SHOW WORKSHOP

**Saturday,
December 2, 2023,
9 a.m.**

Register here!

<https://hidalgoagrilife.org/4-h-youth-development/county-4-h-events/fashion-show-duds-to-dazzle/>



**MUST ATTEND IF YOU
ARE PARTICIPATING IN
DUDS TO DAZZLE**



Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

Application can be found at
www.4hfoundation.net

Any questions you can contact
Rebecca Kotzur at (956) 578-9786

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

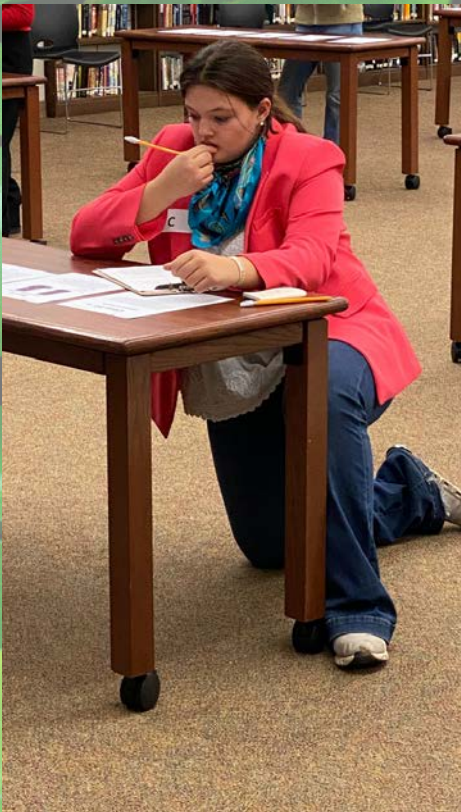
go to:

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

4-HER'S IN ACTION



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

AGRILIFE LEARN

The Ultimate Teen Summit
March 13-17, 2024
Washington, D.C.

ignite
 by 4H

Spark your imagination and passion!

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 PARTICIPATED 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 DEGREE IN AN AGRICULTURAL-RELATED FIELD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [BIGTEX.COM/SCHOLARSHIP](https://bigtex.com/scholarship)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 1, 2024



**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.fwssa.com/p/competitions--contests/fwssashootingsports>

**New Ag. Product ID
Resource Guide!**

**AG PRODUCT ID
RESOURCE GUIDE**

2023-2027



**Kendall
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

JANUARY 7TH @ KENDALL COUNTY YAEC
Comfort, Tx

OPEN TO ALL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS!

Age Divisions:
JUNIOR: GRADES 3RD - 5TH
INTERMEDIATE: GRADES 6TH - 8TH
SENIOR: GRADES 9TH - 12TH

Schedule:
8:00 A.M. - REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M. CONTEST STARTS
AWARDS TO FOLLOW

Awards & Scholarships:
AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS
AND TEAMS IN EACH
DIVISION AND SPECIES
SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS:
HIGH IND. OVERALL
2ND HIGH IND. OVERALL

Entries:
ENTER AT JUDGINGCARD.COM
\$20.00 PER INDIVIDUAL ONLINE & ON SITE

Sponsored by:


Contest Location:
648 FM 289 - COMFORT, TX

For More Info:
Mary Rowe Foster: maryrowe96@hotmail.com or 210.633.4029
Brittini Cross: brittinshaecross@yahoo.com or 830.739.2930

**KENDALL
Livestock Judging Contest**
SUPPORTING YOUTH & AGRICULTURE

NEW!

**HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H
FACEBOOK PAGE**

JOIN

SHARE





**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

Kendall Christmas Classic

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

KENDALL COUNTY YAEC - 648 FM 289 - COMFORT, TX.

GRAND & RESERVE GRAND BREED/DIVISION CHAMPION & RESERVE \$10 SHOWMANSHIP *Cash & Banner*

ENTRY FEE: \$30 - WEIGH & CLASS YOUR OWN - ALL SPECIES
BARN OPEN AT 4 P.M., FRIDAY DEC. 1ST - WEIGHT CARDS DUE 8 A.M., SUNDAY DEC 3RD

HEIFER & STEER SHOW
SHOW STARTS AT 10 A.M.
HEIFERS FOLLOWED BY STEERS
MIN - AMERICAN - BRITISH - EXOTIC
JUDGE: BRIAN ROGERS

GOAT SHOW
SHOW STARTS AT 10 A.M.
LIGHT DIV. - MIDDLE DIV. - HEAVY DIV.
JUDGE: TODD SWIFT

SWINE SHOW
SHOW STARTS AT 10 A.M.
GILTS & BARROWS SHOW TOGETHER
DURCO - YORK - WHITE OPB - DARK OPB - HAMP - CROSS
JUDGE: ZAC BLOUNT

LAMB SHOW
FOLLOWS GOAT SHOW
FINE WOOL - FINE WOOL CROSS - SOUTHDOWN
DORPER - MEDIUM WOOL
JUDGE: TODD SWIFT

Contact Info:
KENDALL COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM
BRITTN CROSS - 830.739.2930

RIO BRAVO 4H STEER & HEIFER PROSPECT SHOW

**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2023**

**DIMMIT COUNTY RODEO ARENA
539 INDUSTRIAL BLVD
CARRIZO SPRINGS, TX 78834**

SCHEDULE:
CHECK-IN: 7-9 A.M.
STEER SHOWMANSHIP: 9 AM
(PEEWEE, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR)
STEER SHOW FOLLOWING SHOWMANSHIP
(AMERICAN, BRITISH, EXOTIC)

HEIFER SHOWMANSHIP & CLASSES FOLLOWING
STEER SHOW

ENTRY FEE: \$30 --CASH ONLY
SHOWMANSHIP: \$10
PEEWEE: 2ND GRADE & UNDER
JUNIOR: 3RD-5TH GRADE
INTERMEDIATE: 7TH-8TH GRADE
SENIOR: 9TH-12TH GRADE

GENERATORS ENCOURAGED
BLOW AND SHOW

**BUCKLES AND BANNERS FOR DIVISION CHAMPIONS
BUCKLES FOR OVERALL CHAMPIONS
PRIZES FOR RESERVE DIVISION CHAMPIONS
RIBBONS FOR TOP 3 IN EACH CLASS
PRIZES FOR SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**
CATRINA LONGORIA 830-374-7636
SARAH SALINAS 830-776-3525

FORT DUNCAN CLASSIC

MAVERICK CO JR LIVESTOCK SHOW BARN, EAGLE PASS, TX

DECEMBER 9-10, 2023

■ Hogs ■ Steers ■ Heifers ■ Goats ■ Lambs ■

Saturday Dec 9: Hogs, Steers, Heifers

HOGS - Judge: Marco Barrientes
7:00am - 8:00am Turn in Weight Cards. Show starts with showmanship
Hogs by Breed: York, Hamp, Duroc, OPB, LiCross, BkCross

STEERS - Judge: Marco Barrientes
10:00am - 11:00am Turn in weight cards. Show starts after hog show with showmanship.
Steers by Division: American, British, Exotic

HEIFERS - Judge: Marco Barrientes
12:00pm Check in papers. Show starts after Steer Show with showmanship
Heifers by Division: American, British, Exotic

Showmanship: 3 Classes (Junior 9-11, Intermediate 12-14, Senior 15-18)
Age day of show. \$10 entry

Sunday Dec 10: Goats and Lambs

GOATS - Judge: Ferny Rodriguez
7:00am - 8:00am Turn in Weight Cards. Goat Show starts with Showmanship
Goat will be 3 weight divisions Light, Middle, Heavy

LAMBS - Judge: Ferny Rodriguez
10:00am - 11:00am Turn in Weight Cards. Show starts after Goat show
Lambs will be by Breed: Finewool, FW Cross, Dorper, Mediumwool

\$40 entry

Buckles for Overall Grand and Reserve Champions
"Cash Payouts"
Breed Champion and Reserve Champion Banners
Showmanship Prizes

* Asphalt footing * Showers will be sold * No hay allowed in barn for bedding *
Pets available on show from trailer, Generators Welcome, Concession

For More Information Contact: Charle Condemis 830-776-1605 or 830-776-9226, ccar94@gmail.com

Fort Duncan Classic
Scan to join 4H/FFA/FFC



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
ANDREA.VALDEZ@AG.TAMU.EDU

