4-H TIMES

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

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Coming Up This Month:

September 1:	Registered Heifer Validation Count Due
September 5:	Brush Country Classic @ RGVLS Grounds
September 12:	STAR Show Steer Validation, 8:00am @ Pioneer HS
September 15:	4-H Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm @ Extension Office
September 17:	**Swine Validation Tag Orders Due**
September 19:	Achievement Night, 6:00pm @ PSJA T-STEM Campus, Pharr
September 22:	4-H County Council/ALPA Meeting , 7:00pm @ Extension Office

Coming Up Next Month:

October 2:	Hoedown, 6:00pm @ Las Palmas Race Park
October 3:	La Muneca Field Day, 8am
October 6:	Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm @ Extension Office
October 10:	Rattler Diamondback Showdown @ RGVLS
October 17:	ALPA Skeet Shoot, 8am @ Mi Ranchito Sporting Clays
October 20:	Lamb & Goat Validation, 9-11am, 1:30-6pm @ Weslaco Ag. Farm
October 20:	Registered Heifer Validation, 8am-12:00pm @ Weslaco Ag. Farm
October 24:	County Food Show/Food Challenge, TBA
October 27:	4-H County Council/ALPA Meeting, 7 pm @ Extension Office

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Email Kimberly.guillen@ag.tamu.edu
This newsletter can be viewed online @ http://hidalgo.agrilife.org

AGENT'S CORNER

Hello 4-H'ers and 4-H families,

Time is moving quickly and here we are at the beginning of another 4-H year! Happy 2015-2016, everyone! Chartering is almost complete but enrollment on 4-H Connect is open for everyone, remember to re-enroll for the new 4-H year before November to save!

The County Council has been working hard planning an informative and fun year. ALL members are invited to join them on the last Tuesdays of every month. And club delegates, don't forget, you all must attend at least 3 meetings to be eligible to vote on behalf of your clubs for the next year.

Achievement Night planning is in full swing. Club managers, if you haven't already, please come by to pick up tickets at the Extension office. Please note, anyone can come by at anytime to purchase tickets here from the office. Attending Achievement Night is a great way for everyone to support the program and all of the hard work Hidalgo Co. 4-H'ers did last year!!

I also want to announce that Kimberly Guillen will be the new 4-H & Youth Development Agent! She will officially begin on September 15 and we are happy to continue working with her.

We are very excited to start a new year with great events coming up! We encourage everyone to participate and let's make this the best 4-H year yet! As always, thank you to the parents and volunteers that help make us 4-H strong!

Sincerely,

Andrea Valdez, County Extension Agent
Family & Consumer Sciences

Joanne Ureste, County Extension Agent
Family Resources

Ashley Gregory, County Extension Agent
Horticulture

Brad Cowan, County Extension Agent
Ag. & Natural Resources

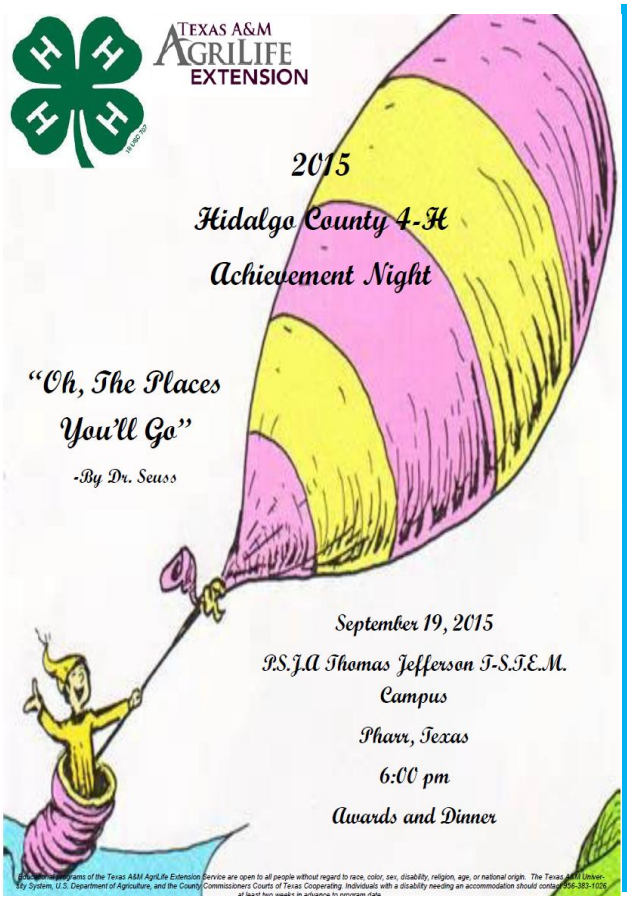
Kimberly Guillen, Community Outreach
Program Specialist

...County Council Meeting...

September 22, 2015, 7:00pm @ Extension Office

Let Us Help You with an
"Intro to Parliamentary Procedure"
Mini Demonstration!

...ALL MEMBERS WELCOME...



Help the Hidalgo County Adult Leaders & Parents Association in recognizing Hidalgo County 4-H'ers for all of their hard work this past year. Commissioner Eddie Cantu, from Hidalgo County Precinct 2, will be installing your 2015-2016 County Council. Also, we are extremely honored to welcome the Key Note Speaker for this year's Achievement Night, 4-H Alum & District 40 Texas State Representative, Mr. Terry Canales!

Contact your club leader or come by the Extension Office to purchase tickets!

Come join us at the

26th Annual 4-H Country Hoedown

Friday, October 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Las Palmas Race Park, Mission, TX
$75.00 Individual Ticket
Includes: Concert, Dinner, Beer & Wine

FEATURING

Roger Creager

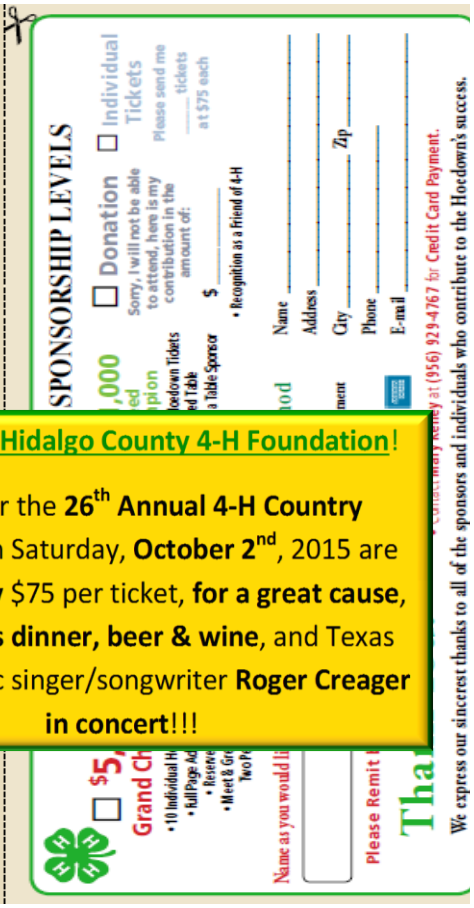
What is the 4-H Foundation?

- A non-profit organization, 501(c)(3) pending
- Composed of volunteer business persons, parents and youth leaders
- Created to raise support for an expanded program for Hidalgo County 4H youth
- Award scholarships to graduating 4-H seniors pursuing a post-secondary education at any technical, vocational or other school of higher education

Recipients were awarded $71,000!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2015

Remi Hargett ..... International Baccalaureate, Lamar Academy / McAllen High School
Renee Boyle ..... Sharyland Pioneer High School
Adriana de los Santos ... Edinbu
Hailie Ciomperlik .... PSJA Earl
Reagan Bell .....
Robyn Perez .....
Itza Garza .....
Clayton Neuhaus .....
Marissa Luna ..... Johnny Ec
Zari Liljedahl .....
Ariana Garcia ..... Edinbu
Reece Teplicek ..... Sharylan
Summer Vento .....
Cynthia Perez ..... Edinb
Talia Fuentes ..... Veterans
Charlene Beamsley ..... McAllen High School
Miguel Guerra ..... Edinburg North High School
Victoria Cavazos ..... Mercedes Early College Academy
April Cerda ..... Mission High School
Sierra Long ..... Sharyland Pioneer High School



Support the Hidalgo County 4-H Foundation!

Tickets for the **26th Annual 4-H Country Hoedown** on Saturday, **October 2nd**, 2015 are **for sale! Only** $75 per ticket, **for a great cause**, and **includes dinner, beer & wine**, and Texas country music singer/songwriter **Roger Creager in concert!!!**

..Swine Validation..

Tag Order Deadline is September 17, 2015!

Swine validation will be held at the Edinburg Ag Farm on November 24th, 2015, from 3:00pm - 6:00pm.

The 4-H Club Challenge is still up for grabs!! Who will win??

ARE YOU UP FOR THE 4-H CLUB CHALLENGE???

We are challenging YOU, the 4-H'ers of Hidalgo County, to each recruit ONE friend to JOIN your club and commit to ONE project!

The FIRST club to successfully DOUBLE their enrollment by NOVEMBER 1ST will win an awesome PARTY to celebrate with their new members!

READY, SET…GO!!

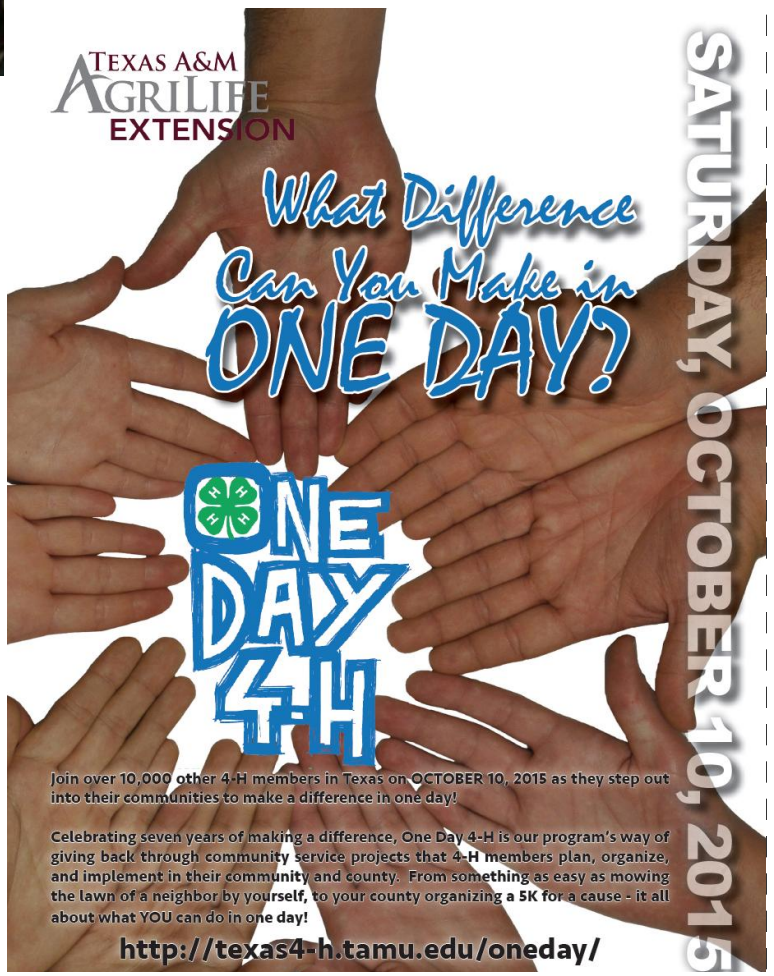
CELEBRATE THE POSSIBILITIES!

Mark your Calendars!

First Annual ALPA Skeet Shoot Fundraiser is October 17th!

One day 4-H is October 10th, 2015. Register your club or join us for a community service event!

What can you do in ONE DAY?



2015-2016 HIDALGO COUNTY 4-H EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates subject to change

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September			
9/12	STAR Show Steer Validation (steers that were not validated in June)	8-10:00 AM	Pioneer H.S.
9/15	Ambassador Meeting	6:30 PM	Extension Office
9/17	Swine Validation Tag Orders Due	5:00 PM	Extension Office
9/19	Achievement Night	6:00 PM	PSJA T-STEM Campus
9/22	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00 PM	Extension Office
9/26-9/27	District 12 Shooting Sports Coach Certification	TBA	TBA
October			
10/02	Hoedown	6:00 PM	Las Palmas Race Park
10/06	Ambassador Meeting	6:30 PM	Extension Office
10/10	District 12 4-H Council / Volunteer Workshop	TBA	TAMUK – Kingsville
10/20	Registered Heifer Validation	8-11:00AM	Weslaco Ag. Farm
10/20	Lamb & Goat Validation	9-11AM, 1:30 -6PM	Weslaco Ag. Farm
10/24	County Food Show / Food Challenge	TBA	TBA
10/27	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00 PM	Extension Office
November			
11/07	Commercial Heifer Validation	8:00 AM	RGVLS Grounds-Mercedes
11/21	District Food Show / Food Challenge	Alice	TBA
11/22	District 12 Consumer Decision Making	Alice	TBA
11/24	Swine Validation	3-6:00PM	Edinburg Ag. Farm
11/24	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00 PM	Extension Office
January			
1/12	Ambassador Meeting	6:30 PM	Extension Office
1/16	STAR GALA	6:00 PM	Pharr Event Center
1/23	County 4-H Fashion Show	TBA	TBA
1/26	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00PM	Extension Office
February			
2/11	County Photography Deadline	5:00PM	Extension Office
2/18	County Photography Judging	---	Extension Office
2/20	Market Rabbit Validation	TBA	RGVLS Grounds-Mercedes
2/23	County Round-Up	TBA	TBA
March			
3/2-3/5	South Texas Agricultural Roundup (STAR Show)	---	www.gostar.gov
3/11-3/20	Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo	---	RGVLS Grounds-Mercedes
3/22	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00PM	Extension Office
April			
4/2	District 12 Fashion Show	TBA	Laredo
4/9	District 12 Round-Up	TBA	Kingsville
4/26	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00PM	Extension Office
May			
5/10	Ambassador Meeting	6:30 PM	Extension Office
5/14	District 12 Shooting Sports – Shotgun Match	TBA	Laredo
5/24	County Council / ALPA Meeting	7:00PM	Extension Office
June			
6/4	Shooting Sports – Archery Match	TBA	Benavides
6/7	County Recordbooks Due	5:00PM	Extension Office
6/9-6/10	County Recordbook Judging	---	Extension Office
6/17	District 12 Horse Show	TBA	Robstown
6/21-24	District 12 Leadership Lab / Election Convention	---	Kingsville
July			
7/12	District 12 Recordbook Judging	---	Falfurrias

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4-H CONGRATULATIONS

2015-2016 4 Winds 4-H Club Officers

Sent by: Zachary Iglesias, Reporter

2015-2016 Hidalgo County Council & Ambassadors -Presented at Commissioner's Court-

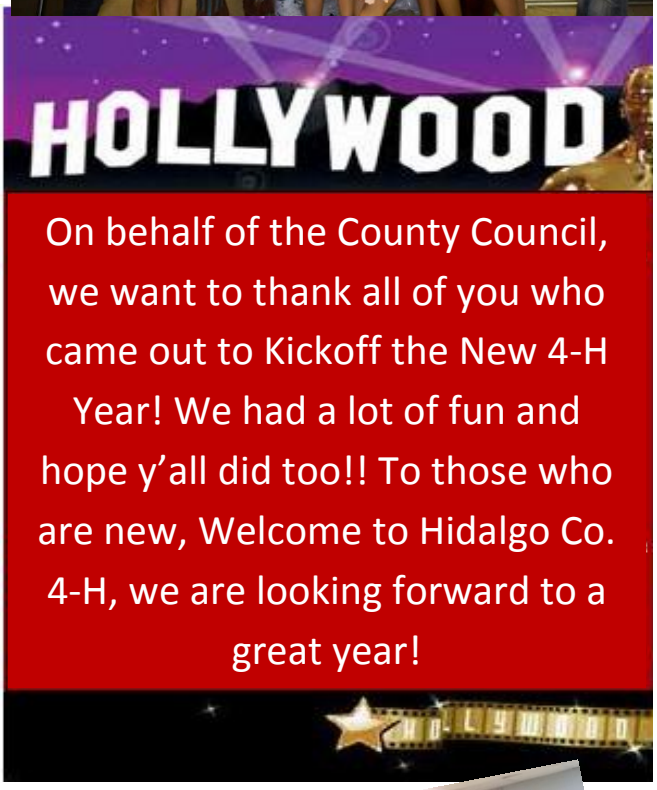
A Special 4-H Thank You:

A big thanks goes out to Ms. Gail Weigel Ortiz for her time and dedication to the Hidalgo County Veterinary Science program. The Vet Science program is a 4-year long, highly rigorous curriculum. Ms. Ortiz selflessly volunteered her time and hard work to help teach 4-H'ers who also persevered through this comprehensive program.

From everyone at the Vet Science Club and the Hidalgo County 4-H organization: Thank you Ms. Ortiz! And congratulations to the first group of Vet Science 4-H'ers for all that you have accomplished in the past 4 years!

4-H'ERS IN ACTION

"Best Dressed!



On behalf of the County Council, we want to thank all of you who came out to Kickoff the New 4-H Year! We had a lot of fun and hope y'all did too!! To those who are new, Welcome to Hidalgo Co. 4-H, we are looking forward to a great year!

Movie Charades!

Prizes!

2015 OFFICER RETREAT

"4-H'ers are One in a Minion!"

4-H'ers having fun, building leadership skills and learning about officer roles.

Thank you all for participating, we hope y'all had a good time and also hope that y'all got some great ideas to share with your clubs!

CLOVER NOTICE!

TEXAS 4-H MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Effective with the new 4-H Year signup (August 15, 2015 to September 30, 2016) Texas 4-H will have new membership eligibility based on SCHOOL GRADE and not age. The new eligibility rules and guidelines are:

Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions:

- Minimum age - 8 (in addition to being in the 3rd grade)
- Maximum age - 18 (as of August 31, 2015)

4-H Member Categories

- Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5
- Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8
- Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12

HOUSTON ASTROS

4-H NIGHT AT MINUTE MAID PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6:10 P.M.

CHEER ON THE ASTROS AS THEY TAKE ON STATE RIVALS, THE TEXAS RANGERS!

All 4-H Clubs are invited out to 4-H night at the ballpark! There will be a pre-game educational seminar presented by the Houston Astros Front office staff.

A portion from every ticket your county sells will go directly back to your county.

Please see the order form to order your tickets today!

For more details or questions, contact Haleigh Sanders.

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Texas 4-H Global Experience 2017

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

July 10 - 19, 2017

TOUR ITNERARY

Day 1	Depart DFW airport
Day 2	International Date Line
Day 3	Arrive in New Zealand, Auckland-Rotorua – Imagine an urban environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches, hiking trails and enchanting holiday islands. Polynesian culture and outstanding food and shopping abound in Auckland, NZ.
Day 4	Rotorua Landmarks (Maori Cultural Centre, Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve visit, Skyline gondola ride on Mt. Ngongotaha) Rotorua is known for bubbling mud pools, shooting geysers and natural hot springs. Agrodome visit – sheep shearing demonstration along with other farm exhibits such as kiwi tasting. Maori Hangi feast – experience Maori customs and traditions in the villages, enjoy a traditional Hangi feast and song/dance performance by indigenous people.
Day 5	Rotorua-Auckland (travel to Auckland via Waitomo; Waitomo Caves visit; Glow-worm Grotto visit – unique to New Zealand, the glow worms radiate luminescent light in the darkness of the caves; guided tour.
Day 6	Auckland-Sydney (guided sightseeing tour: War Memorial Museum, Tarlton's Underwater World visit) see New Zealand history brought to life and visit public aquarium in Auckland. Fly to Sydney.
Day 7	Sydney landmarks (guided sightseeing tour: Darling Harbour, The Cap, Opera House visit) Darling Harbour is the picturesque harbor in downtown Sydney; The Gap is an ocean cliff on the South Head peninsula in eastern Sydney. Bondi Beach Excursion – popular tourist destination
Day 8	Sydney Cruise (Mrs. Macquarie's Point, The Rocks, Sydney harbor cruise)
Day 9	Outside Sydney (Full Day Sheep Ranch & Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion
Day 10	Travel to United States

TRIP COSTS
Youth Cost: $3,841
Adult Cost: $4,216

Highlights of What We'll See/Do
- Mt. Ngongotaha Gondola
- Glowworm Grotto
- Sydney Opera House
- Great Barrier Reef
- Full Day Sheep Ranch & Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion in Sydney

WHAT'S INCLUDED
- Round-trip airfare
- Overnight stays in hotels with private bathroom
- Buffet-style breakfast daily
- Some dinners included
- Full-time services of a professional Tour Director
- Guided sightseeing tours and city walks as per itinerary
- Visits to select attractions as per itinerary
- Maori Hangi Feast
- Sydney harbor cruise
- Sydney gondola ride
- Dairy tour

FOR MORE INFORMATION/QUESTIONS
Dr. Darlene Locke, Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist, dllocke@ag.tamu.edu, 979-845-6533.

PARTICIPATION BY APPLICATION
Youth participants must have completed grades 8th through 12th at time of trip (July 10, 2017). Youth graduating from high school in 2016 are NOT eligible.
Apply at: **https://fs4.formsite.com/state4h/intstudy/form_login.html**

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