



Victoria County 4-H Family Newsletter



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April's Hottest Headlines:



Stop by the Extension Office and meet the new Extension Agent for 4-H & Youth Development, **Alyssa Smith**. Her first day is Monday, April 2nd. Alyssa has a B.S. degree in Agricultural Business from Sam Houston State University and comes to us from San Antonio, where she worked for the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Project Summary Forms vs. Record Books

The Project Summary Form is a short (2 page) document that asks you to briefly describe your project learning experience, club leadership, and community service. **Completion of a Project Summary Form earns you a Project Completion Certificate** that will be presented to you at your last 4-H club meeting of the year. Project Summary Forms are **due to the Extension Office by Friday, April 14th.**

The 4-H Record Book process for 2012 has changed.—no more 'one size fits all!'. The book formats are now more age appropriate and split into three levels: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior. There are training videos available online at www.4hreports.com website. **Completion of a 4-H Record Book earns you a project pin in your main project.** Members who complete a Record Book are also eligible to advance to District and State Record Book contests and apply for annual 4-H awards. Record Books will continue to be printed and placed in binders for submission and judging. **Books are due to the Extension Office by Friday, June 8th.**



Sweet Success

April 14, 2012

3:00—7:00 p.m.

VISD Conference Center



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!!!

Victoria Business in Education Coalition needs the help of 4-H members and families!!



Part of the Sweet Success event on April 14th is a Cake Walk. **Each 4-H family is asked to donate 1-2 cakes.** Volunteers are also needed to help run the Cake Walk during the event (just like Harvest of Fun). Victoria Business in Education Coalition is a non-profit, collaborative organization that works to improve the educational attainment level in the Victoria area. The Sweet Success baking competition is open to anyone ages 12 and up. Information and registration is available at the Extension Office or visit their website: www.vbectx.org. **If you can help work the Cake Walk please contact Lanell Mantey at 572-8232.**

Get Involved!

4-Hers interested in applying for 2012-2013 County Council officer positions be sure to submit your completed application to the Extension Office by May 11th!

Websites:

Texas 4-H:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

District II 4-H :

<http://dii4-h.tamu.edu>

Victoria County:

<http://victoria.agrilife.org>

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If you would like to submit information for the 4-H newsletter, or highlight someone or something on the "4-H Stars" page, please email Alyssa.Smith@ag.tamu.edu by the 22nd of each month!!



April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday Holiday observed—Extension Office closed	7
8 	9	10 Deadline to order State Fair lamb and goat tags. \$10 each	11	12	13 Deadline to order major show steer tags	14 District Roundup in Brenham Sweet Success at VISD Conf. Ctr.
15	16 District Consumer Judging contest in Hallettsville	17	18	19	20	21 District Livestock Judging in College Station
22	23	24	25	26	27 District Rifle Match in LaWard	28 District Fashion Show in Victoria
29 Matthew Spann Benefit at Jaycee Hall in Victoria	30					

Major Show Steer Tags

If you are planning to show a steer at any of the major livestock shows in 2012-2013 (Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Fort Worth) you **must order tag (s) by Friday, April 13th**. Tags are \$10 each and checks are payable to Victoria County 4-H. Payment is due when tags are ordered. Steer validation will be June 12th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Briggs Ranch in Bloomington.

Important!

State Fair Lamb/Goat Tags

Deadline to order lamb and goat tags for the 2012 State Fair of Texas is Tuesday, April 10th. Tags are \$10 each and payable to Victoria County 4-H. Payment is due when tags are ordered.



Horse Project

“Think Like a Horse”

Be sure to read the flyer on page 4 for information on the May 3rd program to be presented by Dr. Sandy Venneman. Contact Rough Riders 4-H Club leader, Amy Eastham for more information at 648-9955 or e-mail her at Eastham@ccwip.net



Validation Process

NEW for 2012 the annual horse project validation will be conducted through 4-H Connect. **Validation will be open from April 1—May 1** and there is no limit on number of horses validated. Cost will be \$10 per horse and you must select “County/Club Check” under payment portion. Victoria County 4-H will send one payment for the total county validation. **All horses planning to be shown at the District or State Horse Show MUST be validated** between April 1 and May 1. Because this is a new system it is strongly advised that you **DO NOT WAIT** until the last minute in case of any computer, photo, upload issues! Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Pork Leadership Camp

June 3-8, 2012

This is a unique opportunity for youth with an interest in swine projects and want to get to know more about the pork industry. The camp is a traveling bus tour with visits at key industry locations. It starts in Perryton, TX and ends in College Station, TX. Participants will be given an in-depth look at the pork industry through special tours and hands-on learning activities. To be eligible to apply students must be high school juniors, seniors, or this year’s graduates. Applications and more information is available at the Extension Office.

Club Reminders

Club Managers be sure to e-file the 990N IRS form for your club by **May 15th.** This is the same process as last year. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions. Be sure to return a copy of your confirmation of filing to the Extension Office.



4-H families who want to enroll for 4-H for the 2012-2013 year **MUST** wait until after September 1, 2012 to update your profile and submit re-enrollment. Any re-enrollment submitted before September 1 will be inactive.

Summer Programs

Which Camp is for You?

Visit the Texas 4-H Center website for information on all the opportunities available this summer. County Camp, Camp Corral, Mission Possible, and Prime Time are just some of the fun opportunities. Their website is Texas4Hcenter.tamu.edu. All camp enrollment is based on grade completed in 2012 and 4-H membership is **NOT** required to participate in any camp! Watch for more information in next month’s newsletter.



Healthy Lifestyles Invitational



Looking for an opportunity to participate in Texas 4-H Roundup? Try Healthy Lifestyles Invitational. Youth can enter as an individual or a member of a team. More information is available online at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/healthy_lifestyles



ROUGH RIDERS 4-H presents:

"BE A BETTER RIDER OR TRAINER BY LEARNING TO THINK LIKE A HORSE"

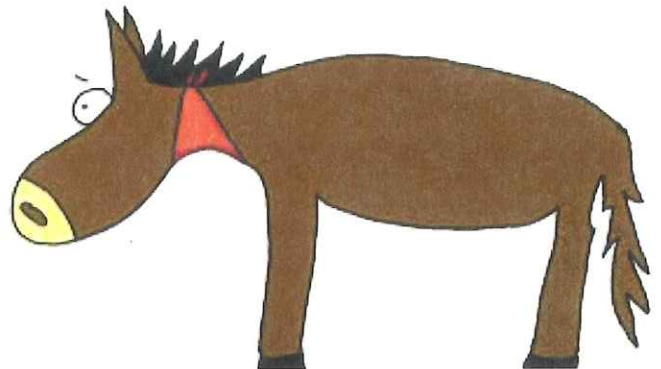
BY SANDY VENNEMAN, PH.D.

Thursday, May 3rd 6:30 - 9:00 pm
University of Houston-Victoria, Jaguar Hall, Room 1124
4-H members - \$10; non-members - \$20

The Program: Have you ever wondered, "Why does my horse do that?!?". This seminar will give you some answers to that often asked question.

- * Understand how your horse learns and start to problem solve the very next time you ride.
- * Find out about the key elements of learning theory and how you can use these when training your horse.
- * Become a better rider, trainer, and student. Learn to refine your aids and understand blocks to training.

Dr. Venneman's teaching style is not only fun, but is also a combination of practical horsemanship, simply presented learning theory and powerful training tools leading to immediate success for both the horse and student.



Our Speaker: Dr. Venneman is an experimental psychologist who combines her knowledge of psychology with her knowledge of horses to help riders reach their potential. She currently teaches psychology and biology at The University of Houston-Victoria including the Psychology of Sport and Principles of Learning. In addition to teaching at the university, she trains horses, instructs and gives mounted and un-mounted clinics nationwide and abroad. She and her horses have been ranked in the top 5 nationally for USDF, USEF and top 10 for USEA.

Before moving to Texas, Dr. Venneman was Stockseat Equitation Champion 5 years in a row in Missouri and trained multiple state champions in western pleasure, English pleasure, Saddlebreds, roadster ponies, driving horses, jumpers, eventers, hunters and dressage. She also trained horses to national titles in dressage, eventing, roadster ponies and breeding.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Amy Eastham, 361-648-9955, eastham@ccwip.net.

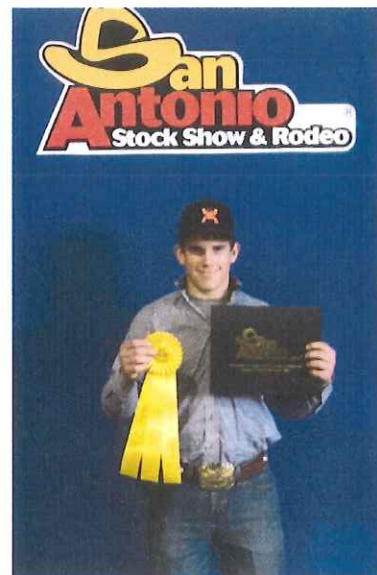


4-H Stars



Livestock Judging

The Senior team of Cody Bishop, Cheyenne Borchert, Dustin Hempel, and Allan Parsons placed 4th in San Antonio. Dustin Hempel (*photo right*) was 5th high point individual and received an \$8000 scholarship! Allan Parsons was 13th high point individual. Junior team participants were Leah Bishop, Julie Diebel, Audrey Garrett and Braden Parsons. Special thanks to our 4-H Livestock Judging Coach, Trice Connally for his time and dedication!



Austin Livestock Judging Contest Results

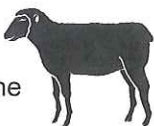
Senior Team of Cheyenne Borchert, Dustin Hempel, Travis Johnston and Allan Parsons placed 4th. Dustin was 8th high point individual and Cheyenne was 10th high point individual. Junior Team of Cody Bishop, Lauren & Seth Garrett, Dylan Hempel placed 10th.

Houston Livestock Judging Contest Results

Junior Team of Cody Bishop, Laurent & Seth Garrett and Dylan Hempel placed 20th of 128 teams. Junior Team #2 participants were Leah Bishop, Julie Diebel, Audrey Garrett and Braden Parsons. Senior Team of Cheyenne Borchert, Dustin Hempel, Allan Parsons and Hayden Webel placed 19th of 278 teams.

Congratulations to all on a job well done!

Congratulations to 4-H member **Kye Johnston** for placing 8th with his lamb at the Star of Texas Livestock Show in Austin!



Victoria Livestock Show Showmanship Awards

Senior Showmanship was presented to Corey Lassmann, Kyle Barringer, Morgan Park, Isaac Gutierrez, Hayden Webel, Breana Tater, Lauren Heller, and Dustin Hempel. Junior Showmanship was presented to Dylan Hempel, Amy Hessler, Lane Marbach, Hayden Wuensche, and Jessica Loreda. Great Job!!!



2012 Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following graduating seniors who received Victoria Livestock Show scholarships: Kyle Barringer, Holly Parenica, McKenzie Turk, Jared Studer, Breana Tater, Samantha Martin, Ashton Deckert, Allison Williams, Lauren Heller, Kaylee Krawietz, Michael Mikulka, Kate Tucker, Kaitlyn Bigham, Katelyn Gutierrez and Ryan Hessler.



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