



Victoria County 4-H Family Newsletter



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February's Hottest Headlines:

Scholarship Reminders



Graduating seniors are reminded of the various scholarship applications available. Please pay special attention to the requirements of each scholarship and deadline for submissions.

- **Texas Extension Education Association Scholarship**—due Feb. 15th to Extension Office with record book
- **Victoria Livestock Show**—due Feb. 4th to Extension Office
- **South Texas Farm & Ranch Show**—due April 6th to Extension Office

** To prepare for college and the scholarship application process, students are reminded to take the SAT or ACT test and go online to fill out a FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov>*

What's What and Who's Who about 4-H Projects and Leading them Confidently

If the mission of 4-H is to prepare youth to meet the challenges of childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood through educational experiences.....do we understand how to do that and are we doing that in a coordinated, long-term, progressive way? No matter if you are new to 4-H or an "old pro", find out how to feel more confident about what you're doing in the 4-H program as parents, project leaders, and club leaders, at a 'chit-chat and chew' session: **Monday, February 13th**

5:30 p.m. ~ 4-H Activity Center

Give me a call (575-4581) if you just can't make it...I look forward to seeing you there!

Erika Bochat (bo SHAY)
County Extension Agent-FCS



Deep in the Heart
February 17

"Deep in the Heart" reveals the true-life story of Mr. Richard "Dick" Wallrath. No one person has given more financially to the Texas 4-H and Texas FFA scholarship programs than Mr. Wallrath. A portion of all the ticket sales will go to both 4H and FFA to further strengthen their scholarship programs.

Club Reminder:

All adult money giveaway ticket stubs & club check is due to the Extension Office by **Friday, March 2nd**. This is an important fund raiser for the county 4-H program and we need everyone's help to make it a success!

Websites:

- Texas 4-H: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>
- District II 4-H: <http://dll4-h.tamu.edu>
- Victoria County: <http://victoria.agrilife.org>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
					VLS Scholarship applications due	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Consumer Mtg. 6:30 p.m.				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4H Informational mtg. 5:30 p.m. at 4H Activity Center		☆	San Antonio Livestock Show Feb. 9-26 <i>Good luck to all the Victoria Participants</i>		☆	San Antonio Consumer Judging Contest
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Consumer Mtg. 6:30 p.m.				
26	27	28	29			
San Antonio Livestock Judging Contest	—————Victoria Livestock Show—February 26—March 5—————					

Spring is FULL of 4-H Contests so mark your calendars.....

Photography:

County Contest: March TBA
 District Contest: March TBA (winners advancing register on Connect by March 23rd)
 Note: *Judging for District Photography will be online for 2012*

Judging Contests:

District Consumer: April 16th in Hallettsville
 District Livestock: April 21st in College Station

Roundup:

County Contest: March TBA
 District Contest: April 14th (winners advancing register on Connect by April 2nd)

Fashion Show & Storyboard:

County Contest: April TBA
 District Contest: April 28th at Victoria Mall



Roundup Contest

The 4-H Roundup contest is a fun event that displays numerous forms of skills and talents of 4-H members. Some of the categories available are:

- ◆ Educational Presentations (*formerly known as method demonstrations/illustrated talks*)
- ◆ Share-the-Fun Contest (*includes Poetry/Prose, Vocal, Instrumental Musical, Solo/Band Performance, Choreographed Routines, Celebrate 4-H*)
- ◆ Swine Skill-a-thon ◆ Beef Quiz Bowl

Entry forms for County Roundup are available online and at the Extension Office. **Deadline to submit entries is Friday, March 16th.** A formal county contest will be scheduled provided we have too many entries to send straight to district; however, if a qualifying contest is not needed, participants can schedule a time in March to perform their entry in front of a 4-H club.



District Roundup will be held Saturday, April 14th at Blinn College in Brenham and will follow state contest guidelines. For a complete Roundup Guide visit the Texas 4-H website. We hope to see you showing off your talents at this year's Roundup contest!

Photography

This year's contest features 15 categories (*Animals-Domestic, Animals-Wildlife, Details & Macro, Digital Darkroom, Dominant Color, Elements of Design, Food, Marine/Aquatic, Nature & Landscape, Night Photography, People, Plant/Flora, Storyboard, Theme—Trains, Catch-All*). You may enter 1 photograph per category. The photo itself must be 8x10 and mounted. Matting of any kind is not allowed. **Entries are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 2nd.** All photos that place first in their class will advance to District competition. District judging will be online for 2012 and will follow State 4-H Photography contest guidelines. **All will be submitted and judged electronically at district and state levels, so be sure to save your photo electronically also.** For complete rules and guidelines visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>.

Victoria Livestock Show Updates

Participants are reminded to review the 2012 Rule Book carefully. There have been several changes. Those to specially note:

- ★No show boxes will be allowed in the show barn until Wednesday, February 29th
- ★Check-in for Carcass Hogs is Sunday, Feb 26th from 4-6 p.m.
- ★Check-in for Market Hogs is Wednesday, Feb 29th from 6-8 p.m.

See the VLS rule book for a complete show schedule. Books are available at the Extension Office. It is your responsibility to read and follow the guidelines for your respective division. If you have any questions about the show, please call your division chairperson listed in the rule book.

School Excuses—Remember, it is your responsibility to contact the Extension Office in advance for school excuses. It is a good idea to verify you are on the exhibitor list and listed at the correct school to avoid any potential problems during the show. Schools determine eligibility—not the Extension Office. If you have questions or concerns about possible eligibility issues please contact your school ahead of time.

County Fair—Do you bake, craft, sew, quilt, paint, or take photographs? If you live in Victoria county and are at least 4 years old and over, VLS wants to see your talents.. See page 64 of the VLS Rule Book or contact Traci Shadle at 361-218-6101 for more information. Check-in of items will be Wednesday, Feb 29th at the Jaycee Hall (next to the Community Center).



VLS Buyers Appreciation Ad—There will not be a Buyers' Ad table at this year's auction. Victoria Livestock Show will be publishing a large ad listing and thanking all the buyers at this year's auction. If you want a printed appreciation certificate to take to your buyer(s) contact DeAnne at the Extension Office. As always, it is important to follow-up with a personal thank you note or visit to your buyer to show your appreciation for their support.



Texas 4-H Conference Center Let's GO TO 4-H Camp Lake Brownwood

Up Coming Events:

Challenge Course Certification

The Texas 4-H Conference Center will host a Level I Challenge Course Certification training, March 10-14, 2012. This 40-hour course is available to anyone who is interested in Low and High Ropes facilitation certification. Adventure Experiences, Inc of Trinity, Texas conducts the program.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program

Also, in March, the Center will host Texas Parks and Wildlife's Becoming an Outdoors Woman program. Ladies, here's your chance to hone your skills in kayaking, bicycling, fishing, shooting and all things outdoors! Make it a "Ladies Weekend" and invite your friends to the 4-H Center for this weekend of learning and fellowship.



Center Events for Your Calendar:

- Jan. 6-8, 2012
- April 23-27, 2012
- July 9-11, 2012
- July 11-14, 2012
- July 16-18, 2012
- July 18-21, 2012
- July 22-25, 2012
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- 4-H Teen Retreat
- Spring Fling
- County Camp I
- County Camp II
- County Camp III
- Prime Time I
- Prime Time II
- Mission Possible

Check out the 4-H Center website for registration information texas4hcenter.tamu.edu



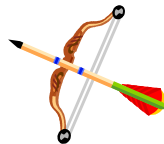


4-H Stars



District Archery Results

- Jr. Recurve Ladies—Nevaeh Vecera—1st place
- Jr. Recurve Open—Jared Marek—1st place
- Advanced Jr. Compound Open—Cheyenne Hamilton—Participant
- Intermediate Compound Open—John Atzenhoffer—1st place
- Advanced Intermediate Recurve Open—Daniel Gonzales—1st place
- Advanced Intermediate Compound Open—Taylor Hamilton—3rd place
- Senior 1 Recurve Open—Heather Barthels—1st place
- Senior 2 Recurve Open—Collin Klimitchek—1st place
- Senior 2 Compound Open—Hunter Barthels—1st place
- Allison Williams—2nd place
- Chad Lesak—3rd place
- Taylor Sizemore—Participant
- Jr. Compound Open Guest—Emmitt Fray—3rd place
- Jr. Barebow Open Guest—Curtis Johnson—2nd place
- Advanced Jr. Recurve Open Guest—Kyle Gaskamp—1st place
- Senior 1 Compound Open Guest—Thomas Dentler—1st place



Congratulations to Victoria County 4-H Archer, **Daniel Benjamin Gonzales, III** who, in addition to 1st place at District, also placed in the following tournaments:

- LaWard—1st place Male Bowman Recurve
- Victoria Straight Arrow—1st place Male Bowman Recurve
- Aggie Invitational—1st place Male Bowman Recurve

Great Job Daniel!



4-H Livestock Judging

Congratulations to the Victoria County 4-H Livestock Judging team members. The Senior Team (Cody Bishop, Dustin Hempel, Dylan Hempel and Allan Parsons) placed 1st at the recent Nueces County judging contest. Dustin Hempel was also the 2nd high-point individual and Allan Parsons was the 3rd high-point individual for the contest. Pictured here with the Livestock Judging Coach, Trice Connally (back row middle) are Senior Team members along with Junior and Intermediate members Julie Diebel, Leah Bishop, Audrey Garrett and Braden Parsons. Good luck to everyone on upcoming contests in Sinton and San Antonio.



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

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