



Victoria County 4-H Family Newsletter

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January's Hottest Headlines:

Calendars Are Here!

The National 4-H 2012 wall calendars are now available at the Extension Office. A big "Thank You" to Mr. Stockbauer and Victoria Farm Equipment for generously donating the calendars to our 4-H families. Club managers please distribute at your January meeting.



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 4-H Foundation Scholarship**—due Jan. 27th to Extension Office
- **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>*



New Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Please join us in welcoming **Erika H. Bochat**, Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent for Victoria County. Ms. Bochat starts work at the Extension Office on January 3, 2012. Erika comes to us from the Goliad Main Street Program, where she served as manager. She is returning to her passion for Extension work and has extensive past experience in county extension, including time in five counties. Stop by and say hello to Erika on your next trip to the Extension Office!

2012 4-H Volunteer Conference

4-H Leaders mark your calendars for July 27-29th in San Antonio. If you, or someone you know, is interested in sharing your ideas by teaching a workshop at the conference, we invite you to submit a proposal. All proposals must be submitted online by February 1, 2012. Contact the Extension Office for more information. As conference plans are finalized and details set, more information will be provided on the volunteer conference webpage:

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

Websites:

Texas 4-H:

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

District 11 4-H:

<http://dll4-h.tamu.edu>

Victoria County:

<http://victoria.agrilife.org>

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 New Year Holiday— Extension Office	3 4H Rifle sign up 5-6 pm; practice starts	4	5	6	7 Chupacabra Clas- sic lamb & goat show—Cuero
8	9 Ambassador Mtg. 7 pm	10 Consumer Ed. Mtg—Field trip	11	12	13 Ambassador—Friends Helping Friends	14
15	16 MLK Holiday— Extension Office closed	17 ALA/Council mtgs. 5:30 pm	18 VLS chick pick-up 4 pm @ 4H A.C.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 4H Opportunity Scholarship due	28 VLS Rabbit tattooing & spring clinic
29	30	31				

Important dates in January ...

- Rifle Project Sign Up and first project meeting**
 January 3, 2012 @ 5:00pm at the 4-H Activity Center
- Adult Leaders' Association & County 4-H Council Meetings**
 January 17, 2012 @ 5:30pm at the 4-H Activity Center
 Each club needs to have representatives at both meetings to discuss important county-wide issues and represent their club in voting.
- Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship applications Due**
 January 27, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. to the Extension Office



Consumer Education

Project meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Jan. 10 (field trip-tba)

Jan. 24

Feb. 7

Feb. 21



The District contest will be in April. For more information call project leader Katie Schneider at 485-1927.

Rifle

The first project meeting will be held immediately following sign-up on January 3rd at 6:00 P.M. and will continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday for three weeks from 6-7 P.M. at the Activity Center. Project cost is \$50.00 (ammo and rifles provided). Eye and ear protection will be required once the safety meeting is completed.

Mandatory attendance is required January 3rd for the safety portion of the project. Returning shooters will begin practice for competitions on January 3, 2012 from 7:00—8:30 p.m.

For more information contact Stan or Audra Portis at 782-1815.

Rabbit

Market Rabbit ear tattooing (for Victoria Livestock Show) will be **Saturday, January 28th at the 4-H Activity Center beginning at 12:00 noon.** Time slots for tattooing will be randomly assigned to families and families will be notified of their time slot in advance.

Market Rabbit Spring Clinic

Saturday, January 28, 2012

3:00-5:00 p.m. @ 4-H Activity Center



Lamb & Goat

3rd Annual Chupacabra Classic

Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Friar Ag Center in Cuero. This is a TCLA Sanctioned Lamb and TCMGA Sanctioned Goat Show and is open to any FFA or 4-H member.

Ring A Lambs—Ring B Goats: Judge Todd Swift

Ring A Goats—Ring B Lambs: Judge Izzy Cardenas

Ring A—50% payback, 60% if over 100 head.

Ring B—Points & Prizes

Entry Fees: Ring A \$25/head, Ring B \$15/head (no late fees)

Weight cards due at 9:00 a.m.

Both Ring A Lambs & Goats start at 10:00 a.m.

Ring B will follow ASAP

Rules: 4lb. Weigh back for both lambs & goats, does & wethers show together, no minimum/maximum weight, no tooth rule, classify your own and all TJLA rules will be enforced. Lamb classes broken by breed & weight. Goat classes broken by weight. Must show in Ring A in order to show in Ring B.

For more information call Mike Wuensche at 361-550-1151 or Danny Blank at 361-579-8499



Poultry



Chicks for the Victoria Livestock Show Poultry division arrive on **January 18th at 4 p.m.** at the 4-H Activity Center. Please make arrangements to pick up your chicks at that time. If you have any questions about the market broiler portion of the Victoria Livestock Show, please contact Ronnie Bollom at 576-6340.



Livestock Project News

Victoria Livestock Show - February 26 - March 5, 2012

January

18 - Broilers arrive (pick up 4 p.m. at 4H Activity Center)

15 - Last day to withdraw market and carcass entries. Contact respective division chairman to withdraw.

28 - Rabbit validation and tattooing (12:00 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center)

February

3 - Scholarship Applications due

10 - Entry fee deadline for Breeding Gilts (forms are available at the Extension Office)

Last day to have gilts registered in exhibitor's name.

All VLS exhibitors need a copy of the rule book. If you do not have one, please stop by the Extension Office and pick up a copy!

Prospect Shows

Take advantage of prospect shows as they become available. These shows afford you the chance to get your animal out and gain some valuable show ring experience.

Chupacabra Class (lambs & goats) - January 7th in Cuero (details in this newsletter)

For more prospect shows visit: www.theshowbox.com

Calf Scramble Reports

Please remember that copies of your calf scramble reports are due to the Extension Office by the 15th of each month.

Major Show Exhibitors

Remember to book hotel rooms. They have a tendency to fill up quick so don't wait until the last minute! You will be notified by the Extension Office when your passes arrive.

School Excuses and Eligibility

Remember, it is your responsibility to contact the Extension Office in advance for school excuses. We need at least 10 days notice. You will be eligible for excuses competing through any 4-H project or activity provided you are passing all your classes. **Remember that the school determines eligibility, not the Extension Office.** If a public school, UIL guidelines for extra-curricular activities are followed and if a private school, they abide by the rules established by their governing board. Please contact the school directly if you are concerned about an eligibility issue. Lastly, if you know you will miss school, make sure to inform your teachers and get assignments early if possible.






4-H Stars



Six Victoria County 4-H members participated in the annual District 11 4-H Crossroads retreat that was held November 18-19. The youth traveled to Corpus Christi to participate in a weekend full of leadership and career exploration workshops.

Participants included: (l to r) Donna Tater (chaperon), Shelbie VanBeveren, Breana Tater, Travis Johnston, Melody Riley, Madalynn Kainer, Randall Nelson, and Mike Tater (chaperon).

2011 District Food Show Results

Food Show Competition:

Junior Division

Main Dish—Blue ribbon, Audrey Garrett

Intermediate Division

Bread & Cereal—Blue ribbon, John Atzenhoffer

Food Challenge Competition:

Junior/Intermediate Teams

5th place— “The Flour Girls” (Caitlyn Lassmann, Casey Reynolds, Lauren Garrett, Leah Bishop

Senior Teams

1st place— “Country Cooks” - see photo

The Country Cooks will be competing at the State Food Challenge this summer in Lubbock during State 4-H Roundup!! Congratulations to all our participants.



Clara Smejkal, Shelbie VanBeveren, Mary Beth Ellis, Kelley Wood, and Madeline Schaar are the 1st place “Country Cooks”

The Victoria TSC store was the highest gaining store in the entire state during the recent 2 week paper clover campaign! This is a wonderful testament to the people of our community and our local Tractor Supply store! Victoria 4-H Adult Leaders was presented a check for \$1035.00! Thank you TSC for supporting 4-H!



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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