



Victoria County 4-H Family Newsletter



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November's Hottest Headlines:



Thank You

To both Stripes and Tractor Supply Co. for another great campaign to support the youth of Texas and America. Your support and generosity has truly provided more opportunities for youth.



NEW Texas 4-H Record Book Forms

- Online forms can be found at <http://4hreports.com> (recommended) or paper forms can be downloaded from the Texas 4-H website.
- Instructions and training videos will also be available.

Highlights of changes:

- Different forms for each age group based on age appropriateness (Junior, Intermediate, Senior—progressive in nature)
- Added goal setting section for Juniors & Intermediates
- No more recordbook objectives
- No more resumes' for Seniors
- No more captions on photos
- Added Career Exploration section for Seniors

What should YOU be doing NOW?

Members should be setting goals for project/project work for the current year. Start taking pictures of project work and activities. Keep journal/diary of project activities and summarize what was learned during these experiences.

4-H Recipe Rally

Information on the 2012 4-H Recipe Rally is now posted online. The contest is open to intermediates and seniors, with the top three in each age division invited to participate in the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup. The theme for the 2012 contest is "Summer Snacks". Entry deadline is February 2, 2012. More information available at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/

Food Challenge at the 2012 San Antonio Livestock Show

The 4-H Food Challenge will be conducted at the 2012 San Antonio Livestock Show! The contest will be Saturday, February 18, 2012. The Texas 4-H Food Challenge guidelines will be followed with the exception that for this contest youth will participate as **individuals** (not teams). Entry deadline is December 1, 2011 on the junior entry form. Contact the Extension Office if you'd like to enter.

The 4-H Food Challenge manual has been updated for 2011-2012 and is now posted online. To download the revised manual and for more information go to:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/healthy_lifestyles/



Senior 4-H members (grades 9-12) who want to participate in the San Antonio Livestock Show School Tours program in 2012 must call DeAnne at the Extension Office **by November 15th**. Victoria County 4-H will participate **Thursday, February 16, 2012**. Tour guides are given the opportunity to educate school children about agriculture and its importance to our daily lives.

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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Aggiefest Live-stock Judging contest–Coll. Sta.
6	7	8 Consumer Ed. Mtg. 6:30 pm MAJOR SHOW SIGN UP, 6:30pm	9 Shotgun project registration 6 pm at VSTC	10	11 Veteran's Day - Extension Office Closed	12 VLS Rabbit, Broiler, Mkt / Carcass Hog tag-in
13	14 4H Ambassador mtg. 7 pm	15 ALA/ Council meetings, 5:30 pm at 4H Activity Center	16	17	18 <i>District 11 Crossroads</i>	19 Poultry workshop
20	21	22	23	24  Thanksgiving Holiday– Extension Office Closed	25	26
27	28	29 Major show barrow validation; Ag Farm parking lot	30			

Meetings in November

- Major Show Sign Up**

Tuesday, November 8th 6:30 p.m. at 4-H Activity Center

Important: If you state validated livestock projects or caught a calf in the calf scramble, you will need to attend and complete entries for major shows. If you are not able to attend please call the office to schedule an appointment November 9-10th. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Adult Leaders' Association & County 4-H Council Meetings**

November 15, 2011 @ 5:30pm at 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.



Consumer Education

The first meeting for the 4-H Consumer Decision Making project will be **November 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office**. This initial project planning meeting is for BOTH parents and youth.

Poultry Workshop

A market broiler workshop will be held **Saturday, November 19th from 9:00—11:00 a.m. at the 4-H Activity Center**. Anyone interested in raising broilers for the livestock show should plan to attend. Guest speaker will be Jacob Coppedge, 2012 VLS Poultry Judge. For more information call Ronnie Bollom at 648-5814.

Rifle

4-H Rifle project sign-up will be **December 13th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and January 3, 2012 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center**. The project will begin on January 3rd at 6:00 p.m. and continue for three weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the 4-H Activity Center. All project participants are required to attend the first meeting on January 3rd. Project cost is \$50 (ammo and rifle provided). T-shirts are optional and cost \$15. Competition practice for returning participants begins January 3rd from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Safety and target practice will be the focus of project meetings. Youth have the opportunity to compete in 5-6 rifle matches in the Spring with qualifications for the District match in April. For more information contact Stan or Audra Portis at 782-1815.

Dog Project Clinic

Read the flyer on the other side of this page for information on the South Texas 4-H Dog Project Clinic, a full day of fun & learning, **November 19th in Kingsville**.

Community Service

- Breana Tater, Wood-Hi 4-H Club member and 4-H Ambassador, is **collecting toiletry items** to donate to the local chapter of the American Red Cross. If you would like to assist Breana in her collection, please drop off items to the Extension Office or contact her at (361) 578-8240. Items needed include toothpaste, mouthwash, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, shampoo, razors, hand lotion, etc. (no clothing items please).
- Be sure to read the flyer included in this month's newsletter about District 11 4-H Council and their "Kolors 4 Kids" drive to collect coloring books and crayons. Donations can be dropped off at the Extension Office. "Kolors for Kids" will continue

Swine Workshop

"The Other Feed Store" is hosting a Moormans pig nutrition meeting on **November 15th at 6:00 p.m.** at the feed store, 2410 Port Lavaca Dr. Refreshments will be provided. Call Marie at 572-3811 to RSVP.

4-H families who have livestock clipper blades that need sharpening can drop them off at "The Other Feed Store" November 11th—14th. Call Marie at 572-3811 for details.

Shotgun

4-H Shotgun project will be holding registration / mandatory safety meeting for any new members **November 9th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Victoria Skeet and Trap Club. Members will learn shotgun safety, how to shoot skeet, trap, and sporting clays. For more information call Tammy Barringer at 575-6611 or e-mail at tbtwins@hotmail.com. This will be the last chance to register for the shotgun project for 2011-2012 year. Please RSVP to Tammy by November 7th.

4-H Members and Families:

As many of you have heard, I recently accepted an Agriculture and Natural Resource Extension Agent position in Bandera County, northwest of San Antonio effective November 7th. You'll recall Sarah moved to District 10 in August as the Extension 4-H Program Specialist. I want you to know that I've enjoyed my time in Victoria County and the decision to leave was one I seriously contemplated. After all, this is home. Our Extension and 4-H program has a lot to be proud of. I feel privileged to have been here for 11 years. I've seen many children grow up and mature into outstanding young adults. Several have returned home and given back to the program which is a real testament to their character and commitment in building the next generation. Thank you to the leaders and volunteers who have supported the program. You're an example for all of us to follow. I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your County Agent and hope our paths cross in the future.

Best Regards,

Sam Womble

Date: November 19, 2011

Time: 8a.m.—6:30p.m.

South Texas 4-H Dog Project Clinic

****ENTRY DEADLINE: POSTMARK NOVEMBER 4, 2011****

J. K. Northway Coliseum in Dick Kleberg Park, Kingsville, TX 78363

Spend the day learning about the Texas 4-H Dog Project with **EXPERIENCED** dog trainers, project leaders and Extension Agents!

Learn:

What the Dog Project is all about
Dog Project competition outline and class options

How to start training your dog

About rally, agility, and other fun parts of the dog project

Spend a day with your dog, family, and make new friends along the way

Sessions Include:

Obedience, Vet/care, Rally Obedience, Agility, Showmanship,
Conformation, Dog Careers, and Equipment overview

Saturday Schedule (8am-6:30pm)

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Project Overview
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Session Rotations (3)
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Session Rotations (3)
4:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Snack
4:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Session Rotations (2)
6:15 - 6:30 p.m.	Wrap-up, Evaluations

COST

\$35 / 4-H participant with dog (See form)
(includes **EXPERIENCED** instruction with
dogs, facility fees, and lunch)

Those 4-H members, leaders, or parents that
want to come and watch without bringing a dog
can register for \$20 per person.

*The 4-H Dog Project is a
great way to be involved, have fun,
and learn some new tricks for you
AND your dog. If you have a dog in
your backyard and want to be
involved in a neat project this is for
you. Come and Learn More...*

**PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS NOT A
DROP OFF CAMP. YOUTH MUST
BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.**



Questions?

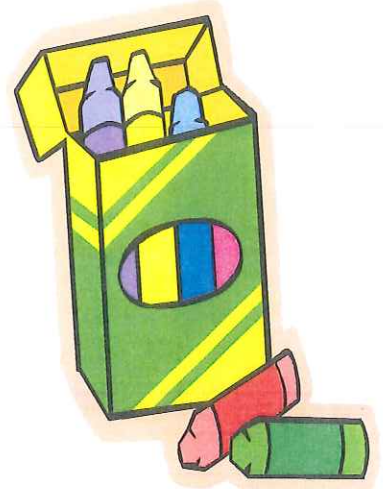
**Call Christine Sanchez at
(361) 355-3520**

CALLING ALL 4-H MEMBERS

JOIN THE "KOLORS FOR KIDS" CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT 11 IS COLLECTING COLORS AND COLORING BOOKS FOR CANCER. LET'S SEE WHICH COUNTY CAN BRING IN THE MOST COLORS AND COLORING BOOKS.

The District 4-H Council Officers are challenging all of you to show the child victims of cancer that we support them.



Each year in the U.S. there are approximately 12,400 children between the ages of birth and 19 years of age who are diagnosed with cancer. About one in 300 boys and one in 333 girls will develop cancer before their 20th birthday. In 1998, about 2500 died of cancer, thus making cancer the most common cause of death by disease for children and adolescents in America.

KEEP THE SMILE ON HIS FACE!

DON'T FORGET TO DONATE. ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE.

Thanks for your support!





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Victoria Livestock Show - February 26th - March 5, 2012

November

- 1 - Sweepstakes heifers must be registered in the name of the exhibitor
- 12 - Broiler orders and fees due 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. VLS Pavilion
- 12 - Rabbit forms and fees due 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. VLS Pavilion
- 12 - Market Hog, Carcass Hog, and Breeding Gilt Tag in 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. VLS Pavilion
- 29 - Major Show Barrow Validation 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ag Farm Parking Lot

December

- 3 - Market Hog, Carcass Hog, Breeding Gilt Tag in 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. VLS Pavilion

VLS Rule books are available at the County Extension office! It's important to obtain a rule book and READ it! Arrival dates and times have changed in some species so be sure to check the schedule.

Houston Livestock Show - NEW this year will be a requirement to send a digital copy of junior heifer registration papers to Houston. If this pertains to you, please bring your registration papers by the Extension Office prior to Major Show Sign up November 8th.

Major Show Sign up

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Quality Counts Verification - FINAL NOTICE

This is your FINAL NOTICE to get certified through quality counts prior to Major Show Sign up. If you do not meet this requirement, you will not be able to enter any Texas Major Livestock Show! Don't come to Major Show Sign up without your verification number. Visit <http://qualitycounts.tamu.edu> or contact the Extension Office for more information.

Major Livestock Show Links

- Ft. Worth www.fwssr.com
- San Antonio www.sarodeo.com
- San Angelo www.sanangelorodeo.com
- Houston www.rodeohouston.com
- Austin www.rodeoaustin.com



Coastal Bend Classic

Updated materials on the Coastal Bend Classic Clinics and Shows December 3rd in Sinton are available at the Extension Office. Materials can also be downloaded from the District 11 4-H website at <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>. Training topics will include facilities, feeding and nutrition, hoof trimming, animal health, handling and transportation, fitting and show preparations, showmanship and quality assurance. There will be a \$15 participation fee. The first 100 registered will receive a free t-shirt. Door prizes will be given at the clinics and awards will be presented during the show. Presenters and judges include Dave Allen, Glen Martin, Sarah Brister, Kelton Mason and Dr. Chris Boleman. Mark December 3rd on your calendar!

Major Show Barrow Validation

We will validate barrows on **Tuesday, November 29th from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Ag Farm Parking Lot**. If you ordered tags by the deadline, they will be \$10/each payable at validation. Exhibitors and parents are asked to attend to complete necessary paperwork. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Extension Office.

2011 Calf Scramble Winners

Be reminded that your monthly reports are very important and failure to submit them in a timely and consistent manner can result in forfeiting your scramble certificate. A copy should go to your sponsor(s), respective livestock show and to the Extension Office.

School Excuses

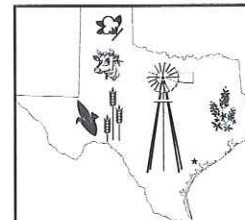
Remember, it is your responsibility to contact the Extension Office in advance for school excuses. We need at least 10 days notice. You will be eligible for excuses competing through any 4-H project or activity provided you are passing all your classes. As always, if you know you will miss school, make sure and alert your teachers and get assignments early if possible.

Don't forget to visit our county website periodically at <http://victoria.agrilife.org>. Click on Victoria County 4-H for important information, updates, and other resources.

Please contact us anytime if you have a question or concern.

Sam Womble
County Extension Agent
Natural Resources

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