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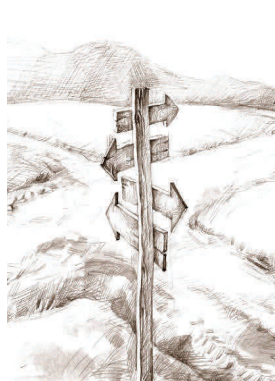
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<https://texas.4honline.com>



Crossroads Clover

Newsletter of Victoria County 4-H Program

December 2016

News and Announcements



The Victoria County Extension Staff
would like to wish each and every-
one a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



District II Shooting Sports Training

January 28-29, 2017
Victoria 4-H Activity Center
259 Batchelor Dr. Victoria TX

RIFLE-ARCHERY-SHOTGUN-PISTOL

REGISTER VIA 4-H CONNECT: DISTRICT II SHOOTING SPORTS COACHES TRAINING
REGISTRATION OPEN DECEMBER 1 - JANUARY 13, 2017: \$120
LATE REGISTRATION JANUARY 14 - 20, 2017: \$145

For more information: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>



Wildfire Relief

Tennessee 4-H is asking members, staff, and supporters to join the relief efforts for Sevier County by donating gift cards from major grocery and shopping retailers to support families and youth impacted by the recent wildfires in the Smokey Mountains! All gift cards donated will be provided to 4-H members, their families, and other clientele of UT Extension - Sevier County.



Gift cards can be mailed to:
Alan Bruhin
UT Extension - Sevier County
752 Old Knoxville Highway
Sevierville, TN 37862



Education programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin.

The Texas A&M System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Courts of Texas Cooperating

SCHOLARSHIPS



Below are scholarship opportunities we want to make you aware of. Each application gets emailed to ALL 4-H SENIORS through your 4-H Connect email address.

Victoria Livestock Show Scholarship – Completed packets must be **postmarked to the VLS Scholarship Chairman by Friday, Feb. 2, 2017**

Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship – visit the link below for information. Completed applications and supporting documents are due to the **Extension Office by Friday, January 20, 2017.**

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

HLSR Go Texan Scholarship application has just been released. Great news it has increased from \$18,000 to \$20,000, please visit the website and view the application and the guidelines. This is an **online application** (see link below) and must be completed by February 6, 2017:

<http://www.rodeohouston.com/Educational-Support/Scholars/Apply>

Victoria County Go-Texan Scholarship—**Deadline for submission is postmark of Feb. 2, 2017 to the committee.**

A poster for Texas 4-H Opportunity Scholarship Training. It features a green background with a white diamond pattern. At the top right is a green four-leaf clover with 'H' on each leaf. A red banner with white text reads 'TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING'. Below it, a yellow banner says 'Topics Covered: 2017 Application Process, 2017 Major Changes'. A dark green banner at the bottom left says 'TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 2016, 6:30PM'. At the bottom, white text says 'ONLINE TRAINING: HTTPS://AGRILIFE-TAMU.WEBEX.COM/MEET/MEREDITH.MILLER'.

TEXAS 4-H OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING

Topics Covered
2017 Application Process
2017 Major Changes

TUESDAY, DEC. 6, 2016, 6:30PM

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2017 TEXAS 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

4-H CONNECT Registration will
open at 12 noon on

JANUARY 9, 2017

and close

JANUARY 27, 2017

Cost per participant:

\$30.00

(includes lunch and t-shirt)

EVENT DETAILS

Date:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Estimated Start Time: 8:30 am

Estimated Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Event limited to the first

250 youth/50 adult

(registration is non-refundable
or transferable!)

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4-H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Because this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited. The event will open for registrations on January 9, 2017 at 12 noon and will remain open until January 27, 2017 or until the event is filled. (In 2015, the event did fill up within the first 24 hours of being open). 4-H Day at the Capitol is open to the first 250 youth and 50 adults registering for the event.

Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:

- This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4-H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4-H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4-H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (pressed blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual shoes - not tennis shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.

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Major Stock Shows

BE SURE TO BOOK ROOMS NOW!!

STATE FAIR

Sept 30-Oct 23, 2016

www.bigtex.com

HEART OF TEXAS FAIR & RODEO

Oct 6-15, 2016

www.hotfair.com

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO:

Jan 13 -Feb 4, 2017

www.fwssr.com

SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO:

February 9-26, 2017

www.sarodeo.com

RODEO AUSTIN:

March 11-25, 2017

www.rodeoaustin.com

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO:

March 7-26, 2017

www.HLSR.com

****each website has that show's exhibitor handbook which includes rules, regulations and show schedule**



VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW

March 2-6, 2017



Validation Dates (must enter the exhibitor/animal BEFORE tag in:

◇ Carcass Hog/Mkt Hog/Breeding Gilt December 3rd, VLS Pavilion, 8AM

Important!

◇ **ALL ENTIRES DUE ONLINE**

December 6th

◇ **Late entries—\$25/entry**

December 7th - January 15th

◇ Market Broiler Pick-Up

January 25

<http://victorialivestockshow.com/pdfs/2017/VLS-Rule-Book.pdf>

Please contact each division for questions!

Quality Counts

Important Notice

All Livestock show exhibitors must have their Quality Counts number before entering any livestock show. Your number is good for multiple years, unless you transitioned from an Intermediate level to a Senior level 4-Her before August 31, 2016. If so, you must get your new QC number. For more information or to take the Quality Counts test, visit their website at:

<http://agrilife.org/>

Project Updates

4-H Foods & Nutrition Project

Location: Victoria County 4-H Activity Center, 259 Bachelor Drive Victoria TX 77904 (361)575-4581

Time: 5:30PM Duration: 1 ½ hours

Project Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016
Food Safety & Kitchen Safety
Safe food Handling, Kitchen Safety
(We will cook a main dish)

Project Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2016
Nutrients: My Plate, Nutrients We Need
Prepare for County Food Show/County Food Challenge
(We will cook a dessert)

Entry Deadline for County Food Show/County Food Challenge November 28, 2016

Thursday, December 15, 2016 starting @ 5:30pm
➤ **COUNTY FOOD SHOW/FOOD CHALLENGE**

Project Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2016
Prepare for County Food Show/Food Challenge
(We will not prepare any food at this meeting – it will be time used to prepare for County)

Saturday, January 7, 2017

➤ **District 11 4-H Food Show/Food Challenge – La Grange, TX**

If you have any questions please call the County Extension Office (361-575-4581) or email Paije.Bartek@ag.tamu.edu



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4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT

Project Leader: *Nadine Van Beveren*

Location: County Extension Office, 528 Waco Circle, Victoria, TX 77904 Time: 5:30PM – 7:00PM

PROJECT MEETING DATES (3rd Monday of the month):

Monday, August 22, 2016
❖ SEWING MACHINE BASICS

Monday, September 19, 2016
❖ Properties of Fabrics
○ Fabric Selection

Monday, October 17, 2016
❖ Quilting Basics
❖ Quilting Terms & Sewing Tools

Monday, November 21, 2016
❖ PATTERNS AND CUTTING

Monday, January 16, 2016
❖ Assembling the "sandwich"

Monday, February 20, 2016
❖ Quilting, Stitching & Binding



IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- One adult must accompany the youth participant (safety purposes).
- Required to purchase BASIC supplies...more information at the first meeting.
- Personal machines are welcome. HOWEVER, you must be comfortable working it.

Please sign up through the Extension Office (361-575-4581) or Nadine (361-550-9931) by **AUGUST 15th** so that we can prepare for each participant. If you cannot attend the first meeting, please still sign up and let us know you're interested!

Rifle Project Sign-Up



Oct. 11, 2016 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Nov. 1, 2016 5:00 – 6:30 PM



Victoria County 4-H Activity Center

Project meetings will last 3 consecutive weeks starting **November 1st** on every Tuesday & Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Training includes: Safety & Target Shooting

Project cost is \$75.00 (ammo and rifle provided)

Rifle shirts are optional and extra.

You must complete the rifle project to be eligible to compete.

New and Returning members are required to register and attend the 1st project meeting!

There are several changes this year to the rifle project, so plan to attend.

Rifle Competition Sign-Up

Oct. 11, 2016 6:00 – 7:00 PM (returning members only)

Nov. 1, 2016 5:00 – 6:30 PM (returning members only)

Jan. 10, 2017 5:00 – 6:00 PM (returning & new members)

Victoria County 4-H Activity Center

Competition practice will begin on **January 10, 2017** on every Tuesday and Thursday until District in April.

Competition cost is \$150 (ammo and rifle provided).

This fee includes 6-7 match fees and is non-refundable.



For more information please contact: Stan or Audra Portis (361) 782-1815

COASTAL BEND *classic* CLINICS AND SHOW

DECEMBER 3RD (EARLY ARRIVAL DECEMBER 2ND)
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
219 W 5TH ST, SINTON, TX 78387

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

3:00 - 9:00 PM

Early arrival (optional)

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Social (Free meal sponsored by Texas Farm Credit)

Speed Judging Begins at 7 PM (youth and adults)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 (SCHEDULE TENTATIVE)

7:30 - 8:45 AM

Arrival and stalling of animals

8:45 AM

Weight cards must be turned in

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Goat Specie Clinic, Showmanship immediately following clinic

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Specie Clinics (beef, sheep, swine)

1:00 PM

Specie Showmanship followed by Specie Shows (beef, sheep)

YOU HAVE TO TRAIN
LIKE A **CHAMPION**
TO BE A **CHAMPION**

SPEAKERS/JUDGES:

BEEF: Jon Gevelinger

GOAT: Troy Goretska

LAMB: Danny Blank

SWINE: Leo Canales, Chad Hill (Clinic Only)

early registration

Register online by November 21ST for \$25 per youth participant by visiting <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>. Look for 'Coastal Bend Classic' in the Events & Contests Menu. **First 100 registered participants receive a FREE CBC CAP!**

late registration

Late Registration available from November 21ST til day of for \$30 per participant (unlimited entries).

great awards and door prizes!

Including Clippers, Boots, Halters, Blankets, etc.

Cattle Fitting Contest: 4 man team, Clipper Boxes Awarded to the winning team.
Minimum of 3 teams required by the registration date for the contest to be held.

Call your county ext. office for more info!
Open to 4-H & FFA members.

PLATINUM SPONSORS





**December 9-11, 2016 @
Brazos County Expo Center**

5827 Leonard Rd. Bryan, TX. 77807

What is the Southern Classic?

The Southern Classic Clinic and Prospect Shows are intended to provide an educational opportunity for new families participating in the livestock project area. The main purpose is to teach the basic principles of livestock management as they relate to facility maintenance, selection, nutrition, animal health, handling, and showmanship.

"Quality Counts" programs are discussed to ensure that safe and legal use of drugs or medications to facilitate the ethical care, development, and exhibition of livestock

Early registration is \$30 by November 22nd

Late registration is \$40 from November 23rd –December 11th

Onsite Registration is \$40

Register at: <http://counties.agrilife.org/walker/southern-classic-registration/>

Friday, December 9th

Barns Open & Check-in - 4-7pm

Saturday, December 10th

7:00am- Barns Open & Check-in

9:30 am- General Session Starts

10:30-Individual Species Sessions Start

12:00– Catered Lunch

1:00pm- All weight cards due

1:15- Afternoon Species Sessions Start
(one set of clippers will be given away at the conclusion of each species session. Must be present to win!)

4:00pm– Adjourn

<NO ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE>
SATURDAY 10:45 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday December 11th

9:00am-Beef Prospect show

(heifers and steers will show at the same time)

9:00am-Lamb Prospect Show

9:00am-Goat Prospect Show

9:00am-Swine Prospect Show

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3-12

NO PEEWEE EXHIBITORS

NO OUTSIDE SHAVINGS

For More Information:

Contact your local County Extension office, the Brazos County Extension office at 979-823-0129 or visit us online at <http://d94-h.tamu.edu/eventsandcontests/southern-classic/>



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Calendar

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 Coastal Bend Classic VLS Carcass Hog/Mkt Hog /Breeding Guilt Validation
4	5	ALL VLS ONLINE ENTRIES DUE	7	8 District Archery Match	9	10 District Archery Match
11	12 Food & Nutrition @ 5:30 Extension Office	13	14	15 County Food Show & Food Challenge	16	17
18	19 Clothing & Textiles @ 5:30 Extension Office	20	21	22	23 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 	26 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31
1 	2 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7 District Food Show & Food Challenge @ La Grange