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Newsletter of Victoria County 4-H Program

News and Announcements

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



The Victoria County Extension Staff hopes you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!



**January 4-H Adult Leaders Association
and County Council meetings will be**

**Tuesday, January 10th @ the 4-H Activity
Center, 6:00 p.m.!!**

HOOF TRIMMING

**January 5th @ 3pm at
the VLS Pole Barn**



**GOOD LUCK TO ALL EXHIBITORS PARTICI-
PATING IN THE FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW
THIS MONTH!!**

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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.**





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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Livestock Shows & Project News

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW & RODEO:

Jan 13 -Feb 4, 2017

www.fwssr.com



BE SURE TO BOOK ROOMS NOW!!

SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO:

February 9-26, 2017

www.sarodeo.com

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO:

March 7-26, 2017

www.HLSR.com

RODEO AUSTIN:

March 11-25, 2017

www.rodeoaustin.com

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

VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW March 2-6, 2017

◇ Market Broiler Pick-Up is January 18

Important!

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

Please contact each division chairman for questions!

4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PROJECT

Project Leader: *Nadine VanDeveren*

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, 2017
❖ Assembling the "sandwich"

Monday, February 20, 2017
❖ 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!

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>



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

More Project Updates



4-H Dog Project

Teach your dog new tricks! Bring your dog and complete a basic obedience course in about 6 weeks. Have fun and build confidence as your dog improves.

You can do all sorts of activities, like:

- ✦ Foster dogs, therapy or guide dogs,
- ✦ Competitions such as rally, agility, obedience, showmanship or conformation
- ✦ Photography
- ✦ Career exploration
- ✦ Canine good citizenship testing



Mixed breed or purebred, all kinds of dogs are welcome in the 4-H Dog Care and Training Project. You can have a better, well-mannered family member in about 6 weeks with our basic obedience training class. After obedience training, you can set your sights on Canine Good Citizenship Certification. You will also learn about daily care and health of your dog, and being a "dog foster parent." Even community service and competition you can do with your dog. Most important of all is having fun as you build a bond with your dog and make friends who love dogs too!

Requirements

- ✓ Adult must accompany youth at all times
- ✓ Youth must be able to handle dog by their self
- ✓ Must provide up-to-date vaccine records

First meeting is JANUARY 9th @ 6:30 pm out at the Victoria County 4-H Activity Center (259 Bachelor Drive, Inside Victoria Regional Airport)

For more question and information, please visit <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/dog-care-training/> or call the Extension Office at 361.575.4581

Multi-Species Livestock Clinic

Back to the Basics

Join us Saturday, January 14th at the Victoria Livestock Show Pavilion located at the back of the Community Center. This is a very informal and laid back event. So come as you are, bring your animals (EXCEPT HOGS, they will be provided) and learn about the basics of how to prepare for the county show. Please see schedule below for more details. If you have any questions, contact the County Extension Office 361.575.4581



2:00 Orientation

2:30 Break out into species specific sessions
(Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Hogs)

Session topics will include:

- ✓ Victoria Livestock Show (check-in process)
- ✓ Supply Box
- ✓ Evaluation Process
- ✓ Showmanship



Calendar

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED	3	4	5 Hoof trimming 3 pm @ VLS pole barn	6	7 District Food Show & Food Challenge @ La Grange
8	9  Dog Project Meeting @ 6:30	10  ALA/ County COUNCIL @ 6 pm	11	12	13	14 Multi- Species Livestock Clinic @ 2PM Community Center
15	16 EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED  Clothing & Textiles @ 5:30 Extension Office	17	18 VLS Poultry Pick up 	19	20 4-H Opportunity Scholarships DUE to Ext. Office 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 D11 Shooting Sports Training
29 D11 Shooting Sports Training	30	31	1	2	3	4 Extra Special Livestock Show PRACTICE SHOW