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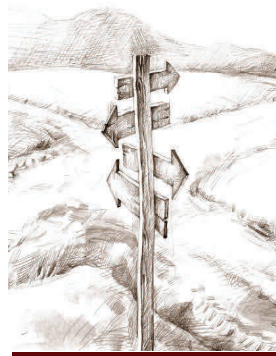
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[victoria.agrilife.org](http://victoria.agrilife.org)

**District Website:**  
[d114-h.tamu.edu](http://d114-h.tamu.edu)

**State Website:**  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu)

**4-H Connect:**  
<https://texas.4honline.com>



# Crossroads Clover

Newsletter of Victoria County 4-H Program  
MARCH 2016

## News and Announcements

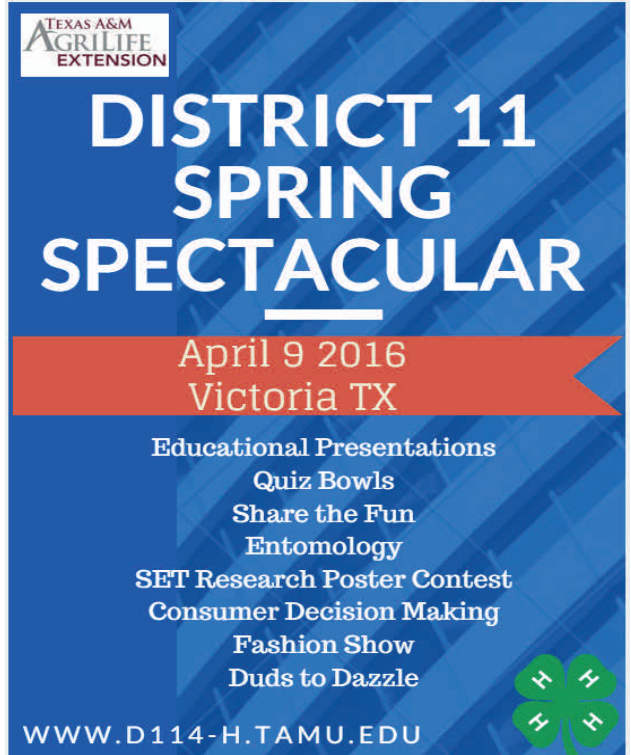
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK  
SHOW EXHIBITORS AND SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!**

Friday & Saturday,  
April 8th-9th  
Northside Baptist Church  
Victoria, TX

**\*\*Registration** for the event  
will go live on 4-H Connect  
March 1.

**Regular Registration**  
will be from March  
1 - March 18.

**Late Registration** will  
be from March 19-  
March 25.




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## DISTRICT 11 SPRING SPECTACULAR

April 9 2016  
Victoria TX

Educational Presentations  
Quiz Bowls  
Share the Fun  
Entomology  
SET Research Poster Contest  
Consumer Decision Making  
Fashion Show  
Duds to Dazzle

WWW.D114-H.TAMU.EDU



Contact the County Extension Office if you are interested in entering

*Note: 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 or April (prior to Apr.8) to perform their entry in front of a 4-H club/volunteers.*

**Important Notice**

**MARCH 8th ALA/County Council meeting  
Activity Center @ 6PM**

Remember to "spring forward" your clock one hour on Sunday night,  
March 13th the time will change!



# Scholarship Opportunities!



## Reminders

Graduating seniors are reminded of the various scholarship applications available. If you would like someone to review your applications and make suggestions prior to the due date, please feel free to contact the Extension office. Please pay special attention to the requirements of each scholarship and deadline for submissions.

- **Victoria County Extension Education Association** – Due March 4 by 5PM to Extension Office.
- **Victoria Soil and Water Conservation District** – Due April 4 to Victoria SWCD
- **South Texas Farm and Ranch Show**—Due early April (tba)  
<http://www.southtexasfarmandranchshow.com/scholarships.html>
- **Victoria County 4-H Adult Leaders Association**— **COMING SOON!**

*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>*

***Scholarship opportunities are usually emailed directly to graduating seniors via the email associated with 4-H Connect. If you are a graduating senior and you have not been getting those emails, please update the email for the family 4-H Connect profile.***

# LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

## Texas 4-H Ambassador Program

### Three types of Ambassadors:

1. Livestock
2. Equine
3. Advocacy



### Application Process:

Applicant goes to [https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb](https://agrilife.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb)

Applications are due **June 1, 2016**.  
Applicants will be notified by **June 17, 2016** regarding application result

### Selection Criteria:

- ◇ Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- ◇ Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- ◇ Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- ◇ Top 25% class rank

## WE NEED A FEW OF YOU TO BECOME A TEXAS 4-H STEM YOUTH AMBASSADOR

### As a Texas 4-H STEM Youth Ambassador you

- Provide a youth voice in state, regional and national promotions of STEM initiatives
- Serve as a spokesperson for 4-H Science and 4-H STEM Futures programs for local media interviews and other opportunities, as needed.
- Share experience as a 4-H STEM Youth Ambassador through social channels throughout the year when participating in events national and locally.
- Connect with donors on local level to develop and implement STEM strategies

Engage with the Lockheed Martin employee mentors/volunteers within your state and local area.



HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

#### Why be a Youth Ambassador...

- To serve as a community health and wellness advocate;
- Assist county Extension agents in providing leadership to the youth components of Healthy South Texas;
- Serve as a leader to implement the Fuel Up To Play 60 Program in local schools;
- Become knowledgeable and skilled in the healthy lifestyles subject matter;
- Coordinate educational events that will encourage better health in your community.

#### Who? You!

- Youth must be at least 9<sup>th</sup> grade students at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Membership open to all regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, national origin and disability.
- Ambassadors will serve a two-year term, with terms beginning in the later Spring/Summer prior to the start of the school year.
- Ambassadors may serve consecutive terms but must re-apply if they wish to renew membership.
- Ambassadors are required to participate in an ambassador training.
- Ambassadors are expected to attend all face-to-face and online meetings as well as complete the plans and submit reports as required.
- Complete and report 50 hours of leadership, program efforts, or community service projects per year
- Any costs associated with participating in ambassador trainings and/or meetings, including travel, registration fees, ambassador shirt, etc., are the responsibility of each individual ambassador.

#### What will Youth Ambassadors do?

- Endless options!! A few include:
- Coordinate school Walk Across Texas programs and provide assistance with kick-off and celebration events!
  - Introduce Learn, Grow, Eat & GO! to elementary schools in your community!
  - Serve as a health and nutrition advocate by speaking to groups, participating in health fairs, or volunteering with county Extension agent programs!
  - Demonstrate the smoothie bike during school assemblies, health fairs, or community events!
  - Be a disease detective and determine the most critical health needs in your community!

#### How can I apply

Applications available now!  
Applications are due to the Healthy South Texas program office no later than March 25, 2016. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee and youth are notified following selection.



JOIN the Healthy South Texas YOUTH AMBASSADOR program

# Texas 4-H Congress

JULY 17-20 2016

Texas 4-H Congress allows senior 4-H members to experience the law making process first hand by writing, submitting, and then serving as a member of the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Press, or as a Lobbyist. From these roles, the 4-H members determine the fate of each bill submitted. For more information and schedule of deadlines for apply visit:

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

## Texas 4-H Congress Calendar

January, 2016	<a href="#">Bill submission opens</a>
February 15, 2016	<a href="#">Lobbyist Application Opens</a>
February 15, 2016	<a href="#">Press Corps Online Opens</a>
March 31, 2016	Lobbyist Application closes
March 31, 2016	Press Corps Application closes
April 20, 2016	Press Corps and Lobbyist Notification
May 1, 2016	<a href="#">Online 4HConnect Registration opens</a>
May 20, 2016	Bill submission closes
May 31, 2016	Online Registration closes

National 4-H's Premier Leadership and Youth Engagement Event!

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**National 4-H Congress**  
Take Your 4-H Career  
to the Next Level!!

Experience

## LEADERSHIP & SERVICE LEARNING

in a new exciting way with more than 950 4-H members from across the United States.

Applications accepted  
March 1 to April 15  
on 4-H CONNECT.

November 24 - 29, 2016  
Atlanta, Georgia

For More Information Visit:  
[texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/nationalcongress](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/nationalcongress)

## Major Stock Shows Updates

### ATTENTION 2016 SATE FAIR OF TEXAS EXHIBITORS!

Please contact the extension office **by Friday, APRIL 1st** if you plan on exhibiting an animal here so we can:

- Get tags ordered
- Validate any NEW heifers

#### HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO:

March 1-20, 2016

[www.HLSR.com](http://www.HLSR.com)


#### RODEO AUSTIN:

March 12-26, 2016


[www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)


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

# Project Updates



South Texas Horse Shows  
“2016 Trophy Saddle Series”  
All Breed –Open Shows  
*Show dates*  
March 12, April 16, September 17, October 22.  
*Showmanship Clinic with Judge Carol Morris March 11, 2016*  
6:30-8:30 p.m. All shows will be held at  
San Patricio County Fairgrounds, Sinton, TX



[www.southtexashorseshowseries.com](http://www.southtexashorseshowseries.com)  Find us on: facebook.

7 DIVISIONS- END OF YEAR & DAILY HI-POINT &  
RESERVE HIPOINT AWARDS  
First place awards for Halter, ribbons thru 8th place, and more.

**DIVISIONS: W/T YOUTH 18 & UNDER YOUTH 13 UNDER YOUTH 14-18**  
**W/T ADULT 19 & OVER ADULT 19-39 ADULT 40 & OVER**  
“RANCH HORSE”

30 MILES FROM THE COAST GREAT SHOW/VACATION OPPORTUNITY

## Horse Validation Dates

March 1 – April 15 -  
\$10/horse

April 16 – May 1 -  
\$20/horse

**District Horse Show is  
going to be BEFORE  
YRA this year!  
June 14th & 15th**



## PHOTOGRAPHY 4-Hers

### Juniors & Intermediates ONLY...Seniors automatically advance to state!

Registration will be from March 1 through March 13. Late Registration will be from March 14-18 for an additional \$25.

The theme for this year will be 4-H, Ribbons, Awards, and Recognitions. It will focus on still life arrangements of 4-H awards, ribbons and recognition. However, there are 14 other categories you can choose from. The arrangement and positioning of items will be strongly evaluated, as well as, the quality of the photo. Photos should create emotion and have impact!

Please visit the District 11 4-H website for more details on the contest: <http://d114-h.tamu.edu>

### SUBMISSION OF PHOTO

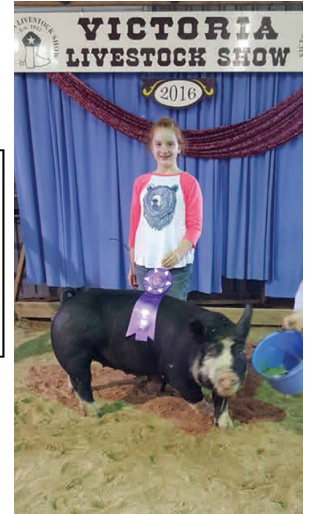
Photos must be uploaded to 4-H connect in their appropriate category at time of entry. The photo must not exceed 2,048k (2MB)

# NEWSMAKERS

**Congratulations to everyone that competed and made the sale at the San Antonio Stock Show and the Victoria Livestock Show!**



Senior CDM team placed 3rd @ San Antonio!



Carlie Parsons with her grand Champion OPB market hog!

Hayden Wuensche with 1st place lamb @ Arizona National



Macy Rae Cantu with her 7th place steer



2016 Extra Special Livestock Show




Logan and Tatum Johnson



# Calendar

## March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
28	29 VLS AUCTION @ 4:30	1	2	3	4 HLSR Beef Quiz Bowl	5 Victoria County Invitational 4-H Rifle Match	
6	7	8 ALA/County Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	
13 Spring Forward 	14 HLSR Livestock Judging	<b>V.I.S.D Spring Break</b>				18	19 Bee County 4-H Rifle Match
20	21	22	23	24 Austin Livestock Judging	25 Extension Office Closed	26	
27 	28	29	30	31	1	2 Colorado County 4-H Rifle Match	

### UP COMING EVENTS

#### April

4/9 District Spring Spectacular (in Victoria)