October 2025

# CROSSROADS CLOVER

Victoria County 4-H "To Make the Best Better"



EVERYONE
MUST
STILL
ENROLL
FOR THE
NEW YEAR

### **HAPPY FALL Y'ALL!**

There are many items in this month's edition of the Crossroad's Clover. Stock show deadlines, tag-in/validation dates, and much more!

Remember INTENTIONAL and IMPACTFUL.

4-H Members

Clover Kids

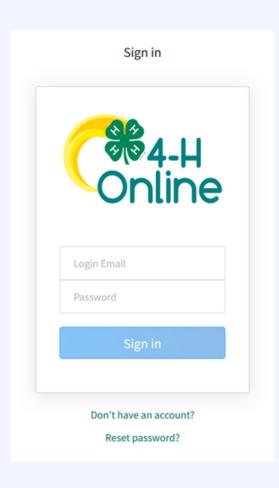
Coaches & Leaders

Club Managers

Volunteers

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 5<sup>th</sup> - 11th

The month of October we are ADOPTING CEMETERIES to clean up and spruce up with flowers!



- RETURNING MEMBERS: if you have forgotten your password, do not create another account. Simple select "forgot password" or call the Extension Office.
- Use an email address that you have daily access to. This is our main form of communication that will have important information sent to.
- Making sure you are on an actual desktop and not your phone or iPad.
- FireFox Mozilla is the preferred browser.
- Logging out and back in sometimes resolves the issue.
- Restarting your computer and clearing browser's history, cookies and cache can help.

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VOLUNTEERS MUST ENROLL.

Anyone assisting the youth, bank account signers, leaders and club managers.

## BUCKET CALF PROJECT

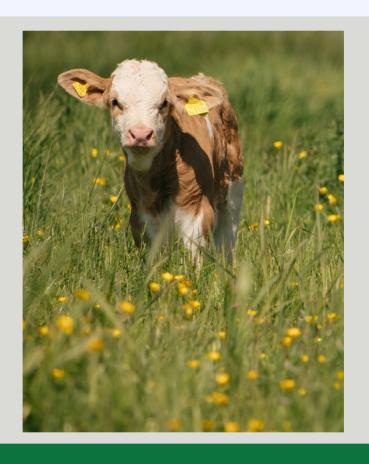
CLOVER KIDS
Kinder - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

A program to expose and teach youth in Victoria County about basic care and responsibility of caring for a calf. Youth will raise a bottle calf/bucket calf for the Victoria Livestock Show.

The calf must be born September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 through January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

A bill of sale must be presented at time of validation along with a \$30 entry fee.

Validation Date: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 VLS Pole Barn @ 6:00PM



# Shooting Sports IMPORTANT DATES

Rifle



#### RIFLE

MANDATORY SAFETY MEETINGS

**NEW & RETURNING** shooters are REQUIRED to attend one of the safety meetings to participate.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> OR October 7th 6:00PM @ Victoria 4-H Activity Center

\*259 Bachelor Drive

Club Manager - Audra Portis 361-782-1815



## & FOOD CHALLENGE CONTEST \*Must compete to advance to District in December!

Sunday, October 26th Food Show 12:30pm Food Challenge 3:00pm

Please fill out the entry form on the District 11 4-H website and return to JJ Janssen by October  $15^{\rm th}$ 

https://d114-h.tamu.edu/files/2025/09/2025-27-Food-Show-Entry-Form.pdf

#### **FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT**

Clover Kid Opportunity (Kinder - 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Come learn about healthy substitutes, knife safety, measuring skills, and the popular contest FOOD SHOW and FOOD CHALLENGE.

Food Show is an individual contest that you prepare a dish and presentation in advance. This is what the Clover Kids could compete in.

Food Challenge is a team of 4 that creates a dish and presentation in 40 minutes. It is much like the TV show Chopped. This is fun to grab a group of friends together to do.

LAST Project Meeting:
October 13
Victoria Extension Office
6:00PM to 7:00PM



#### LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

#### **Quality Counts**

All livestock exhibitors that are showing at the Victoria Livestock Show and/or a Major Livestock Show must take the QUALITY COUNTS TEST. Only exhibitors that are brand new to showing livestock, entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (Junior), 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Intermediate), and 9<sup>th</sup> grade (Senior) will need to take the test.

#### agrilifelearn.tamu.edu

Search Quality Counts and you will select it as an item to "check out" and pay for.

\*If you are having an technical issues email <a href="mailto:learnonline@ag.tamu.edu">learnonline@ag.tamu.edu</a>

#### **VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW**

#### Tag In Dates:

- Commercial Heifers (Pen of 2) October 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00AM 10:30AM @ Briggs Ranch
- Carcass Lambs, Market Lambs, Market Goats October 11th 8:00AM 9:00AM @ Pole Barn
- Commercial Halter Heifers October 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM 6:00PM @ Diebel Ranch \*All heifers validated last year, must be re-tagged for this year.
- Carcass Lambs, Market Lambs, Market Goats October 28th 4:00PM 6:00PM @ Pole Barn
- <u>Breeding Ewes and Breeding Does</u> October 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM 6:00PM @ Pole Barn \*Must have purchased a major show tag from the Extension Office.

TAGGING YOUR ANIMAL DOES NOT ENTER IT INTO THE VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW!

You must go to the victorialivestockshow.com website and enter through SHOWORKS.

Entries are OPEN from October 1 - December 9

#### **MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS**

#### Validation Dates:

- Registered Heifers October 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM 6:00PM @ Diebel Ranch \*NEW VLS RULE - Registered Heifers ONLY showing VLS must be state validated.
- Market & Breeding Lambs, Market & Breeding Goats October 28th 4:00PM 6:00M @ Pole Barn
- Market & Breeding Hogs November 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM 6:00PM @ Pole Barn
  \*If you have a registered gilt, we need a color copy and the papers at validations to confirm ear notches!

#### MAJOR SHOW SIGN UP

If you validated an animal for a spring major livestock show, you must come into the Extension Office to fill out and pay for that respective show's entry fees!

TAGGING IN THE ANIMAL DOES NOT MEAN IT IS ENTERED INTO THE SHOW

DUE OCTOBER 31st
\*we will have all the paperwork here at the office\*





#### **VISIT US AT**

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00AM - 12:00PM 1:00PM - 5:00PM CLOSED FOR LUNCH

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