

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!**

Sign in



4-H Online

Login Email

Password

Sign in

Don't have an account?

Reset password?

- 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.

V2.4HONLINE.COM

**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 7<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00PM @ Victoria 4-H Activity Center

\*259 Bachelor Drive

Club Manager - Audra Portis  
361-782-1815



### COUNTY FOOD SHOW & 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<sup>th</sup>

<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](http://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 [learnonline@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:learnonline@ag.tamu.edu)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM - 6:00PM @ Pole Barn
- Breeding Ewes and Breeding Does - 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](http://victorialivestockshow.com) website and enter through SHOWWORKS.  
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
- Market & Breeding Lambs, Market & Breeding Goats - October 28<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM - 6:00PM @ 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\***



# TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION



## VISIT US AT

**528 Waco Circle  
Victoria, TX 77904**

**(361) 575-4581**

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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