September 2025

CROSSROADS CLOVER

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

4-H's Long-reaching EffectsCompared to other youth, 4-Her's are:

4 more likely to contribute to their communities



more likely to be civically active

more likely to make

healthier lifestyle choices

EVERYONE MUST ENROLL FOR THE NEW YEAR

4-H Members

Clover Kids

Coaches & Leaders

Club Managers

Volunteers

ENROLL NOW! Welcome 2025-2026 4-H year!

Summer is over, school has begun and we are ready to kick off the new 4-H year. I hope everyone had a fantastic summer filled with memories.

We all know that time is a thief, of the essence, and valuable. Every minute of our day is accounted for and there is no time to waste. As you begin the new year, I want you to ask yourself a few questions.

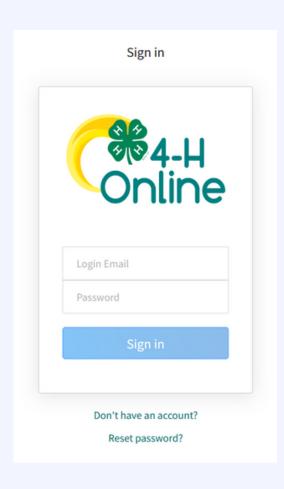
WHY do I or we do 4-H?

WHAT is and CAN the 4-H program do for me? Am I taking full advantage of the 4-H program?

I want everyone to have a fun filled year, but at the same time think about the events, activities, and opportunities purposefully.

This year we will continue to provide CLOVER KIDS more opportunity to explore and become involved.

So press start, hang on tight and scroll through this month's edition of the monthly 4-H Family Newsletter.



- 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

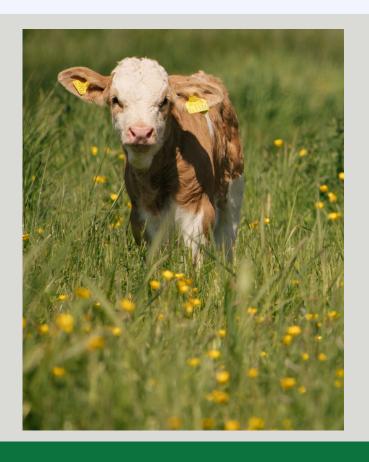
CLOVER KIDS
Kinder - 2nd grade

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 1st, 2025 through January 8th, 2026.

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

Validation Date: January 8th, 2026 VLS Pole Barn @ 6:00PM



Shooting Sports IMPORTANT DATES

Archery & Rifle

ARCHERY

MANDATORY SAFETY MEETINGS

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

September 8th **OR September 11**th 6:00PM @ Our Saviour's Church

*4102 N. Ben Jordan St. Side Door A

Club Manager - Jaiyme Aiken 361-218-1092

RIFLE

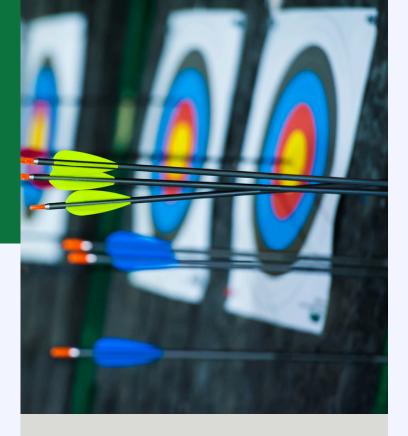
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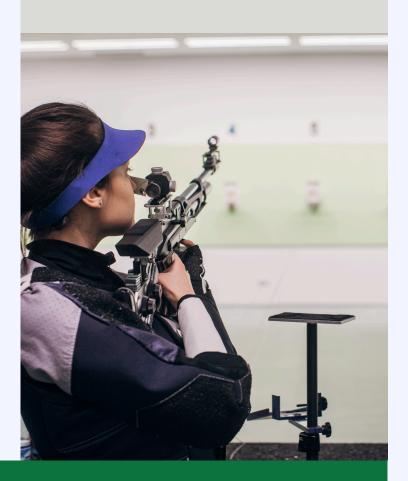
October 2nd OR October 7th 6:00PM @ Victoria 4-H Activity Center

*259 Bachelor Drive

Club Manager - Audra Portis 361-782-1815



Safety is our upmost priority!
Please pay attention to the
REQUIRED safety meetings/
sign up nights.



FOOD & NUTRITION PROJECT



Clover Kid Opportunity Kinder - 2nd

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.

<u>Project Meetings:</u>
September 15, September 29, 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 3rd grade (Junior), 6th grade (Intermediate), and 9th 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 learnonline@ag.tamu.edu

VICTORIA LIVESTOCK SHOW

Tag In Dates:

Carcass Steer - September 16th 4:30PM - 5:30PM @ Pole Barn Commercial Heifers (Pen of 2) - October 4th 8:00AM - 10:30AM @ Briggs Ranch

MANDATORY Rabbit Meeting - September 22nd 6:00PM @ 4-H Activity Center





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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

8:00AM - 12:00PM

1:00PM - 5:00PM

CLOSED FOR LUNCH

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