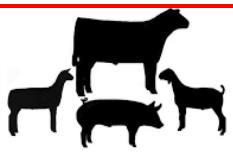
TGC 4-H Newsletter

Major Stock Show Sign-Up



Sign-up day for all major stock shows will be held on Wednesday AND Thursday, **November 5th and 6th** from 8 am to 5 pm both days including the lunch hour in the Extension office. This event will take place all day on both days, so you can come and go as you please. This will be the ONLY days this event will take place. If you are unable to make this date, you will need to call the Extension office to make arrangements to fill out all entry forms and fees. Items you will need to bring are: exhibitor summary form (received at Pre-Major Show meeting), exhibitor's Social Security number, current address, phone number, quality counts verification number and a check to pay for ALL your entries.

All exhibitors who have validated animals are asked to complete the summary fee schedule form so that you can plan on the shows you wish to enter. This form **IS NOT** THE OFFICIAL ENTRY.....EACH SHOW MUST HAVE A SEPARATE FORM COMPLETED to be officially entered in any show. The Tom Green County entries will also be available that day for your convenience. We are encouraging all exhibitors to have all entry forms for ALL shows completed on these two days.

Remember that for NEW exhibitors, the Quality Counts verification test must be taken as the number issued after passing the test is REQUIRED on the entry forms before submission. Those exhibitors who HAVE just turned 14 years of age - must RE-TEST in the Senior age category. All others can use the same number as last year and DO NOT have to test again. Also ALL 4-H exhibitors must be enrolled as an ***"Active"*** member thru 4-H CONNECT.

Major stock shows entries during the sign up days will be collected for everyone attending Sandhills Stock Show in Odessa, Tom Green County Show, Southwestern Livestock Show in Ft. Worth, San Antonio Expo, San Angelo Stock Show, Houston Livestock Show and Star of Texas Show in Austin. Parents and exhibitors should also be planning to make your own room reservations for motels near the shows you will be participating. Please feel free to contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

Lamb & Goat Feeding & Showmanship Clinic

A Lamb & Goat Feeding and Showmanship clinic for Tom Green County exhibitors showing lambs & goat projects is scheduled for **Saturday, November 1st**. The clinic will be held at the Tom Green County 4-H Building beginning at 9am. The morning clinic will have hands on instruction and exhibitors are encouraged to bring their sheep and/or goat projects to participate. The clinic will be led by local volunteer leaders and senior aged 4-H members.

The clinic will conclude at 12 noon. Please RSVP to the extension office so that adequate refreshments and instructors are available.

2014 Texas 4-H Scholarship Applications

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is once again pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program. **Deadline for applications to the County Extension office is January 28th, 2015.**

Once again, the application and the instructions are separate documents for easier completion and direction. The application form is being offered in Microsoft Word. All applications MUST meet the minimum requirements/criteria to even be considered for judging (see guidelines for complete details). Info and guidelines can be found on the Texas 4-H website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships.

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There will an informative and instructional workshop on **Tuesday, December 2nd** at 6:30 pm to assist all interested persons in completing and applying for these scholarships. This training will be held at the Tom Green 4-H Building. All current graduating seniors are eligible for the scholarships but any interested persons can attend the workshop to get a outlay for future references. All active 4-H members who are a graduating senior in high school will be sent instructions & links in the near future. Please refer to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu for more information and updates. If we have failed to contact qualified students, please feel free to access this site for an application, or call the Extension office if you have questions and speak with Kathy Aycock or Courtney Redman at 659-6525.

Tom Green County Jr. Livestock Show Ambassadors

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about the cake auction for the Tom Green County Fair and Jr. Livestock Show. This year, Ambassadors are responsible for working at the cake auction and during the meal prior to the Premium Sale. Senior 4-Hers will be used to serve and act as hosts for buyers during the meal. Cakes will still need to be made as part of the auction. Each Club is asked to bring **at least** 2 cakes for the cake auction. More are always welcomed. Ambassadors will help present and display those cakes to prospective buyers during the Auction. Contact Kathy or Courtney if you are interested in helping as an Ambassador.

2014 County 4-H Food Show Results

Congratulations to all those who participated in this year's County Food Show entitled *"Bringing Texas to the Table"* held at the Tom Green 4-H Center on Saturday, October 25th. Winners in each category were:

Juniors: Proteins - 1. Connor Pence 2. Michael Trees 3. Caroline Holtman
Fruits & Vegetables -1.Grace Wilde 2. Paige Hohensee
Grains - 1. Mallory Fuchs 2. Julie Black

Intermediates: Proteins - 1.Matthew Trees 2. Aaron Jackson 3. Robin Morris 4. Piper Cotton
Fruits & Vegetables - 1. Garrett Guerrero
Grains - 1. Mark Holtman
Dairy - 1. Nathan Waldron

Seniors: Proteins - 1. Ashley Wilde
Fruits & Vegetables -1.Emily Niehues 2. Lacey Morris
Grains - 1. Emily Moeller
Dairy - 1. Megan Crawford

Clover Kids participating in the event were: Gracie Trees and Shelby Black.

The first place winners in each age division and category will participate in the District 7 Food Show to be held Saturday, November 15th in Abilene. Good Job everyone and best of luck at District!

Calf Scrambles

The deadline for the San Angelo Calf Scramble has been set for **December 15th, 2013.** Event is open to all FFA & 4-H members in the state of Texas. The first 80 complete and correct entries received in the Stock Show office will be eligible. All 4-Hers interested in participating in the Scramble during the Stock Show and Rodeo performance should contact the Extension office prior to November 25th. All contestants must be 13 years - 18 years old on or by February 1st to be eligible. We will provide applications and release forms for those who are interested. **Please call or ask for an application during the Sign-up days at the Extension office.** These applications MUST have contestant signatures as well as parents and supervising agent or ag teacher. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Applications for Houston Livestock Show are also being accepted. Entry Deadline is **December 1, 2014.** This year again the Houston Livestock show will be making certificates available for those winners for a Beef Heifer OR a steer. Winners of a scramble certificate will follow the same rules as in past with reporting and shows for calf scramble winners but you will be allowed to purchase a steer or a beef heifer with your certificate or winnings. Questions or additional rules can be found on the Houston Livestock Show website.

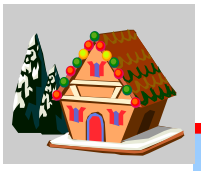
If you are interested in any other Calf Scramble entry for any of the other major shows, please contact our office and we will work to get the forms completed.

Gingerbread House & Cookie Contest

17th Annual Christmas at Old Ft Concho will again sponsor a decorating contest for Gingerbread Houses and decorated cookies. **Entry forms** must be received by Tuesday, December 2nd, with the entries to be received at the Post Hospital between 8 AM and 1 PM on Thursday, December 4th, 2014. Judging will be held at 2:30 PM that day. Winners will be notified by Phone. Houses and cookies will be on display through Christmas at Old Ft. Concho. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in both the Cookie & Gingerbread contests.

Categories for the Cookie Decorating contest include: Youth - Ages 6-8; Youth - Ages 9-11; Youth - Ages 12-15; Youth -16-19, and Adults. Entrants may enter more than one recipe and style of cookie but must be sent in a separate entry form. An entry consists of six (6) decorated cookies and should be on a paper or plastic plate wrapped securely with plastic wrap. Cookies are judged on Taste-45%; Appearance - 35%; and originality & use of materials-20%.

For the Gingerbread House Contest, classes and categories have been created with regard to age and experience. All houses, outbuildings, trees or shrubs, fences, people, etc must be of edible material. Houses must fit into a two foot square space and height is only limited by stability. Classes for youth include: children 6-8 yrs old; 9-11 yrs old, 12-15 years and 16-19 years old. There will be one for school groups, one adult class and one group class. Houses may be entered in only one class.



Prizes will be awarded for each class. Categories are: General - any holiday design and a special category with this year's theme-"Anything Disney" which can be made to recreate a favorite Disney scene, character or house. Use your imagination to create a royal confectionary dream! Entries are limited to one house in each category and a separate form is needed for each house entered. You may bake your own house or use a kit (s) but use your imagination You are only limited by your imagination so come up with "Anything Disney" for 2014.

For more information and/or for complete set of contest rules and entry forms, contact or come by the Extension office or contact Sandy Whittley or Carol Cummings. All cookies and houses must be picked up between 4 and 5pm on Sunday December 7th. Cookies or houses not picked up will become the property of Ft Concho National Historic Landmark and may be discarded. Remember, this is the largest gingerbread house contest in the state!

Consumer Decision Making Contest

Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money. Consumer Decision Making gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping. Consumer Decision Making is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. 4-Hers use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Kids learn to organize their thoughts and to defend their decisions in oral reasons.

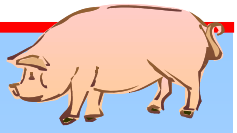
The objectives of the contest provide the opportunity for contestants to:

- ♦·Demonstrate skill in making decisions based on facts.
- ♦·Apply knowledge and experience in consumer education by analyzing consumer situations.
- ♦·Experience making choices among selected marketplace options
- ♦·Develop and strengthen reasoning ability in consumer skills.
- ♦·Demonstrate ability to organize thoughts and express them in a clear, confident manner.

The first orientation, fact meeting and practice session will be held soon for all those interested in learning about the Consumer Decision Making contest. Practices will begin in December so watch your email for upcoming announcements of dates and times. All parents and interested 4-H members are invited to attend. Please contact the Office to place your name on the interested list.

If you have questions or need further info, you can look at the Texas 4-H website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_consumer for complete information, resources, and study guides. Contact Courtney Redman at the office for additional information-659-6525.

Swine Validations



The week of **November 23rd - 24th** has been designated as time when all market swine will be validated for major shows. Times for all 4-Hers and FFA members other than Wall are scheduled to validated from **2 to 6 PM on Sunday, Nov. 23rd .** All Wall 4-H and Wall FFA members are scheduled to validate their animals on Monday, Nov. 24th , from 2:30 to 6 PM. Validation will take place at the Wall ISD Ag Building. All gilts must be tagged and barrows must be validated to be eligible to show in any stock shows. If you need directions, any additional information, or have questions regarding validation, please call the Extension office ASAP.

A complete Handbook of Livestock Shows with dates, entry & check-in times and requirements was available at the Pre-Major Stock Show meeting on Tuesday, October 28th. If you were not able to attend and need complete information on these shows, please feel free to contact the Extension Office

Rabbit Validation

Rabbit Validation has been set for **January 6th, 2015** at the 4-H Building from 5-7 PM for all market and breeding rabbits. All rabbits must be tattooed and validated prior to be eligible to show. Tattoo and validation will be $3 per rabbit. Entry forms will be available for the Tom Green County Show and the San Angelo Stock Show Rabbit show. Call if you need additional information; please contact the Extension office at 659-6525.

Judging Participants Sought!

Tom Green County 4-H is looking for members & leaders who might be interested in participating with various judging contest thru 4-H. Participants interested in wool & mohair judging, meats judging, soil judging, range evaluation–and NOW Consumer Decision Making - need to contact the 4-H office and place your name on the list of interested contests. Since several contests are slated to be held soon, practice session will begin ASAP to get ready for District contests.

****AGAIN THIS YEAR - the District 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest** will be held in conjunction with the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, as they have added this contest to their events. This is one of the judging teams that Agent Courtney Redman coaches. Since the contest is schedule for Friday, February 27th, we will have the teams entered soon**.**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING District Contest will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at the Spur Arena and all entries for the District Contest must be submitted online by November 24th. Fees to participate with this judging contest are $15 each, which includes lunch. **After this date there will be LATE FEES attached. AGAIN this year is registration done on 4-H CONNECT so you MUST be a current active member to be able to register as a participant for this event.**

We are also currently taking names of team members which are planning to participate in any of the livestock judging contest at the Major shows. Team numbers must be submitted to San Antonio, Houston and Austin shows by November 25th. At the San Angelo Stock Show under the Livestock Judging Contest, any number of individuals can be submitted. Rules have changed for the San Angelo Contest and deadline for entries is by February 12th. The Contest will be held on Saturday, February 28th, 2015. Contest fees for most livestock judging contests will be $10 each and you must let us (or Josh) know prior to submission if you want to participate. San Angelo contest entries will be submitted by February 12th thru a different venue.

We have already been scheduling practices!! Please let me know if you are wanting to participate in these contests and what age division you would be in so we can determine how many teams need to enter.

We are also looking for interested parents or adult leaders who would want to assist in coaching and scheduling practice sessions and lead these members in their various contests. We can have lots of information available for coaches and leaders but we really need the leaders and coaches in support of these activities. If you need more information to volunteer, please talk with Josh or Courtney and they will be happy to assist you.

Please call or e-mail the office with your name, which contest you are wanting to participate with and contact information so that you can be notified of project meetings/practices and schedule of upcoming events.

If you have any questions, or need more information on any of the contests, please feel free to contact Courtney at the Extension office - 659-6525.

Leaders 4 Life - 1st meeting will be Nov 6th. Be looking for the dates and times for practice sessions. If you are interested in being a part of this team event, please call the Office with your contact info.

Food Challenge Participants!

Congratulations to all those 4-Hers who came to learn and participate in the Food Challenge contest. There are several teams that will be advancing to the District 7 Food Challenge contest to be held in Abilene on November 25th. Those participating on teams are:

Junior Team #1 - Mya Minor, Sofia Meador, Andraya DeRusso, Megan Walsh

Junior Team #2-Lexie Williams, Landy Williams, Chloe Jones, Andie McCasland

Intermediate Team #1-Kristen Schwartz, Halli Hanna, Cameryn Jones, Elsie Countess

Intermediate Team #2 - Natalie Dragt, Avery Zesch, Falyn Guy, Jillian Pfeuffer, Kenzie Uptergrove

Senior Team - Maddi Trees, Payton White, Lauren White, Emily Boyter

Good luck in your contest and let's keep up the winning tradition!!

Wool and Mohair Judging will start next Tuesday, **November 4th** from 5:30pm at the MIR Center (for Seniors)!! Juniors will practice on Thursday - **November 6th** at 5:30 pm at the MIR Center!! They will be practicing every Tuesday and Thursday until Christmas Break. Tate Cooper will be coaching the teams this year! If you have any questions – please feel free to contact our office and we will be glad to help. 659-6525 or 659-6522.

Community Service Projects

We will again be doing the 'Sugar Free Hot Tea Packets' for Meals-On-Wheels during a 4-H County Council meeting on December 12th at the Tom Green 4-H Building beginning at 4:30 PM. This project will tentatively be followed by a ride through the annual Christmas Light Tour along the Concho River. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come participate in this county community Service Project and fun event. Make plans to attend to do a good service for the community. Please let everyone know about this, and let Courtney know if you have any questions.

Gold Star Honorees

Four local 4-H members from Tom Green County were among local youth honored during the Texas AgriLife Extension Service's District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet. The annual event was held Monday, October 27th in the Bill Franklin Center in Coleman.

The honorees from Tom Green County were Taylor Hoelscher, Emily Niehues, Bailey Hooten and Emily Moeller.

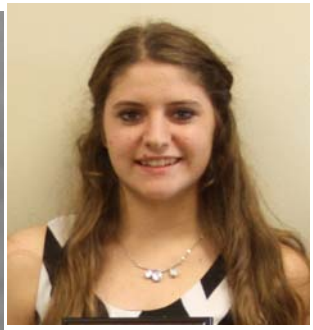
The Gold Star Award is the highest honor given by AgriLife Extension on the county level. Winners are picked based on their personal development, leadership and achievement in 4-H projects, and on activities and contributions made to the 4-H program.

The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually in the 23-county district by AgriLife Extension and local Rural Electric Coops.

▲ Bailey Hooten

Emily Moeller ▲

▼ Emily Niehues



Taylor Hoelscher ▼

Unable to attend but honored for her accomplishment this year.

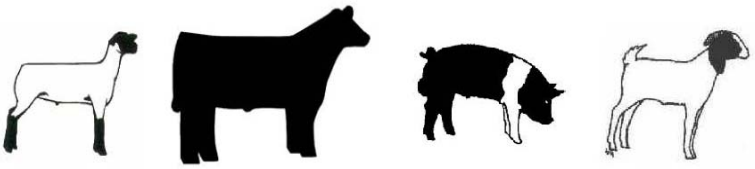
TGC 4H Archery Club Fundraiser!!

On **Thursday, November 20th**, the 4H Archery Club will be hosting a fund-raiser at Mr. Gatti's Pizza. The fund-raiser will be from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and will benefit projects and equipment for the Archery Club. All 4-Hers and their family and friends are invited to come join the event. Please mention that you are there to support the "4-H Archery Club" while purchasing the buffet so that 15% of the profits can go toward the club! Hope to see you there!!!

District 7 Livestock Clinic & Project Show

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Runnels County Show Barn/ Ballinger Community Center



7:00 a.m.	Barns Open and Arrival
10:00 a.m.	Entries Due for Jackpot Show
10:00 a.m.	Livestock Clinics Begin for Swine, Sheep, Goats, and Cattle
12:00 noon	Jackpot Showmanship Show ($5 entry fee)
	Jackpot Shows Begin for Swine, Sheep, Goats, and Cattle ($10 per head, no limit)
	Cattle – American, British, European
	Sheep – Finewool, Cross, Southdown, Medium wool
	Swine – Duroc, Hamp, WOPB, BOPB, Cross
	Goats – Classes determined by number of entries

You must participate in the clinics to enter and show in the Jackpot Show

The clinic and show are open to all 4-H and FFA age youth, parents and adult leaders

Concessions provided by Runnels County 4-H

Sponsored by the District 7 Project Development Committees for Swine, Cattle, and Sheep and Goats.

For More Information, contact:

CEA-AG Runnels County (325)365-2219	Jamie Osbourne CEA-AG Llano County (325)247-5159	Brady Evans CEA-AG Concho County (325)732-4304	Morgan Runyan CEA-AG Coke County (325) 453-2461	Chad Coburn CEA-Ag Sterling County (325) 378-3181

Club News

Angelo Bluebonnet Club -
The Angelo Bluebonnet 4-H Club met October 13, 2014. The club voted to bring supplies for six Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and to pay for shipping and handling. We will make three boxes for boys and three boxes for girls and one for each of the three age groups. A Christmas party committee was formed. The program taught the members some tips on reading to an audience. Our next meeting will be on 11/10/14 at 4:00, and we will be learning about educational presentations.

Club members participated in our club One Day project collecting money for the Concho Valley Food Bank and the Drop and Run District project on October 10 outside Wal-mart. We collected a total of $1072.29.
4-H SET met on 10/27/14, and the members broke up into teams and began to work on making rubber band cars using an assortment of materials. A meeting to complete our work with the rubber band cars will be emailed as soon as the date is set. On November 10 from 8:30a.m. to 3:00p.m. the ASU will be hosting a robotics competition and STEM career conference. Anyone is welcome to go and watch the competition and talk with community members.

On November 11, 4-H SET will meet at the art museum. On November 17, 4-H SET will have a meeting at ASU. Watch for emails with details.
The 7th Annual 4-H National Youth Science Day was a big success with 90 people in attendance and coverage by KSAN-TV News. ~Garrett Guerrero, Reporter

TGC 4-H Archery Club
On Thursday , October 16, the Tom Green County 4-H Archery club met for a business meeting. We announced the colors for our club T-shirts and talked about community service activities. Starting Thursday, November 6, we will be shooting indoors at The Outdoorsman. We also discussed a fundraising activity at Mr. Gatti's in November. - by Michael Trees, reporter

Christoval 4-H Club
Officers were elected at our last regular meeting on October 6. We're pleased to introduce Jillian Pfeuffer as President, Kenzie Uptergrove as Vice President, Beth McCann as Secretary, Wade Watson as Treasurer, Sage Powell as Reporter, and Kolsen Uptergrove as Council Delegate. All of our new officers are excited for a great 4-H year. Congratulations club member Hadley Stultz. She was the Reserve High Point Junior All-Around winner for the Junior Meat Goat Show Circuit during their show on October 11. Our club participated in the "One Day 4-H" community service project by collecting food items and shoe boxes for Meals for the Elderly. We also celebrated National 4-H Week by wearing 4-H shirts to school. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 3, 6:00 PM in the Christoval Elementary Cafeteria.

TGC 4-H Rifle Club
The 4-H Rifle Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, November 12th at 6:00 PM at the TGC 4-H Building. This will be a safety meeting and the weeks to follow will be practice sessions. If you are interested in knowing more about the Rifle Club, contact Club Manager - Jeff Peiser at 944-1222.
The Club will also be sponsoring a special fundraiser to benefit their club and equipment. The club will sponsor a Giveaway for 20 specials prizes at $50 a ticket. Only 500 tickets will be sold and there is a list of the available prizes on the ticket. Drawing will be done on December 20th and all proceeds will benefit the Rifle Club. For more info or to purchase a ticket, contact any member of the 4-H Rifle Club or Jeff Peiser, Club Manager.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 1 - TGC 4-H Sheep & Goat Clinic, 9am - 12 noon, 4H Bldg.
Nov 2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov 2 - Livestock Judging Practice, 4H Bldg, 2pm
Nov 3 - Christoval Club meeting, Christoval Community Ctr, 6pm
Nov 4 - Election Day
Nov 4 - District 7 Nutrition Quiz Bowl, Coleman, 2pm
Nov 4 - Range Evaluation Practice, 5-7 pm, 4H Bldg
Nov 5-6 - Sign UP for ALL Major Livestock Shows - Entries available in Office.
Nov 8-9 - Fall Spectacular - San Angelo Fairgrounds
Nov 9 - Livestock Judging Practice, 4H Bldg, 2 pm
Nov 10 - Angelo Bluebonnet Club mtg, 4pm
Nov 11 - Veterans Day, County Holiday, Offices closed
Nov 15 - District 7 Food Show, Abilene, 10am
Nov 16 - Livestock Judging Practice, 2pm, 4H Bldg
Nov 23,24 - Swine Validation, Wall Ag Barn, 2-6 PM.
Nov 25 - District 7 Food Challenge Contest- Abilene
Nov 26 (early), 27-30 - Thanksgiving Holidays- All County Offices Closed
Dec 2 - Scholarship Training, 4H Building, 6:30 pm
Dec 4 - Concho Valley Pecan Show, 4-H Bldg
Dec 6 - District 7 Livestock Clinic & Jackpot Show, Ballinger
Dec 7 - Livestock Judging practice, 2pm, 4H Bldg
Dec 8 - Extension Office - Holiday Open House & "Thank You" Event
Dec 10 - District 7 Livestock Judging Contest, SA Fairgrounds
Dec 12 - County Council mtg & Project-Tea Bags,Christmas Light Tour 4:30pm, 4H Bldg.
Dec 22-28 - Christmas Holidays, County Office closed.
Dec 31 - New's Year's Eve close early- County Holiday
Jan 1-2, 2015 - New Year's Day, County Offices Closed
Jan 1-4 - Sandhills Stock Show-Odessa
Jan 9 - Deadline for entry forms for TGC Project Fair
Jan 10 - Tom Green Horse Show - Spur Arena
Jan 10 - Veribest ISD - School Livestock Show, 4-H Building
Jan 15 - SAISD - School Livestock Show, 4-H Building
Jan 16-17 - Tom Green County Jr. Livestock Show & Project Fair
Jan 17- Feb 9 - Ft. Worth Stock Show
Jan. 19 - MLK Day - County Offices Closed

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For more information, check out our website at http://tomgreen.agrilife.org

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