

December 2017

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# 4-H Newsletter

## Tom Green County Project Show

The Project Show will take place in the Wells Fargo Pavilion at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. The purpose of the Project Show is to give all Tom Green County youth the opportunity to exhibit their school, 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA projects.

Entry blanks are available from the county Extension office or online and need to be returned to the office in the Judge Edd Keyes building, located at 113 W. Beauregard, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, by **Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

When a division is broken into age groups the age requirements are as of September 1, 2017 and are as follows:

- Beginners - Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Juniors - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades
- Intermediates - 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Seniors - Grades 9, 10, 11,12

Entries must be the work of only one exhibitor, must have been made in current year and each exhibitor is asked to only enter one (1) article per class. List of current categories are available at the Extension office or online at the TGC Extension website. Current year is from January 21, 2017 thru January 12, 2018.

**Entry Arrival:** Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
 Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 noon.

**Judging:** Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm

**Viewing:** after judging until 5:00 PM and Saturday at 8:00 AM.

**Pick up:** by Saturday evening at 7:00 PM.

\*Glass containers should not be used for ANYTHING, except for food preservation entries and the jars must be properly sealed. No glass serving dishes or platters will be allowed.

For more information, general rules and entry forms, and categories, check the Tom Green Extension website at: <http://tomgreen.agrilife.org> Or call or come by the county Extension office.



**Notice of Closures** – All County Offices will be closed for county Christmas holidays –Monday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. County holiday closure for New Year’s – Monday, January 1st, 2018

## Council & Leaders Mtg—Christmas Plans

The Tom Green County 4-H County Council & Adult Leaders Association will meet for a special meeting and community service project on **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** The Council and members will gather at the **County Extension Office** (113 W. Beauregard) to prepare spiced tea bags for Meals for the Elderly. Members will then join together, as part of their annual Christmas celebration to tour the Christmas lights downtown along the river in a hayride beginning at 7:30pm. Members are to bring supplies for service project which are:

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| ◆ 6oz jar of Lipton Sugar Free Tea (First Name A-D)        | ◆ 1 jar of ground cinnamon (First Name M-P) |
| ◆ large jar of Lipton Regular Tea (First Name E-H)         | ◆ Small packet of Equal (First Name T-Z)    |
| ◆ 5 pkgs of orange Kool-Aid (unsweetened) (First Name I-L) | ◆ 1 jar of ground cloves (First Name Q-S)   |

Remember to dress appropriately. If you have questions, please call the office.

## Junior Livestock Show

It is time once again to think about all of the details that go with the Tom Green County Show and Fair which will be January 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

Exhibitors: **VERY IMPORTANT COUNTY SHOW - SALE INFORMATION.** We are fortunate in Tom Green County, that all youth that exhibit a market animal at the county show are eligible to go through the sale. We feel that it is important to remind everyone that **ALL YOUTH** are **REQUIRED** to go through the sale in order to receive their premium check. Only youth that have an appropriate reason of substitution (outlined in the rule book) that has been **approved by the Fair President** (Frank Hermesmeier) prior to the sale will be allowed a substitute during the sale.

Any youth that are not in the designated area at time of sale and do not have an approved excuse by the Fair President, will **forfeit** sale money. **THIS RULE WILL BE ENFORCED, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**New up-to-date Fair book and catalog are available in the office.** Please pay close attention to the schedule of events and deadlines for check-ins and turn-in times for weight cards for each species. If you are interested in specific school shows - Veribest - San Angelo ISD or Wall, please contact the supervising Ag teacher for info. Veribest - Contact: Travis Lange; Wall- Contact: Will Hartnett; San Angelo ISD - Contact: Parks Tucker at Lakeview Ag Dept. Or Ashley Kellermeier at Central Ag Dept.

The Premium Auction Sale will start at **7 pm** on **January 13<sup>th</sup>** in the Livestock Sale Arena. We need all youth to check in at the sale ring by **6:45 pm** so we can line everyone up.

**Ambassadors** - Each club is asked to have at least 2 representatives to help with the cake auction and serving meals to the buyers. Please send a list of your Ambassadors to Jaye Chasteen or Courtney Redman at the Extension office so that name tags can be made for those assisting.

**Cake Auction** - Each club is responsible for two (2) quality cakes each. Should be delivered to the Pavilion- Saturday-Jan 13th by 4 PM.

**BBQ meal tickets** can be purchased at the door. Cake Auction will take place during the BBQ meal in the Pavilion beginning at 5:00 PM.

## Rabbit Validation

**Rabbit Exhibitors need to mark your calendar of the following validation dates:**

**ALL Commercial, breeding, and market rabbits:**

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 PM - 7:00 pm at the Tom Green 4-H Building**

**Tattooing: \$5 per rabbit.**

**Tom Green County Show Entry: \$10 per rabbit/ \$10 per pen of 3**

**San Angelo Stock Show Entry: \$5 per rabbit & \$10 per pen of 3**

**All forms will be available at validation.**



## 4-H Food Challenge

All teams should be practicing with their members. There will be additional practice opportunities at the TGC 4-H Building on Jan 4th & 11th for those that want it. County Contest will be held at the 4-H Bldg:

Seniors: 1/18/18 @ 6:30 pm

Intermediates: 1/18/18 @ 6:30 pm

Juniors: 1/18/18 @ 5:00 pm

Tom Green County will send teams for competition at the District contest to be held on **Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** in conjunction of beginning events with the San Angelo Stock Show. Contact Sandy Seidel or Jaye Chasteen if you have questions.

Best of Luck to all participants and we look forward to more teams next year.

## District 7 Food Show Results

Area 4-Hers exhibited their cooking skills during Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Annual District 7 4-H Food Show at the Taylor County Expo Center, November 16th. The event attracted a large number of entries from across the 23-county district. Winners were named in senior, intermediate and junior categories. The young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation, principle and the quality of their food entries. The District 7 Food Show is a culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually in each of the district's counties.

Tom Green County was well represented by all our county entries. First place Senior-level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup, June 11-14, 2018 which will be held in College Station. Ribbons were awarded for the placings of 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in each category and age division.

Winners for Tom Green County included:

**Juniors:** Protein-Jenna Morris, 2nd; Fruits & Vegetables-McKayla Walter, 1st; Grains-Katelyn Holtman, 1st; Dairy-Kate Hohensee, 1st.

**Intermediates:** Protein-Connor Pence, 1st; Fruits & Vegetables-Caroline Holtman, 1st; Grains-Lauren Reyes, 3rd.

**Seniors:** Protein-Nathan Waldron, 1st; Fruits & Vegetables-Allie Treadwell, 1st; Grains-Helen Herndon, 1st; Dairy-Mark Holtman, 1st.



Those participating with a Food Show Exhibit were: Junior – Kate Hohensee-3rd and Intermediate – Paige Hohensee-2nd.

All Senior members of Tom Green County 4-H will be advancing on to the State Roundup contest. Congratulations to everyone on a job well done.



## 2017 National Champion Shooting Sports

Tom Green 4-H was honored to be a County that one of our shooters was represented at the National Shooting Sports Championships in Grand Island, Nebraska. Texas prevailed and brought home the national trophy. These pics are of the National trophy which is traveling to state and was on display in the Tom Green County office. It was also shown and presented during the County Commissioners' Court on Tuesday, Nov 28th. It has since traveled on to McCulloch county.



## 2018 Texas Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities



There are several scholarship opportunities provided by Texas Farm Bureau. Three of the available scholarship programs are for high school students who have not yet graduated:

- ◆ 1. TFB District Scholarship - (39 scholarships available at \$1,000 each) & (13 scholarships available at \$1,500 each)
- ◆ 2. TFB Young Farmer & Rancher High School Scholarship - (13 scholarships available at \$1,000 each)
- ◆ 3. TFB Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship - (1 scholarship available at \$1,000)

This year the scholarship application process is online through a new portal called **MyTFB**. All information for the scholarships can be found on the Texas Farm Bureau website under the **Youth Opportunities** page. This includes deadlines, individual scholarship rules, eligibility, awards and the link to MyTFB. The direct link to the Youth Opportunities page is <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities/>.

All students applying for the above scholarships must be a member of a Texas Farm Bureau family, with membership remaining current during the duration of the scholarship. To become a Texas Farm Bureau member go to the following link: <https://my.texasfarmbureau.org>. Click on “*Don’t have a Membership*” located within the “Sign Up” box on the MyTFB website.

All scholarship applications must be submitted online no later than midnight March 1, 2018. All applicants will be notified of the results by May 1, 2018.

The scholarships listed above represent a part of the total scholarship funds offered by Texas Farm Bureau. Other scholarship programs, including the Free Enterprise Speech Contest, will be announced later. For any questions you can call Jaye at the Extension office or Mia Balko, Director of Urban Relations & Youth Activities with Texas Farm Bureau.



## 2018 Texas 4-H Scholarship Info

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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Once again, the application and the instructions are separate documents for easier completion and direction. Workshops with Garry Branham at various locations in District 7 to assist all interested persons in completing and applying for these scholarships. Locations include:

- ◆ December 7 – Burnet County Extension Office
- ◆ December 11 – Taylor County Extension Office

All current graduating seniors are eligible for the scholarships but any interested persons can attend the workshop to get an outlay for future references. Please refer to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> for more information and updates. If you have qualified students, please feel free to access this site for an application, or call the Extension office if you have questions and speak with Jaye Chasteen-659-6522.

## 2018 Texas 4-H Photography Contest

Theme: For 2018 the theme is "BACKYARD". This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out your back door. Photos should not be of ranch rangeland, but focus on immediate outside area of one's house. Ex.: • Kids swinging • Swimming pool • Person mowing yard • Garden/Flower Beds

Changes to rules for 2018: Some categories have been revised and several additional categories have been added. The categories are:

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1) Animals - Domestic | 9) Landscape & Nature (non-animal)   |
| 2) Animals - Wildlife | 10) Motion/Action                    |
| 3) Catch All          | 11) People                           |
| 4) Details & Macros   | 12) Plant/Flora                      |
| 5) Dominant Color     | 13) Sports                           |
| 6) Elements of Design | 14) Theme (2018 theme is "Backyard") |
| 7) Enhanced           | 15) Travel & Place                   |
| 8) Food               |                                      |

Additionally, please remember that all photos must be the original work of the 4-H member submitting the photograph. No photograph can be submitted which has been taken by other 4-H members, a family member, or any printed/digital source. All photos will be scanned through a reverse image search.

Rules can be found online <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/>. These rules are specific to the State Photography Contest but the Junior/Intermediate division entries will follow the same categories, divisions and guidelines of each.

Photos will be Due to County Office for local contest by **March 15, 2018**. ALL 4H members MUST enter the County contest as first step.

## Concession Stand

Below is a tentative Work Schedule for each club for the Concession Stand the TGC Jr. Livestock Show. This event is considered as a major fundraiser for all county 4-H members. Details will be finalized at the upcoming meeting on **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** for County Council & Adult Leaders meeting. We urge all leaders, parents and 4-Hers to come for this annual event planning.

### Friday - January 12<sup>th</sup>

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| 8:00 - 2:00 PM | Lone Star Club         |
| 2:00 - 6:00 PM | Angelo Bluebonnet Club |
| 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Twin Mountain Club     |

### Saturday - January 13<sup>th</sup>

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| 7:00 - 9:00 AM  | Shooting Sports Club     |
| 9:00 - 11:00 AM | Archery & Rifle Clubs    |
| 11:00 - 2:00 PM | Horse & Christoval Clubs |



Food Donations - all food for the concession stand needs to be at the stand by 6 PM on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please try to get your assigned food to the concession stand on time. If you are not sure what to bring, contact your club manager.

**Club News:**

**Notice:** If you have any checks that you received at the annual awards banquet for record-book &/or credit sheets, please see that the check has been deposited into your account or cashed. Checks not yet deposited may be canceled by the end of the year.

Have a great Holiday Break and Happy New Year!!

Josh, Allison, Courtney, Jaye, Janice, Cindy, Brenda and Katelyn



**Archery Club**

The Archery Club is now shooting indoors at the Outdoorsman. We meet every Thursday evening. Please email our club and let us know if you are interested in Archery. It is never to late to join. No equipment needed. The club provides bows and arrows. For more information: [tgc4harchery@yahoo.com](mailto:tgc4harchery@yahoo.com) or Yvonne 325.234.4617.

**Lone Star Club**

The Lone Star 4-H Club held there monthly meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Angry Cactus at 2 p.m. New members were welcomed and the officers gave their reports. Next upcoming contest reports were given and the adult leaders gave their reports. After the club took a tour of the Angry Cactus facilities and donated items to the Concho Valley Home for Girls. Lastly, it was announced that the next meeting would be held at the Roller Rink and the community service is to bring small distraction toys for kids in hospitals. Hope to see you at the Roller Rink! Mark Holtman Lone Star 4-H Club Reporter

**TGC 4-H Shooting Sports**



**San Angelo Shotgun Shooters  
White Elephant Christmas  
December, 12, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**



**Swine Clinic**



**Show Clinic &  
Exhibitor  
Showmanship**

**Friday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm  
\$15.00**

**Hosted by:**



District 7 Swine Project Committee and the Mertzon Swine Club will sponsor a Show Clinic and Exhibitor Showmanship session on Friday, December 8th at 7:00 pm in the Irion County Show Barn in Mertzon. The show Clinic and Showmanship session is Friday night for \$15 per child. Jackpot Show will be held on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 9:00 AM with entry fee at \$25 per head. Lunch plates will be provided for \$6 each. For entry information, rules and schedule—please contact the Tom Green Extension office (659-6523) or visit them on Facebook at mertzonswineclub.

**Tom Green County 4-H  
Sheep and Goat Showmanship  
Clinic**

Tom Green County 4-H Building - Arena

San Angelo, Texas

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:45 – Registration begins

9:00 – Clinic begins

Sheep and Goats Only



Open to 4-H and FFA members in Coke, Concho, Irion, Runnels, Schleicher and Tom Green counties.

BRING YOUR LAMBS & GOATS FOR HANDS ON INSTRUCTIONS. CLINIC WILL BE TAUGHT BY LOCAL LIVESTOCK MENTORS AND SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS.

Please RSVP to your local county Extension office by December 6th.

For any questions or more information, contact the Tom Green County Extension office at (325) 659-6522

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**For more information:**

<http://tomgreen.agrilife.org>

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Dec 5 - Tom Green Co Jr. Livestock Show Assoc, Board Mtg,
- Dec 7- County Council & Adult Leaders Mtg, Extension Office, 6:00 pm
- Dec 7- 4-H Hayride thru downtown Christmas Lights Tour, 7:30 pm
- Dec 9- Multi-County Livestock Showmanship Clinic, TGC 4-H Building, 7:00 AM
- Dec 9 - Multi-County Swine Showmanship Clinic, Mertzon
- Dec 12 - Extension Office - Holiday Open House & "Thank You" Event
- Dec 13 - D7 Livestock Judging Contest - Spur Arena, SA Fairgrounds
- Dec 15 - Last day of school-Grape Creek, SAISD, Veribest, Wall -Christmas Break
- Dec 20-21 -Last day of school-Christoval, Water Valley, Miles -Christmas Break
- Dec 23-Dec 26 - Christmas Holidays, County Offices closed.
- Jan 1, 2018- New Year's Day - Offices Closed. BE SAFE!!!
- Jan 2 - Rabbit Validation & tattooing, 4-H Bldg, 5-7 pm
- Jan 4- 14 - Sandhills Stock Show – Odessa
- Jan 5 - Deadline for entry forms for TGC Project Fair (FORMS ONLY)
- Jan 13- Feb 4 - Ft. Worth Stock Show & Rodeo
- Jan 6 - Veribest ISD - School Livestock Show, 4H Bldg.
- Jan 11 - SAISD - School Livestock Show, 4H Bldg., 6 pm
- Jan 11-12 - Wall ISD School Livestock Show, Fairgrounds
- Jan 12-13 - Tom Green County Jr. Livestock Show & Project Fair & Sale
- Jan. 15 - MLK Day - County Offices Closed
- Jan 24 - District 7 4-H Food Challenge Contest, SA Fairgrounds
- Feb 1 - Feb 18 - San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo
- Feb 16- District 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest, SA Fairgrounds
- Feb 5- Feb 25 - San Antonio Livestock Expo
- Feb 19 - President's Day, Offices Closed
- March 7-26 - Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- March 11 - 25 - Rodeo Austin
- March 12-16 - Spring Break for Area Schools



**Happy  
New Year!**