

March 2017

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# 4-H Newsletter

## State Validations

With this year's show season not even over yet, it is time to be looking forward to next year's show animals. The State Fair of Texas requires all animals in their show to be state validated and tagged. If you are planning on exhibiting a market lamb, meat goat, steer or barrow at the 2017 State Fair in Dallas, it is time to be ordering your tags for those animals. Tag orders must be in to the Extension office **no later than April 7, 2017**. This will include all those exhibitors in Tom Green County showing at the State Fair in Dallas thru 4-H AND FFA. \*New this year—Each tag will cost **\$17.00** and will need to be paid at the time of ordering. The actual validation process will be held in June.

**Steer Tags will also be due!** Exhibitors who plan to show steers for the **entire 2017-2018** show season will need to place their orders on the number of tags needed for show animals. Steer Tags will also cost \$17.00 each and orders are ALSO due by **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**. The validation process must be completed on steers before June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Anyone interested in showing steers **anytime** next year and plan to show in the fall (October) at the State Fair in Dallas, will need to contact the office and place their order for the number of tags they plan to purchase. Payment for tags only are requested at time of order. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact Jaye or Josh at the Extension office. (659-6525).

## Scholarship Opportunities

For Seniors looking for financial assistance, time is quickly approaching and some already passed for the deadline of many scholarships available through 4-H. Below is a list of additional scholarships available through 4-H and their upcoming due dates for applications:



**Harry & Mary Clark Holt Scholarship** - local scholarship especially for students who major in Ag journalism. Due to Taylor County Extension office in April. Contact office for complete guidelines and applications.

**Tom Green Extension Education Association Scholarship** - small scholarship specifically for Tom Green 4-H members who plan to attend Angelo State University. Contact Courtney Redman for complete guidelines & deadline.

**Bill Wyche, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** - Established in 2000 and awarded each year to a deserving student planning to attend college to major in range management or a related agricultural field. Deadline for applications is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Extension office for application and complete guidelines.

**Blaine Martin 4-H Scholarship** - Established to provide assistance to 2 outstanding Tom Green County 4-H members for outstanding work in 4-H. Applications can be obtained thru the Extension office. **Deadline is May 19<sup>th</sup>** ....call the office for details and announcements to come.

**Concho Valley Master Gardeners Scholarship** - the Concho Valley Master Gardeners have a grant and scholarship program, if you know of anyone who could benefit please spread the word. They would like to serve Sterling, Coke, Rannels, Irion, Concho and Tom Green Counties.

Grants of \$250 can be awarded to groups doing non-profit gardening projects, and \$1,000 scholarships are available to junior level or above students who are from Concho Valley counties and are majoring in horticulture or related subjects. Visit our website for details: <http://txmg.org/conchovalley/scholarship-and-grant-information/>

If you are in need of assistance or needing further information, please feel free to contact Jaye or Courtney they will be more than willing to assist you in any way They will be glad to provide reference letters for any additional scholarships you may be applying for. Please allow them time to write the letters several days before your deadline.

## DUDS TO DAZZLE

Duds to Dazzle is a 4-H Roundup qualifying TEAM contest that allows members the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and skills learned in the 4-H Clothing & Textile project. The contest mirrors the Food Challenge, and focuses on making a viable product by recycling a textile that no longer serves its original purpose. Teams of 3 to 5 members will create a re-purposed item from a predetermined textile. The teams will have 60 minutes to design and construct their product, which will fit into one of three categories: Wearable, Accessory/Jewelry and Non-Wearable. Each team will give a presentation to a panel of judges explaining their design process and the steps taken to create the end product, how the item would be cared for, safety precautions taken into consideration, the target audience and purchasing venue, and the price for the sale of their created merchandise. The first place district team from each of the three categories in the senior age division will advance to the state contest taking place at Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station.

The contest guide and a wealth of resources are currently available at . Check periodically for additional sources being added and future training opportunities being announced. Contact the Extension Office as soon as possible if you have a team together that is interested in participating. District 7 Contest is schedule for **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** in Coleman.

## Photography Contest

All those pictures you have taken over the last year can be entered in the 2017 4-H Photograph contest. The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and process of photographs. The new changes, guidelines and complete descriptions of each category can be found on the Texas 4-H website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu>

County entries will be accepted as 8 x 10 size OR snapshot size with the understanding that any entries advancing on to the District 7 contest will need to be enlarged to 8 x10 and mounted on foam board. Entries in the Senior division will ALL have to be available in electronic version before advancing. No framed or art mounted entries will be accepted. **Deadline for all entries for County contest will be - Friday, March 17th, 2017.**

If you have any further questions, or need additional information, please feel to contact the Extension office.

## Educational Presentations/Illustrated Talks

What a fun way to talk about or demonstrate something you know or have done! Many of you already have presentations that have been done for school or elsewhere and you want another place to show off what you know. This is the perfect opportunity for you. If you have questions or need some suggestions, please call Jaye or Courtney at the Extension office and they will be more than happy to help you.

**\*\*County Roundup has been set for Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 PM at the 4-H Building. For those who plan to enter with an educational presentation or the Share the Fun contest, please call the Extension office by Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, to let us know that you plan to participate so that the county judges will be prepared for your entry. District 7 Roundup is set for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Angelo State University.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the office.

## Fashion Show & Storyboard Contests -Sr. Division

The **Senior** Division of the District 4-H Fashion Show will be held on **Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017** in conjunction with District Roundup. Participants must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above as of August 31, 2016. Judging will take place in two divisions, Construction and Buying Division. A total of 8 members (4 Construction & 4 Buying) can be sent from new categories.

New categories included in the Construction Division:

**“Everyday Living”** which includes casual sportswear, weekend-wear, sleep wear, clothing for school, casual after-school events, or hanging out with friends.

**“ReFashion”** - the results of modifying existing clothing or fabric item (such as table cloth or curtain) into something more fashionable. The main purpose of ReFashion is creativity, as well as sewing skills. The member designs and sews a wearable garment from previously used garments or fabric item. The completed garment is different from its original use, not just an alterations. (*Examples: neck ties sewn together to form a skirt or taking old t-shirts and making them into a skirt*)

**“Semi-Formal to Formal”** - Entry must be designed for semi-formal to formal occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same. Original material must be fabric and not from recycled items.

**“Theatre/Costume”** - garment intended for use as a costume, which would include stage production. May be sewn from fabric or from another garment. These garments may be unusual or innovative materials; imaginative but wearable.

In the Buying division the categories include the following:

**“Business/Interview Attire”** - Entry should be an outfit you would wear for a job interview, scholarship interview, job fair, or other professional event.

1. Professional - This is a more traditional, conservative approach (e.g., business suit or blazer, tie and dress slacks for men; business suit, pantsuit, or jacket and dress for women) and may vary by employer or industry.

2. Business Casual - This trend is more relaxed and comfortable but demonstrates good judgement in choices and displays a neat appearance (e.g. polo shirt, shirt with a collar or sweater, khakis or other slacks, dress or casual leather shoes for men and women; moderate length dress for skirt for women).

**“Fantastic Fashions under \$25”** This category is designed to expand the 4-H member’s shopping experience to include different shopping venues. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, goodwill, salvation Army or other retail business. Receipts are required for everything that is visible during the interview, except shoes. Receipts for garages sales can be handwritten. This includes jewelry and accessories. Do not need to account for sales tax.

**“Semi-Formal to Formal”** - Entry must be designed for semi-formal to formal occasions and made from fabrics intended for the same. This includes men’s suits and tuxedos and women’s dressy dresses, formal gown, wedding dresses, and bridesmaid dresses.

**“Special Interest”** - Entry should be a specific outfit that you NEED to know how to purchase wisely. Entry should be something that reflects a special interest of the participant, such as equestrian clothing and riding apparel, dance costumes, hiking clothing, or rock climbing clothing.

**The Storyboard Contest** will also be a part of the contest. 4-H members should create their Fashion Storyboard around their interpretation of the design brief: ***INSPIRED BY MUSIC***. Whether you’re heading to a concert, going dancing with friends or just hanging out at home listening to your favorite tunes, let your style choices reflect your musical taste with designs inspired by melody, tune, harmony, composition and song. From the rapid lively tempo of country music banjos, the slow sad moan of the blues, or the edgy upbeat rhythm of hip hop, there is a melodic palette for everyone. More info and guidelines can be found at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/> Awards will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> places in each category. Winners in each category will be eligible to go to the State Roundup in June. 4-Hers can also participate in the Texas Natural Fiber Competitions.

If you are interested in participating in either Fashion or Storyboard contests, & need more information or forms, contact Courtney Redman or Jaye Chasteen at the Extension office.

## Shamrock Shuffle: May 13th, 2017

Mark your calendars for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Shuffle sponsored by the Friends of 4-H will be held on **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at the Wells Fargo Pavilion. Tickets are \$100 and admits 2 people for dinner, dance, refreshments, door prizes and a chance to win \$5,000. Door prizes and silent auction items for those in attendance and you must be 21 years to attend. Music will be provided by a local popular band - **T. Gozney Thorton and the Old Hat Band.**

## Children's Fair & Petting Zoo

The annual Children's Fair will be held on Sunday, April 23 at the Unidad Park just off College Hills Blvd from 12noon to 5pm. Tom Green County 4-H will be sponsoring the petting zoo. Please keep in mind this is an annual major fund-raiser for the county and your participation is important to the success of the program. We are always in need of animals to include within the zoo so if you have or know where to locate animals to use - PLEASE let us know. We struggle with having enough animals every year so your help in locating and volunteering to find resources is ALWAYS appreciated. Feel free to call if you have any questions or suggestions.

Final details of this event will be worked out at the Adult Leaders & County Council meeting to be held at meeting TBD. The tentative work schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 - 12:00 - TGC Horse Club
- 12:00 - 1:00 - Twin Mountain
- 1:00 - 2:00 - Bluebonnet
- 2:00 - 3:00 - Lone Star
- 3:00 - 4:00 - Shooting Sports
- 4:00 - 5:00 - Christoval/Archery

There is a requirement to have at least 1 adult present during each shift with the Zoo. Contact your club manager for specific details. If there are any additional questions or conflicts, please contact Jaye at the Extension office.

### Entomology Project — People-Plant Connection—Family Day

Bring the family and join in the fun while learning about bugs and how to recognize the good guys and the bad guys. Learn how to start a worm farm and why worms are the good guys. Learn more about bees and why they are the good guys while doing crafts, bug collecting and much, much more. The Family Nature Club will have "BUGS, BUGS, BUGS—GOOD GUYS OR BAD?" AND will be held on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM to 12 noon at the Southside Recreation Center at 2750 Ben Ficklin Rd, San Angelo. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children age 4 & up and Free for children 3 and under. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. So if you are interested in entomology projects—this would be a GREAT event with the family. Call 656-3104 to register and assure materials.



## State Horse Validation Information

The District 7 4-H Horse Show will be **June 19-20** at the Llano County Events Center in Llano. As soon the district entry info is posted, we will send out a notice. NOTE\*\*\* All horses that compete in the District *and/or* the State 4-H Show MUST be validated **prior to May 1st** thru the STATE Equine Dept. Everyone MUST have these forms completed by May 1 to be eligible to compete (No exceptions) along with the validation fee.

**2017 Horse Validation period is March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - \$10.00 per horse. LATE—April 16<sup>th</sup> to May 1, 2017 - \$20.00 per horse.** \*\*REMINDER: THIS IS A COMPLETE DIFFERENT VALIDATION THAN WAS DONE IN Jan-Feb 2017 for the Tom Green County Show. THIS REGISTRATION/VALIDATION PROCESS WILL BE SENT IN Thru THE STATE 4-H office before any registration can be done for the District 7 Horse Show in June.

ANY horses being registered, must be online thru 4-H CONNECT for the validation process. Each member MUST have an "Active" status with their membership for the 2016-2017 year. If you entered horses last year and needing to re-activate, you can just re-affirm from last year, and pay the registration fee. For **NEW** horses being entered, you must have 3 photos views of your horse - front, left & right views along with scanned registration papers.

Below is a link to these forms, as well as the **State Horse Show Rules and Regulations**. Please also be aware, that turning in these forms ONLY validates the horses; you still MUST complete the entry process for the district and state shows to actually compete which will be sometime about mid-May!! Link is: <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/livestock-species/equine/state-4h-show/>

Let US know if you have any questions, and please pass this on to others in your club!

## Camp - Summer 2017

**County Camp** - Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood will host camp for all counties with various dates. County Camp Session I-June 26-28; Camp Session II-June 28-June 30; Camp Session III - July 5-July 7; Camp IV - Outdoor Adventure only-July 10-12. All youth ages (9-18 yrs old) are eligible to attend - all youth who have completed grades 2 thru 11. Persons do NOT have to be a 4-H member to attend. Session costs will be \$180.00 for youth and \$90 for Adults which must be cleared with background checks to be eligible to register and attend. All registration will be done thru the online Registration program under the Texas 4-H Center site and payments can be made using credit card. Registration is open now thru June 14<sup>th</sup> with late registration to be held June 15-23 with a 5% increase as late fee. Adult volunteers are welcomed!

**Prime-Time** - especially designed for younger youth with opportunities to meet new friends, develop new skills, and learn how to work with others. 3 night, 4 day event and covers all meals, lodging, refreshments, health care service, facility and programming fees. 4-H membership is NOT a requirement to participate in camp. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled. Register at the Texas 4-H Center site beginning on March 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Session I** - grades 5-8, July 16-19; Total Cost \$230 per camper; **Session II**-grades 2-5, July 19-22; Total Cost \$230 per camper. Camp enrollment is based on grade completed in spring, 2015 and 4-H membership is NOT required to participate in any camp.

**Prime Time Extreme** - camp for youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup> grade. This camp is similar to Prime Time I & II; high energy fast paced program and takes everything to the EXTREME. Programs include: advanced archery, fishing kayaking, water games, advanced dance classes and challenge course for the Texas Screamer, Giant Swing, Incline Log, Color Glow Run and much more. Registration covers meals, lodging, health care services and programming fees for the 3 night, 4 day event and dates are July 11-14, 2017 with cost to be \$230 per youth and \$115 for adults.

**Horizons Camp** - is a camp for youth completed grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and featuring six different 4-H project learning programs. Each participant will select from one of the six programs to be offered – Jr Master Gardener, Robotics, Share the Fun, Leadership, Wildlife Adventure and Science Discovery/CSI. Camp will also include many fun activities at 4-H Center such as dancing, swimming and lots more. The camp will be held June 25-June 29 with cost to be total of \$280. Registration is open via the Texas 4-H Center website and will be accepted on a first come first served basis until the camp is filled.

**District 7 Leadership Lab** - to be held June 27 thru June 30 to be held in New Mexico. Estimated cost will be announced later. District officers for the new year will be elected at this time. If you are interested in knowing more about this camp, please contact Courtney or Jaye. To be a District Council officer, every candidate MUST ATTEND the Lab and be prepared for interview and speech presentations. More information coming later. All Registration will begin in mid-April.

**Howard College Goat & Lamb Camps** on the campus of Howard college in Big Spring. Instructions in selection, health & management, feeding, exercising, washing-shearing, classifying and showmanship with hands-on instruction. Camp participants must be 9 yrs old or entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. ONLY THE FIRST 200 PAID ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED! No refunds after May 1<sup>st</sup>! Both these camps fill up quickly so get application in early! Total Cost - \$85 per person for meals and camp t-shirt or cap; If you do not bring your own goat, add \$50 per goat provided by Howard College. \*\*Participants should make reservation at the area hotel of their choice; no housing will be provided. Meals by College Cafeteria (4 meals included)

**Lambs - June 4, 5, & 6, 2017**      **Goats - June 11, 12, & 13, 2017**

For application, hotel listings or more info, check their website at: Or contact the office.

**State Youth Water Camp** - this is a 5 day educational camp featuring hands-on experiences, guest speakers and field trips to teach high school youth the importance of water stewardship, water conservation and preservation. Camp will be held in July at the George and Opal Bentley Center in Monahans. Topics will cover all aspects of water resources. For more information, check our website at: or contact the Extension office at 432-943-2682

**Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps** - applications are now open. The Texas Brigades is a wildlife-focused leadership development program for high school youth (ages 13-17). There are five different camps: Bobwhite Brigade, Buckskin Brigade, Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade, and Ranch Brigade. Applications for 2017 are available online at: Deadline for applications is **no later than March 15, 2017.**

The 2017 camp dates and locations:

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite -Centennial Lodge, Coleman, June 10-14, 2017
- South Texas Buckskin -Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton, June 11-15, 2017
- South Texas Bobwhite -Buck Horn Creek Ranch, McCoy, June 23-27, 2017
- Bass Brigade -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 5-9, 2017
- Waterfowl Brigade -BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony, July 16-20, 2017
- Ranch Brigade -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 17-21, 2017
- North Texas Buckskin -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 17-21, 2017
- Coastal Brigade, Sea Scout Base, Galveston, July 25-29, 2017

Applications may be completed online or downloaded at . For more information, contact Holdsworth at hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org or Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org or 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904.

For more information or registration forms for any of these camps, watch the Texas 4-H website for additional updates or contact the County Extension office.

## RECORDBOOK Trainings

Now is the time of the year to be thinking and working toward completion of your 4-H Record book. Record keeping is going to be an important part of your life. You will keep records in high school, at work, in college, and even if you own your own business or work for someone else. . They help you set some goals, keep track of your attendance at 4-H meetings and functions, record your demonstrations and talks, and a whole lot more.

Jaye will provide a training event for ANYONE interested in learning more about how to complete a recordbook. On **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 PM at the Extension Office Conference room will be training workshop for everyone. Please mark your calendar for this important training.

For those clubs who might be interested in knowing the correct and finite details on completing a book, Jaye can also provided a club program at individual meetings if you will just let her know in advance, of your club's interest. Please call to schedule a time to come.

If you have any questions or need further information or samples, look for the Recordkeeping link on the Texas 4-H website ([http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth\\_recordbooks/](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth_recordbooks/)) or please feel free to contact Jaye Chasteen for information on completing a record book.

### **4-H Fundraiser Opportunity**

We have been given the opportunity to raise money for our county 4-H fund at the Shamrock Shuffle. Our county 4-H budget (which pays numerous things including, but not limited to, the 4-H banquet & awards, credit reimbursements for camps, supplies, and much more) could have an estimated \$2000 short fall at the end of the year based on completed fund raising.

We are planning on having a silent auction that will take place at the annual Shamrock Shuffle to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and we are asking that each club come up with 2 items for the auction (estimated value of \$50 each); of course if your group comes up with more than 2 items, that is great. Our hope is that this auction will not only cover the short fall, but maybe provide enough funding to cover new costs (ie. better awards, volunteer background screening, etc...)

If we can't cover the short fall, then we must look at cutting some expenses, which we really do not want to do.....If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know. This is a great opportunity to raise some funds, and add something special to the Shamrock Shuffle. As always, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!

## 4-H Livestock Ambassadors

The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program is coming off of a truly groundbreaking year. In 2016, our program added West Texas A&M University and they graciously hosted our group along with Texas Tech University. The addition was an unquestioned success and WT has agreed to host the Livestock Ambassadors again in 2017. In August 2016, 19 Ambassadors boarded a plane in Houston headed for South America. We traveled to Uruguay and Argentina on an international agricultural experience. With visits to family farms, historic ranches, feedlot tours, major agricultural research institutes and various production facilities, Ambassadors were able to immerse themselves in cultural experiences exclusively found in these countries and develop new perspectives of international agriculture. As rewarding as it was for our Ambassadors to be recognized internationally, the program is successful only because of outstanding work you lead locally.

County Extension Agent support and coordination has been the driving force behind this successful program. Anyone interested in the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors in the county are urged to contact Jaye Chasteen or Josh Blaneck for an application or more info. Below are the 2017 details and application link.

### **2017 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:**

Texas A&M University— **July 17-20, 2017** Cost: \$250

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University— **July 24-27, 2017** Cost: \$250

#### Selection Criteria:

- Senior age (14-18) 4-H youth that have exhibited a superior level of ambition regarding his/her livestock projects
- Students with a profound interest in animal science and animal production
- Students have shown advanced leadership qualities and a willingness to help others
- Top 25% class rank

#### Application Process: Applicant goes to:

- Student will complete the application and enter the contact information of supervising County Extension Agent
- CEA will be automatically emailed a recommendation survey
- A selection committee will review the applications and accept 25 participants per university
- Applications are due June 2, 2017. Applicants will be notified by June 16, 2017 regarding application result

If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

## Club News:



### Angelo Bluebonnet 4-H Club

The Angelo Bluebonnet 4-H Club met February 13, 2017, at the Stephens Central Library. Hayley Werner gave a report of her trip to the Capital with 4-H. Members created Valentine care packages for the firemen of San Angelo for the state-wide service project "Support Your First Responders." The club then proceeded to STEAM Central, the Makerspace at the library which will have its grand opening March 23 from 4-6, for a tour of all it has to offer. Members then were given a challenge of creating connecting towers using KEVA building planks. Our next meeting is March 6, 2017.

Robotics teams for Tom Green County competed at the TCEA Robotics Competition in Ballinger on Saturday, January 21st. The four teams that represented TGC gave a good showing resulting in a 3rd place for the advanced team of Garrett Guerrero and Carson Green. The teams competed again at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo on February 13th with Garrett and Carson again placing 3rd.

Garrett Guerrero represented Tom Green County at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Agricultural Science Fair with a second place with his project on *E. coli* contamination of the Concho River. He took his project to the San Antonio Agricultural Science Fair and placed fifth.

### Tom Green 4-H Rifle Club



Chloe Young-Prone 4P BB

3 members of the Tom Green 4-H Rifle Club competed in the Heart of Texas Indoor Air Match in Brady. **Braden Peiser** placed: 1st in Intermediate Sporter Air; 2nd in Intermediate Precision Air. **Wyatt Young** placed: 3rd in Intermediate Sporter Air; 6th in Intermediate Precision Air; 7th in Intermediate 4-P BB. **Chloe Young** placed: 4th in Intermediate Sporter Air; 4th in Intermediate Precision Air; 6th in Intermediate 4-P BB.

On January 14th and 15th, Braden Peiser who was 11 years old at the time and a member of the Tom Green County 4-H Rifle Club, competed in the USA Shooting Junior Olympic trials on the TCU campus in Fort Worth. Braden shot in the Precision Air and Smallbore 3P (3position-Kneeling, Prone and Standing) events. We are proud to announce that he not only won the title of Texas State Champion for both events in the J3 age bracket (14 and under), but he also qualified for both events and will be shooting in the 2017 Junior Olympics which will be held at the Olympic Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Although many shooters are not listed in the records as being affiliated with a club, Braden proudly lists his affiliation with the Tom Green County 4-H Rifle Club on all Junior Olympic

records and paperwork.

Our club has grown from just one Mom and Dad team who was willing to start the club from scratch to a team of coaches and dozens of kids (age 8 to 18). This club is growing fast, and for good reason. Whether a kiddo just wants to learn shooting safety and have fun, or has the desire to be a top competitor in the sport, this club can provide the needed equipment and instruction.

For information on the Tom Green 4-H Rifle Club, or to help with the growing needs of a local club, contact the club manager/head coach Clint Young at (325) 234-3801 or [txhornz@suddenlink.net](mailto:txhornz@suddenlink.net). We wish good luck to all our competitors as we kick off the 2017 rifle match season.

### TGC 4H Shooting Sports Club

Shotgun Club is in Stock show mode. We had a good representation at San Antonio even with the flu epidemic. Greg Garrett made the National Invitational & Texas 4-H Shooting Sports team in Shotgun division for 4H. → This team is made up of 4 members and 2 alternates from all over the state. He will be competing in a national competition in Nebraska this June. (Greg is 2nd from Left) The Club will meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning at 6pm at the range. Gates will open at 5pm for those who wish to practice before the meeting.



### Tom Green 4-H Horse Club

The Tom Green County Horse Club sent a Junior and Senior team to the District Horse Judging competition held February 28 in Coleman. The Junior team placed 3rd and the Senior team placed 2nd. The Senior team has earned the opportunity to advance to the State competition this summer! Two of our seniors also placed at individual highpoint as well, Ryleigh Hyles placed sixth and Payton White placed fourth. Congratulations to our team members! Senior team: Jillian Pfeuffer, Ryleigh Hyles, Payton White, Falon Werner. Junior team: Hailie Beckwith, Ellen Boness, Susannah Mann.

The monthly meeting was held on February 26 with games, business meeting, and a riding clinic led by Susannah Mann. We worked on balance in the saddle, the importance of balance, and were introduced to the idea of extended gaits and how to achieve those with your horse. Even though the validation deadline has passed anyone can come out to watch, learn, and support your friends. For those interested in competing at the District or State horse show the validation period, for the rate of \$10 per horse, is from March 5-April 15.

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, March 26 from 4:00-5:30 at the Fiesta Building at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo grounds. We hope to see you there!



### Lone Star 4-H Club

The Lone Star Club held its monthly meeting at the Wall Elementary Cafeteria at 2:00 PM on February 12. Members listened to a presentation by Sergeant Coffman of the San Angelo Police Department. We learned about his own career as well as what it takes to be a police officer in San Angelo. Following the presentation, members collected items/gift cards to use to assemble 36 goody bags for the local first responders. There will be no March club meeting. We will be volunteering at the Wesley Soup Kitchen on March 10 as well as selling breakfast burritos at the Master Garden Plant sale on April 1. We are also collecting old denim/jeans at each meeting for the "Blue Jeans Go Green" project. Please contact [lonestar4h.tomgreen@gmail.com](mailto:lonestar4h.tomgreen@gmail.com) for more information. Cameryn Jones, Reporter

## Club Activities:



↑ Garrett Guerrero & Carson Green - Robotics winners in Ballinger



Angelo Bluebonnet Club Meeting ↑



Angelo Bluebonnet Robotics Group ↑



↑ TGC Rifle Club- Indoor Shoot—Jan 2017



### ← Consumer Decision Making Jr.

Team 1st Place—Tom Green Co.  
Members (LtoR): Halli Hannah, Kristen Schwartz, Caroline Holtman, Maddie Sanford

### ← Consumer Decision Making—Senior

team—3rd place.  
Members: (LtoR) Robin Morris, Cody Moeller, Emily Moeller. Advances to State Roundup.

San Antonio Livestock Expo –Junior Shoot-Out Champ– Senior Division.  
Greg Garrett with Tom Green 4H Shotgun Club →



← Jr. Champion Food Challenge San Antonio 2017  
Kristen Schwartz



TGC Sr 4Her—Cambry Dorman—3rd place winner in Food Challenge Contest San Antonio Livestock Expo →



### 2017 Tom Green 4-H Horse Judging team

← Members: Falon Werner, Ryleigh Hyles, Jillian Pfeuffer, Payton White  
2nd Place at District 7 Contest-Coleman; advancing to State Roundup in June.



Lone Star Club Making goody bags for 1st Responders →







**For more information:**

<http://tomgreen.agrilife.org>

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**Upcoming Events:**

- March 1: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent.
- March 2-25: Houston Livestock Show
- March 12: Daylight Savings time changes (Spring Forward)
- March 11-25: Star of Texas Livestock show - Austin
- March 13-18: Spring Break; All Area schools closed
- March 17: TGC 4-H Photography Contest pics due to County Office
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day (Wear Green!!)
- March 18: People-Plant Connection-Family Day
- March 20: First Day of Spring
- March 27: Leaders 4 Life - District 7 Contest, Grape Creek Bapt Church
- March 28: County Council & Adult Leaders Mtg, 4H Bldg
- April 1: CV Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale, 4H Bldg
- April 4: D7 - Duds to Dazzle Contest, Coleman
- April 7: **DEADLINE** -order steer tags, St. Fair Tags-lamb, goat, swine tags
- April 11: Photography projects due to District Office for county winners.
- April 14: Good Friday, County Holiday, Offices Closed
- April 15: Photography projects due to State Office for winners.
- April 16: Easter Sunday!
- April 19: District 7 Meats Judging contests, ASU-MIR Ctr
- April 20: County Roundup, 4:30 PM, 4H Bldg
- April 23: Children's Fair, Unidad Park - Petting Zoo
- April 24-26: Kids, Kows & More, 4H Bldg.—SAISD
- April 29: District 7 Rifle Contest - Brady, McCulloch County
- April 29: District 7 Range Evaluation Contest - Eldorado
- May 13: Shamrock Shuffle event, Wells Fargo Pavilion, 6 pm
- May 14: Mother's Day
- May 16: District 7 Wool/Mohair Judging Contest
- May 16: District 7 Roundup - ASU (including Sr Fashion Show, Soils)
- May 29: Memorial Day, County Holiday, Offices Closed

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