

August 2017

**Special points of interest:**

- **4-H CONNECT**
- **Sheep & Goat Validate**
- **D7 Fall 4-H Mtg**
- **Fall Stock Show Info**



# 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H CONNECT and Texas 4-H

Time again for a NEW year in 4-H. Adults AND youth are reminded that they will need to enroll thru 4-H CONNECT and be as an ACTIVE status to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H, and enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events. Registration can begin—August 15th.

Important facts to remember about 4-H CONNECT.

- ◆ Statewide online membership system.
- ◆ ALL members and leaders must re-enroll each year.
- ◆ Confirms and updates any family contact information for messages
- ◆ Cost is \$20 per child thru October 31st; after Nov 1 cost will be \$25 per child
- ◆ Cost for adults is \$10 which includes background check
- ◆ Online video volunteer training is required every other year.
- ◆ Payment of membership fee online with credit card.
- ◆ Current and 'ACTIVE' status required for participation in 4-H activities & events.

The online system can be found at: <http://texas.4honline.com>. Connect is a secured database which is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council and is closely monitored by the State 4-H office to ensure the highest level of protection for information stored on the system.

We encourage you to become familiar with CONNECT and bookmark this site, in order to prevent any problems or "meltdowns" during crucial times of verification with deadlines on animal validations, contest registrations, stock show school excuses, and many other deadlines and registration requirements. Please contact the Office if you have any questions or if you develop any problems with the system prior to your enrollment process. We will be glad to help or walk you thru the procedures.

## Sheep & Goat Validation Tag Orders Due

Urgent reminder that **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** will be the due date to order sheep and goat state validation tags for the 2017-2018 show season thru the County Extension office. Remember that all major state show AND Tom Green County Jr. Livestock Show require all sheep and goats to be validated.

\*\*\*Tag orders due for All 4-H AND FFA exhibitors

\*\*\*The tags will be **\$17.00** for each animal for major state shows and includes county show.

\*\*\* County **Only** tags will be \$8.00 each

\*\*\* Tom Green Validation—**October 21, 2017** begins at 8am at TGC 4H Arena

\*\*\* No animals held over from previous validations

\*\*\* Breeding Sheep & Goats must also be validated-must include Registered paperwork.

**IMPORTANT:** Anyone interested in participating in the breeding sheep division must also notify this office for validation for ALL breeding sheep again this year. Registration papers for each animal will need to be attached to the validation forms at the day of validation which will also be on **October 21.**

## **District 7 Fall Meeting—Council & Adult Leaders**

On Saturday, August 26th, 4-H leaders and members are invited to meet at Grape Creek Baptist Church for the annual fall meeting and leadership training. Registration will begin at 8:30 with the morning general session to begin at 9:30 am. This will be the annual meeting of all District 7 Council officers, Adult Leaders Association AND all 4-H Project Development Committees. The purpose of the district-wide committees is to develop project training opportunities for specific projects district-wide.

### **Project areas:**

Beef	Foods & Nutrition	Sheep/Goats
Clothing	Horse	Shooting Sports
Consumer Education	Photography	Swine
	Natural Resources	

Each of these nine committees will be made up of volunteers and youth interested in that project area, and will plan an educational training to expand the opportunities in District 7. Cost is \$7 per person and includes expenses for lunch, location, insurance and program materials. Registration must be made thru the County Office.

Every parent, leader & 4-H member is invited to attend! The meeting is NOT limited to delegates of Council & Adult Leaders. The success of this opportunity lies within each of you - please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 26. **You are asked to RSVP your intention to attend thru the Extension office by August 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Annual Tom Green 4-H Awards Banquet**

The 4-H Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM in the Tom Green 4-H Center. This year's event is still in the final planning stages; more info will be sent out later or watch in next month's newsletter.

Any 4-H member who participated in some 4-H event over the past year will receive recognition. All Star Awards as well as Outstanding Leaders and Friends of 4-H will also be recognized.

Please make plans to attend this year's Awards Ceremony so we can recognize everyone for the hard work they accomplished within the past year.

## **4-H Eligibility & Extracurricular Activities**

Please see below the memo from the State 4-H office regarding Extracurricular Activities and 4-H Eligibility. This is very similar to the eligibility process from the past years. For complete and detailed guidelines, please check the new 2017-2018 Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines. It is posted on the Tom Green Extension website at: <http://tomgreen.agrilife.org> under the 4-H tab.

4-H has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as a legitimate school-related extracurricular organization. 4-H members may apply for excused absences in order to participate in 4-H activities. It is the responsibility of the local school district to determine whether or not any student is eligible and may be excused from classes to participate in any extracurricular event or activity. Consistent with University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.) rules, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program has adopted a three (3) school-week waiting period upon change in status of school enrollment (i.e. from public to home, public to private, public to public, private to public, private to home, private to private, home to public, or home to private) before the 4-H member is eligible for extracurricular activity. As it states in a letter from Texas 4-H & Youth Development Office:

*"Please remember, ALL 4-H members must be officially enrolled (in an "active" status on 4-H Connect) to be considered an official 4-H member. No excused absences can be requested for any youth who is not enrolled in the official 4-H enrollment system (4-H Connect)."*

## **FALL STOCK SHOW INFORMATION:**

Deadlines for entries to the following Fall Stock Shows are listed below. Please come by the Extension Office to complete entry forms and pay all entry fees:

West Texas Fair - Abilene; Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for Entries - August 4<sup>th</sup> to Extension Office**

website: <http://www.taylorcountyexpoenter.com>



Permian Basin Fair & Expo - Odessa; Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> thru 16<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for entries - August 4<sup>th</sup> to Extension Office**

website: <http://permainbasinfair.com>



Panhandle South Plains Fair - Lubbock; Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>

**Deadline for entries - August 4<sup>th</sup> to Extension Office**

website: <http://www.southplainsfair.com>



State Fair of Texas - Dallas; Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> thru Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Deadline for entries - August 17<sup>th</sup> to Extension Office; Market week- Sept 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct 6<sup>th</sup>**

website: <http://www.bigtex.com>



Heart of Texas Fair - Waco, October 5 thru 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Deadline for entries - September 8<sup>th</sup> - Due to Extension Office**

website: <http://www.hotfair.com>



If you are in need of exact dates of a particular show, please feel free to contact the office or check out their website listed. Please let the office know if you plan on entering any of these shows or are needing any additional information. If you are interested in any Jackpot or Futurity Shows or any Breeding shows, please contact the office; we will forward out any information as we receive them only to those who express an interest.

## **D7 Recordbook Results:**

Congratulations to all Tom Green County 4-H members who entered a recordbook for competition in this year's contest. The county was well represented with 41 books submitted in all 3 age categories. Placings were given in each category with 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> with complete results from across the district being found on the D7 4-H website. Tom Green results in each age division include:

### Intermediates:

### Juniors:

#### Seniors:

Ag Science - Tate Jones - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Citizenship & Civic Edu-Cassie Weishuhn - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Clothing & Textiles-Jill Kellermeier - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Goat - Baylor Halfmann - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Health - Robin Morris - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Horse - Jillian Pfeuffer - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Leadership - Emily Moeller - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Personal Development - Nathan Waldron - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Public Speaking - Mark Holtman - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Science, Engineer & Tech- Garrett Guerrero-1<sup>st</sup>  
Wildlife & Fisheries - Cody Moeller - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Beef - Jaraden Kearby - 5<sup>th</sup> place  
Food & Nutrition - Kristen Schwartz-1<sup>st</sup>  
Julie Black - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Gardening & Horticulture-Grace Wilde-1<sup>st</sup>  
Goat - Connor Pence - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Reid Decker - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Health - Michael Trees - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Horse - Carlee Jo Sims - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Leadership - Caroline Holtman - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Merrick Slayton - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Public Speaking - Mattie Sanford - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sheep - Rheanna Kleman - 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Chloe Young - 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Shooting Sports - Wyatt Young - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Swine - Cameryn Jones - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Agricultural Science-Clint Johnson-1<sup>st</sup>  
Beef - Sierra Killam - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Clothing & Textiles- Tristan Jones-1<sup>st</sup> place  
Communicate & Expressive Art-Gracie Trees-1<sup>st</sup>  
Food & Nutrition - Shelby Black - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Paige Hohensee - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Goat - Trey Greeman - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Allison Halfmann - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Health - Kate Hohensee - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Natural Resource - Jake Pfeuffer - 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Photography - Jenna Morris - 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Public Speaking - Katelynn Holtman - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sheep - Macyn Slayton - 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Steely Young - 6<sup>th</sup> place  
Swine - Chloe Jones - 1<sup>st</sup> place

Nine of the 1<sup>st</sup> placing recordbooks of TGC 4-Hers in the Senior age division have been sent on for competition at the State Level. Judging will take place on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> for the State Contest. We wish good luck to those members who are advancing and give a big YAHOO!!! for everyone doing a tremendous job with their books. All books have been retained for the interview process for Star Awards and will be returned at the annual Awards Ceremony in September.



## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: **Quality Counts**

ALL NEW youth livestock exhibitors (4-H & FFA) and those exhibitors who are 14 years of age, will be required to complete an online Quality Counts Certification PRIOR to completing their livestock entries in the fall! Upon passing the online test in their current age division, each youth will be assigned a verification number which MUST be used on their livestock entries. Only those exhibitors who have turned 14 years of age over the past year, will need to retest in the appropriate age category.

Quality Counts Verification will be a part of the process for entry in all major shows. This means youth exhibitors will need to demonstrate their knowledge of the Six Pillars of Character and the Eight Core Concepts presented in the Quality Counts Curriculum. To do this, they will need to pass an online test and acquire a Quality Counts Verification number. Things you need to know about Verification:

- **All Major Livestock Shows in Texas will require Quality Counts Verification at the time of entry.**
- Tester has passed after completing 80% of questions correctly.
- Quality Counts website (<http://agrillife.org/qualitycounts/>)
- Curriculum and testing all found at above website
- All NEW and 1st time exhibitors must test.
- Only exhibitors in new age group will need to RE-Test
- Online training session are self-paced and can come & go!

It is our suggestion that all New exhibitors and previous exhibitors who have advanced to the Senior age category and needing to re-test, to do this sooner, rather than later so you will be “up to date” and ready for livestock entries. This MUST be done BY ALL exhibitors prior to stock show entry in November. If you are not sure you still have your number and are not sure of need to retest, please feel free to contact our office; we have access to the database so can find your number for you. Let us know if you have any questions.

## District 7 Jr Fashion Show Results

Winners from the Tom Green County Jr. Fashion Show participated in the District 7 Contest held on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Grape Creek Baptist Church. The winners in their category were: (Pics below: LtoR)

- ◆ Jr. Construction Special Interest: Shelby Black—3rd place
- ◆ Jr. Construction Refashion: Sierra Killam—1st place
- ◆ Intermediate Construction Dressy: McCulla Woodley-5th place
- ◆ Intermediate Construction - Everyday Living: Kristen Schwartz-5th place
- ◆ Intermediate construction-Special Interest: Julie Black—1st place

Also placing in the Natural Fiber Cotton contest for Intermediate age was: 2nd place-McCulla Woodley and 4th place-Julie Black.

In the Junior Division, several placed in the **non-apparel** categories: Tote Bag-2nd, Paige Hohensee, 4th, Kate Hohensee; Other-1st, Sierra Killam; Embellished tops-1st, Kate Hohensee, 2nd, Paige Hohensee. In the Junior storyboard—Wearables, Gracie Trees placed 4th.

In the Intermediate Division for **non-apparel items** include: Pillow-3rd place-Connor Pence. In the Intermediate Storyboard-Accessory—Haylee Werner placed 1st.

Congratulations to everyone on a job well done!





**REGISTER TODAY!**  
**SATURDAY**  
**AUGUST 26th**  
**\$7 PER PRSON**

The District 7 **PROJECT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES** need **YOU** to be successful! The purpose of these district-wide committees is to develop project training opportunities for specific projects. The nine committees will be:

- Beef
- Clothing
- Consumer Education
- Foods & Nutrition
- Horse
- Photography
- Natural Resources/Shooting Sports
- Sheep/ Goats
- Science, Engineering, & Technology
- Swine

Each of these ten committees are made up of volunteers and youth interested in that project area. Each committee plans one educational training yearly to expand the educational opportunities in District 7. This is a great opportunity to gain new knowledge in your project area and work with other volunteers and youth from across the district. Each committee elects 3 youth officers. This means we have **30 district leadership opportunities in District 7.**

The schedule for the day will be:

- 8:45 – 9:30 Registration
- 9:30 – 10:00 Morning General Session
- 10:00 – 12:00 District 4-H Council & Volunteer Leaders Association Meetings
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – Provided by District 7 Adult Leaders Association
- 1:00 – 2:30 Project Development Committee Training/Workshops
- Project Development Committee Business Meeting
- Orientation for new officers
- 2:30 – 3:00 Committeereports

The District 7 4-H Council and the District 7 Volunteer Leaders Association will also meet.

Every parent, leader and 4-H member is invited to participate.

*The success of this new opportunity lies within each of you - please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Contact your County Extension Office to register.*

*Location: Grape Creek Baptist Church  
 9781 Grape Creek Rd., San Angelo, TX 76901*

**Club News:**

## Lone Star 4-H Club float during July 4th Parade in Wall.

**Lone Star Club**

Lone Star Club officers and planning committee will meet August 7 at 4:00 at the Wall Elem Cafeteria to plan the year. Please contact [lonestar4h.tomgreen@gmail.com](mailto:lonestar4h.tomgreen@gmail.com) for more information on Lone Star Club.

**Tom Green 4-H Shooting Sports Club**

For the 3rd consecutive year, the Tom Green County 4H shotgun team earned the "Gene Schiller" award at state. This award is given to the club with the highest percentage of scoring in all disciplines, including International/Olympic events. Determined by % shot makes this award possible for medium size and smaller clubs to compete. At the shooting sports state games, the competition is very tough. This small group of state game shooting kids brings recognition and accolades through consistency and sportsmanship back home to West Texas 3 years straight.

Tom Green 4H participants have had the benefit of a local shooting facility that was built through fundraising and donations by many gracious contributors and citizens that see the value of the Second Amendment and its continuity through youth shooting education like 4H/FFA, and high school programs. All interested should contact the local county extension office to try out the programs for shotgun, archery, and small bore.

As the group relaxes a little after the state games, it will be back hard at work within the next few weeks rebuilding adjacent to its current location that was appropriated for the county jail. Any assistance with donations of 2 3/8's pipe for fencing, square tubing for skeet houses and cinder block for trap houses would be appreciated. The group will also be learning how to build forms for the construction of the skeet/trap overlay fields. Concrete forming material in 2x6 extra long lengths would be gladly accepted if we can source/transport them efficiently. The long-term plan is to build a facility that will provide access to all youth programs and host all 4H events in one location.

Club President Greg Garrett closed out his final state games in classic fashion. He was in two multi-category shoot offs that took almost one hour to complete on a nice San Antonio Saturday afternoon. Greg is a leader in every sense of the word for the club. His shooting ability is marked with more awards and credentials than most shooters receive in a lifetime. As the #1 ranked HOA shooter from the 4H nationals in Nebraska. Greg's competitiveness earned him Texas State Champion titles in Trap and Skeet with straight 100 perfect scores. The county of Tom Green and its 4H shooting club owe Greg Garrett a debt of gratitude that will be hard to repay. His leadership, faith, and maturity brought the club together and kept their focus on 4H values. Greg's academics have earned him a slot in the freshman class at Texas A&M in the fall of 2017.

The 2017 State 4H Shotgun Games are complete. Tom Green County and club participants represented West Texas very well. In the intermediate division: Representing the club was the first-year shooter, Hudson Wells. Hudson was able to put up successful scores of 77-83% in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. For a first year shooter, this is OUTSTANDING. Also as a first-year intermediate, Creed Thompson helped bring some scores in for the club. He was tied for the high total score in American Trap and Skeet. In a 3-way shoot off he came out in 2nd place. He was the 6th high sporting clays score with an 88. He finished the year with the rank of 11th with an 85% overall hit rate compared to the other 232 intermediate class state competitors. Nice Job Creed. Reece Dusek continued to help the club secure points coming in, finishing as the 23rd state-ranked shooter with a hit rate of 87% in all disciplines including olympic events. Reece put up skeet and trap scores well into the 90's out of 100 birds. Cade Vinson is the 7th ranked shooter in the state. He put up a 92 in sporting and had a success rate of over 91%. In an age group that had 181 shooters, he shoots better than 97% of players. We promise Cade is always at the top of his class in sportsmanship and scores.

Jett Thompson brought his "West Texas" game to San Antonio for the Texas 4H 2017 state games. He is the Senior 1 state champion in American Trap, Modified Trap, Sporting Clays, combined American events HOA, and combined International events HOA. Winning 3 in shoot-off tie breakers. He had second place finishes in American skeet and international skeet and a 5th place in Whiz-Bang. He was first place in the combined events category for "Shotgun Shootout", "Don Snyder", and the combined overall category of "Gunsmoke." Gunsmoke includes all disciplines and categories for 450 birds total possible score. Jett shot a 435 for 1st place with almost a 97% success rate. The competition is fierce and without those friends to compete with, none would be as good as they are today. Mr. Thompson brings 8 categories titles of "State Champion" home to Tom Green County in 2017. The achievement he is most proud of is, for the second straight year he has the highest percentage of success at 96.6% of all state competitors to receive the "Top Gun" buckle. This is the 6th "Gunsmoke" State Title earned by Jett for the Tom Green County club since the opening of its county 4h shotgun shooting range. the combined overall category of "Gunsmoke." Gunsmoke includes all disciplines and categories for 450 birds total possible score. Jett shot a 435 for 1st place with almost a 97% success rate. The competition is fierce and without those friends to compete with, none would be as good as they are today.



**For more information:**

<http://tomgreen.agrilife.org>

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**Upcoming Events:**

- August 1: Officers & Managers Training Workshop, TGC 4-H Bldg, 5 pm
- August 4: Deadline for entries to South Plains, Permian Basin & West Texas Fairs
- August 7: Silver Clover Banquet— District Wide, Zentner's Daughter, San Angelo
- August 7: State Record book Judging, Texas A&M Research & Extension Ctr.
- August 10: Award Interviews for Year-End Star Awards, TGC 4-H Bldg, 10AM
- August 14: School Starts for TLCA
- August 15: 4-H CONNECT Open for new year enroll; <https://texas.4honline.com>
- August 17: Deadline for entries to State Fair to Extension Office.
- August 17: School Starts for SAISD and Wall ISD.
- August 18-19: 2016 Texas Sheep & Goat Expo, SA Fairgrounds, Spur Arena
- August 19: Back to School Dance, 4-H Bldg, 3rd thru 8th grade, 6-9pm
- August 20: Hunter's Education Class, Instruct: Kathy & Gary Glass, 4H Bldg
- August 23: Schools Start for Christoval and Veribest ISD.
- August 23: Deadline for tag orders for Sheep & Goats Validation tags
- August 26: D7 Fall 4-H Council & Adult Leaders Mtg, GC Baptist Church
- August 28: School Starts for Grape Creek and Water Valley ISD.
- September 4: Labor Day Holiday, Offices Closed
- September 8 -17: West Texas Fair - Abilene
- September 9 -17: Permian Basin Fair - Odessa
- September 9: Fall Landscape Symposium, sponsored by MGs, TAMU Center
- September 17: Annual Awards Ceremony, 4H Bldg, 3:00 PM
- September 22: First Day of Autumn
- September 23-Oct 1: South Plains Fair, Lubbock
- September 29 - Oct 22: State Fair of Texas, Dallas; Jr. Market Wk-29-Oct 6
- October 1-7: National 4-H Week
- October 4: National Youth Science Day
- October 9: Holiday - Columbus Day, Offices Closed
- October 14-15: Jr. MGSCA Show; ASU Block & Bridle Expo, 4H Bldg
- October 21: Sheep/Goat State Validation, 4H Bldg arena, 8 AM



**Back-to-School Dance!**

Saturday, Aug 19th: 6:00 to 9:30pm



4-Hers 3rd-8th grade  
in Tom Green and  
surrounding  
counties!

**Location:** Tom Green 4-H Center  
3168 N. US Hwy 67, San Angelo

**Snack:** TGC 4-H members with last names  
A-M: need to bring a large bag of  
chips or snacks per member  
N-Z: need to bring one 12 pack of  
water per member or a total of  
one case per family.

**FEEL FREE TO BRING A FRIEND AS LONG AS THEY MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENTS**



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