



# TGC 4-H Newsletter

## Welcome to NEW 4-H Agent:

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has named Sherri "Jaye" Chasteen as the new 4-H youth development agent for Tom Green County effective Feb. 8. The announcement was made by Tom Green County Judge Steve Floyd and Marty Gibbs, AgriLife Extension administrator headquartered in San Angelo.



"We are very pleased with this appointment," Gibbs said. "Jaye is a delightful young person who has already garnered a strong reputation in this key county where she has worked as the Tom Green County 4-H program assistant since 2014. That experience coupled with her animal care background and strong 4-H club involvement while growing up and currently, make her the ideal person for this particular job within our agency." Chasteen earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Angelo State University in animal science. During her assistantship she was responsible for providing agriculture programming to local elementary schools, coaching the county's 4-H life and meat judging teams, and assisting AgriLife Extension agents with livestock validation and local livestock shows. Her previous job experience includes working as a veterinary assistant in San Angelo and in Burnet county, and as a lab technician in San Angelo and kennel technician in Florence.

Chasteen said she has a true passion for AgriLife Extension's 4-H program. "I grew up in the Williamson and Burnet county 4-H programs," she said. "I started in third grade and participated in judging competitions, livestock shows, held various officer positions in my local club and assisted with show clinics in Burnet County. "I believe my experience has prepared me to extend my career in AgriLife through the

4-H agent position and I am excited to see what opportunities it will bring."

Chasteen has worked with the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo, Rodeo Austin, Block and Bridle Club as vice-president at Angelo State University, and been a member of the university's wool judging team. Chasteen fills the position formerly held by Courtney Redman who recently transferred to the county's family and consumer sciences post.

Jaye wants all the Tom Green 4-H members to know how excited she is to serve such a supportive county, and looks forward to new opportunities to strengthen this amazing county program.

## 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 **Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** starting at 4:30 PM at the 4-H Building. For those who plan to enter with an educational presentation or the Share the Fun



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## March 2016

### Special points of interest:

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STATE VALIDATIONS:

contest, please call the Extension office by Thursday, March 31, 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 7<sup>th</sup> at the West Texas Training Center.

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



# 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 and 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.

*San Angelo Stock Show Scholarship*-check out info on their website at [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com). Application and details are listed there. Deadline is April 1st.

*State Fair of Texas*—Scholarship Applications have extended their deadline until March 1st.

*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 27<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, Runnels, 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://txmng.org/conchovalley/scholarship-and-grant-information/>

If you are in need of assistance or needing further information, please feel free to contact Courtney or Jaye and 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.

## **Shamrock Shuffle:**

Mark your calendars for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Shamrock Shuffle sponsored by the Friends of 4-H will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 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.

## **\*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 <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/clothings-textiles>. 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 Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in Coleman.



# Photography Contest



All those pictures you have taken this last year or will take early this year can be entered in the 2016 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>

All entries that qualify to the **State** Photography Contest will be in electronic format - in other words, all Senior entries will be e-mailed as submission.

**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 x 10 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 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Categories & short description include:

**Animals - Domestic:** focusing on the various animals that have been tamed & made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle or physiology altered as a result of being tamed; ex..dog, sheep, pig, goat, cow, cat, chicken, horse, camel, goose, duck, hamsters.

**Animals - Wildlife:** focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated & commonly found in the wild; can be of wildlife in nature, zoos &/or petting zoos.

**Catch- All:** category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, polaroid transfers, SX-70 images, handcolored photos.

**Details & Macro:** getting in close is the name of this category; focus on pics of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also a place for macro photos; ex. Details of a knot, a lock or an abstract close-up; anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail.

**Digital Darkroom:** focus on photos for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. Examples include Photoshop composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.

**Dominant color:** focus is photos with dominant color; dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & white photos, duotones are excluded from this category.

**Elements of Design:** images use of graphic elements of design; photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. and of any subject matter.

**Food:** focus is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photos of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus &/or cookbooks. No photos of alcohol beverages are allowed. Examples: thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits & place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.

**Marine/Aquatic:** photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water.

**Nature & Landscape:** focus includes landscapes, outdoor scenes,

nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, & farms; focus is on the beauty of the outdoors.

**Night Photography:** focus on photos taken outdoors between dusk & dawn. Generally those achieved by using artificial light or using a long exposure.

**People:** focus from all walks of life, parenting & family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports & couples.

**Plant/Flora:** focus on interesting, unique & beautiful flowers & flora; can occur outdoors or indoors and should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.

**Storyboard:** one digital entry that contains 3 photos and minimal text that tells a story and should be easily understood by the viewer. Ex: images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with title of "Beginning of Beauty".

**Theme:** focus for 2016 the theme is "**4-H, Ribbons, Awards and Recognition**". This year the theme will focus on still life arrangements of 4-H awards, ribbons, recognition. The arrangement and positioning of items will be strongly evaluated as well as the quality of the photo. Photo should create emotion and have impact. The theme is to highlight 4-H awards.

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



## **TCFA Junior Fed Beef Challenge**

This year the TCF Association will have their Jr. Fed Beef Challenge on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX. This is an educational event for the future leaders of the cattle feeding industry sponsored by the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. The objective of the Challenge is to encourage young people to gain practical experience in feeding commercial beef cattle. This program stresses the importance of proper animal husbandry and financial management.

If you are interested, steers must be validated between March 1<sup>st</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, and entries must be submitted by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Tags may not be ordered until participants are confirmed (no later than March 18<sup>th</sup>). If you have any questions about this program, contact the County Extension office. Program info & official rule book can be found at more info can be found at [www.tcfa.org](http://www.tcfa.org)



# Fashion Show & Storyboard Contests -Sr. Division



The **Senior** Division of the District 4-H Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in conjunction with District Roundup. Participants must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above as of August 31, 2015. 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 have been re-aligned and include 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 have also been re-aligned and 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.

## #4HFashionStoryboard2016

Social media has become a stage to not only set fashion trends, but to launch designers. Social media outlets such as, Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, and YouTube are easily accessible, and conversational in nature. Fashion trends are created through social media, the trend is not “imposed” on the audience, but instead, it is made available for the audience, and the audience will have the freedom to adopt it or grasp onto part of it.

Create your own design and create a storyboard that will help it go viral.

More info and guidelines can be found at:

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/fashion-storyboard-resources/> 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 at the 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. Now is the time to learn how to keep good records. The most important thing about 4-H record keeping is to find a way that you are comfortable with to collect information. 4-H wouldn’t be the same without records. They’re an important part of completing each project. 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.

Record book forms are available with an online version where you can keep track of entries and different levels of needed information for each age division. Deadline entries will be due in mid-June. Watch for date announcement.

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

If you have any questions or need further info or samples, look for the Recordkeeping link on the Texas 4-H site ([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 recordbook.

# Camp - Summer 2016



**County Camp** - Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood will host camp for Tom Green County with Session 1 with dates that are scheduled for the week of June 27<sup>th</sup> thru 11:00 am on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. 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. Sessions 1 cost will be \$180.00 for youth and \$85 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 begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17-20; Total Cost \$230 per camper

Session II - grades 2-5, July 20-23; 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<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with cost to be \$230 per youth and \$110 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 27<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup> with cost to be total of \$280. Registration begins March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> thru June 24<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood. 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)**

Goats - June 12, 13, & 14, 2016

Lambs - June 5, 6, & 7, 2016

For application, hotel listings or more info, contact the office.

**M.A.S.H Camp** - this camp is a hands-on learning experience that allows any youth in Texas learn about the medical, safety, and health career fields. The 3-day camp will be held this summer and participants will be in activities with the Texas A&M Athletic Department, Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine College, and the Texas A&M Health Science Center. Camp participants will experience the pace of an emergency room, view current medical research & development being conducted at the TAMU Veterinary School, visit Texas Engineering Experiment Services Disaster City and see a world renowned First Responder Training facility, learn about sports training and nutrition for college athletes and be a part of nightly activities promoting healthy living and having fun!

Camp is open to 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade students; registration cost and dates will be announced later and the camp will be held in College Station...Participants DO NOT have to be 4-H members to attend and Registration opens thru 4-H CONNECT. You can sign up anytime for additional information be sent to you via email from the MASH camp site.

**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:

<http://ward-co.tamu.edu> or contact the Extension office at 432-943-2682

**Texas Brigades Wildlife Leadership Camps** - applications are now open. This year's slate of seven camps includes a new one that departs from the traditional wildlife-only topics, according to coordinators. Youth are taught leadership skills, natural resources conservation and proper ranch management at the camps scattered across the state. Each camp is limited to 20-30 students from ages 13 through 17. The camp dates and locations are:

- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 11-15, Centennial Lodge, Coleman.
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 12-16, Southern Star Ranch, Uvalde.
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 24-29; Buck Horn Creek Ranch, McCot.
- Bass Brigade, July 6-10, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- Ranch Brigade, July 15-18; Warren Ranch, Santa Anna,
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 19-23, Warren Ranch, Santa Anna.
- Waterfowl Brigade, July 17-21, BigWoods on the Trinity, Tennessee Colony
- Coastal Brigade, July 26 - 30, Sea Scout Base, Galveston

The camps are a partnership effort of AgriLife Extension, Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, several universities, conservation groups, local soil and water conservation districts, private businesses, and individuals with an interest in wildlife and youth leadership development. Tuition is \$500 per cadet per camp, but sponsors are available to provide financial aid when needed. Applications may be completed online or downloaded at <http://www.texasbrigades.org>. For more information, contact Holdsworth at: [hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org) or Kassi Scheffer at [kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org) or you may call 855-TXBRIGS (855-892-7447). Registration deadline is March 15, 2016

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.

# Children's Fair & Petting Zoo



The annual Children's Fair will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Courtney at the Extension office.

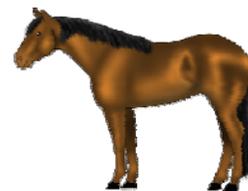
## Roundup Opportunities!!

Information and resources for the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles Invitational and Recipe Rally contest is now available online at: . Both of these contests are invitational, but be sure to read through the information flyers that were emailed to get specific details.

**Healthy Lifestyles Invitational:** This contest is open to intermediates and seniors and is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. The contest is structured similar to a Consumer Decision Making Contest, where youth individually judge classes that related to the healthy lifestyles topics listed in the contest packet (attached). Youth can register to participate as an individual or team. An online training about this invitational opportunity will be held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am via WebEx. During this training, an overview of the contest will be provided, and the online invitational opportunity – in which youth can go through a practice invitational contest - will be introduced as well.

**Recipe Rally:** Although invitational, the Recipe Rally does require some pre-qualification prior to Texas 4-H Roundup. This is an opportunity for intermediates and seniors to work individually or in pairs to submit a video of them demonstration the preparation of a recipe. All recipes should tie to the theme, "Picnic Perfect." Among the entries submitted, four finalists will be selected to be a part of the cooking demonstrations that will take place at Texas 4-H Roundup.

## Horse Validation Information!



The District 7 4-H Horse Show will be June 13-14 at the Llano County Events Center in Llano. As soon as the District office puts the district entry info online, 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. If you are Re-activating a horse already entered from last year - the process will be different.

**2016 Horse Validation period is March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - \$10.00 per horse. April 16<sup>th</sup> to May 1, 2016 - \$20.00 per horse. \*\*REMINDER: THIS IS A COMPLETE DIFFERENT VALIDATION THAN WAS DONE IN Jan-Feb 2016 only 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. For ANY horses being registered online thru 4-H CONNECT for the validation process, each member MUST have an "Active" status with their membership for the 2015-2016 year. If you entered horses last year and needing to re-activate, you can just re-affirm from last year, pay the registration fee and not have to re-enter. For NEW horses being entered, you must have 3 photos views of your horse - front, left & right views along with scanned registration papers**

- If your horse(s) are registered then you will fill out the **2016 Horse Project Validation Form** and send it in with copies of registration papers to our office.

- If your horse(s) are not registered then you will fill out the **2016 Horse Project Validation Form** and the **Grade Horse Identification Form** for each horse.

This registration MUST cover each and every horse you plan to participate with in the State or District Horse show. There are different instructions based on if you are validating a NEW horse for 2016 or reactivating a horse that was entered last year into 4-H CONNECT.

Below is a link to these forms, as well as the **State Horse Show Rules and Regulations** (please note that the rules listed are for the 2015 rules so make sure you are aware of any changes). 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 done sometime about mid-May!! Here is the link:

<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!

# 4-H Livestock Ambassadors



## 2016 Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program



These are exciting times for the Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador program. The program has been developing agricultural leaders and advocates for 8 years now. New for 2016, we are excited to include West Texas A&M University in partnership with Texas Tech University to conduct the Panhandle 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Course. Ambassador candidates will split time between the two universities to gain a better understanding of agriculture in the Texas Panhandle. Furthermore, in 2016 we will embark on an international agricultural experience to South America. We plan to take 25 high performing Equine/Livestock Ambassadors to Uruguay and Argentina.

Please consider the position as a potential Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassadors in this county. Our hope is when you return from the course, you will be eager to assist with educational programs. The Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Program will have a booth at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo March 11-16 (next to cattle show arena), please stop by and visit with our exceptional youth leaders. Below are the 2016 details and application link. A Texas 4-H Ambassador promotional document is available by contacting the office.

### Program Highlights and Impact:

Current Ambassadors report their service to an online reporting system.

- ≈Service Hours: 14, 564
- ≈Educational Contacts: **450,000**

Program engagement

- ≈County, Regional and Major Livestock Show Responsibilities
- ≈Represent Texas 4-H and Animal Agriculture on TV, Radio and at the Texas Capitol
- ≈Making an impact in mentoring novice 4-H youth
- ≈NEW national and international travel experiences

### 2016 Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Short Courses:

Texas Tech University/West Texas A&M University, July 5-8, 2016

Cost: \$200

Texas A&M University July 18-21, 2016

Cost: \$200

### 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:

[https://agrilife.a21.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb](https://agrilife.a21.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0PYpO9DjXaYnpFb)

- 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 1, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by **June 17, 2016** regarding application result

The Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Program is entering its fifth year and the results have been incredible. Texas 4-H boasts robust horse project participation. For years, we were lacking an advanced leadership opportunities for youth interested in equine industry and science. Equine Ambassadors have been very productive in assisting with equine related educational workshops and programs.

**Program Highlights and Impact:** 2015-2016 Equine Ambassadors report their service to an online reporting system. Educational Contacts with Equine/Livestock Ambassadors combined: **231,303**

**Program engagement:** County, District and State 4-H Horse Show Responsibilities; Represent Texas 4-H on TV, Radio and at the Texas Capitol; Making an impact in mentoring novice 4-H youth with horse projects; NEW national and international travel experiences

### 2016 Texas 4-H Equine Ambassador Camp:

Dates: June 26 – 30, 2016

Cost: \$250

### Selection Criteria:

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

### Application Process:

- Applicant goes to <https://texasyouthlivestock.com> and look for the Equine Ambassador link.
- 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
- Applications are due **May 1, 2016**. Applicants will be notified by **early June, 2016** regarding application result





# Club News

## State 4-H C&T Advisory Board

The Texas 4-H Clothing and Textiles Advisory Board offers 4-H members, volunteer leaders, and county Extension agents an opportunity to help determine and expand the 4-H clothing program by recommending and implementing special activities and new project ideas. The Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board provides the leadership and coordination of the State Fashion Show. The Board also provides vision for the future of the clothing and textiles project; promotes the clothing and textiles project to Texas youth and adults; and provides representation from all areas of the state within the 4-H Clothing and Textiles project. We are pleased to announce that Emily Moeller will be representing District 7 on this Board and was recently elected to serve as Secretary for the Board. Congratulations Emily!!



new TGC 4-H Shooting Sports facilities. For more information, check out our website or contact the Club Managers for info. The club meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month with practices being held each week on Tuesday at 5:00 pm at the Shooting Sports facilities.

## 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 14<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! Some ideas that have been thrown out are things like: nice jewelry, handmade boots, furniture, handmade items, etc.... 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!

## Angelo Bluebonnet Club-

The 4-H Angelo Bluebonnet Club met on Monday, February 8, 2016, in the 4-H building at 4:15 pm. After the opening and reports, the Paws community service committee gave their presentation about Project Paws welcome bags. After the meeting, the 4-H Angelo Bluebonnet Club went to San Angelo Mini Storage. At San Angelo Mini Storage, we helped the owner of Mathew's Closet sort shoes, clothes and organize the large assortment of plastic tubs and boxes for children in foster care. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H building where we will assemble the Paw's welcome bags and make toys for the animal shelter and Paw's. ~Reporter Hannah Hargues

## Lone Star Club

There will be no meeting in March. Our **April meeting will be moving to April 10<sup>th</sup>**

## Shooting Sports Club

Plans for the Annual Tom Green County 4-H Whiz Bang are being completed and forms will be posted on the TGC website at: <http://tomgreen.agrilife.org> under the Publications tab. The event will be held on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** at the

TGC 4-H  
Rifle Club Fundraiser  
Tickets available in Office

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Or Rifle Club Member

PICK YOUR GUN  
PICK YOUR PRICE

## 4-H Rifle Club 2016 Gun Giveaway

Drawing will be held at:  
**ANGELO PELLETS**  
GUN BAR  
1111 N. Bell Street  
San Angelo, TX 76903

ALL WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DRAWING.  
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

TOM GREEN 4-H RIFLE CLUB  
JEFF PEAZER  
CLUB MANAGER, COACH-IN-CHIEF  
DISTRICT 7  
(325) 436-3744

**Pick Your Gun**  
Henry Golden Boy 22LR Octagon Barrel Savage 17 Winchester Super Mag Ruger American 171MM or 22 Mag Savage Axis Game W/Scope Your Choice: 223, 22350, 243 or 270 Legacy Pointer Owl/Under Your Choice: 12Ga or 20Ga

**Tom Green 4-H Rifle Club Goals:**

1. To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.
2. To enhance development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational involvement in shooting activity.

**Pick Your Price**  
**\$50 = 1 in 20 Wins**  
**\$10 = 1 in 100 Wins**

## Upcoming Events:

March 1: Rescheduled-District 7 Horse Judging Contest, Coleman  
March 2-20: Houston Livestock Show  
March 13: Daylight Savings time changes(Spring Forward)  
March 12-13: District 7 4-H Coaches Training, Brownwood, Archery & Shotgun  
March 13-25: Star of Texas Livestock show - Austin  
March 14-18: Spring Break; All Area schools closed  
March 18: TGC 4-H Photography Contest pics due to County Office  
March 28: Leaders 4 Life - District 7 Contest, Grape Creek Bapt Church  
March 25: Good Friday, County Holiday, Offices Closed  
March 27: Easter Sunday!  
April 2: Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale, 4H Bldg  
April 4: County Roundup, 4:30 PM, 4H Bldg  
April 5: Photography projects due to *District Office* for winners.  
April 7: D7 - Duds to Dazzle Contest, Coleman  
April 15: Photography projects due to State Office for Sr winners.  
April 16: District 7 Range Evaluation Contest - Eldorado  
April 20: District 7 Meats Judging contests, ASU-MIR Ctr  
April 20: District 7 Wool/Mohair Judging Contest, Fairgrounds  
April 18 -21: 4-H Building in Use  
April 24: Children's Fair, Unidad Park - Petting Zoo  
April 27-28: Kids, Kows & More, 4H Bldg.  
April 30: District 7 Rifle Contest - Callahan County  
April 30: Tom Green Co. Jr. Livestock—Horse Show, Fairgrounds  
May 7: District 7 Roundup - Howard College/West Texas Training Ctr  
May 8: Mother's Day  
May 14: Shamrock Shuffle event, Wells Fargo Pavilion, 6 pm  
May 30: Memorial Day, County Holiday, Offices Closed



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

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**Upcoming Events:**

April 2016

- 2—CVMG Plant Sale, 4H Bldg
- 7—D7 Duds to Dazzle, Coleman
- 12—County Roundup, 4H Bldg
- 13—D7 Horse-Beef-Swine Quiz Bowl, Brownwd
- 16—D7 Range Eval & Plant ID, Eldorado
- 20—D7 Meats & Wool/Mohair Judging, ASU
- 24—Children's Fair, Unidad Park
- 27-28—Kids, Kows & More
- 30—TGC Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- 30—D7 Rifle Contest, Baird

**Tom Green County 4-H Events Calendar**

# MARCH 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 D7 Horse Judging Coleman Wildlife-Range Pract	2	3 Breeding Gilts to Houston Stock Show	4	5
6	7 ABClub Mtg, 4p	8 <— <b>Houston Stock Show</b> —Food Challenge, Goats & Lamb Shows—> Wildlife-Range Pract	9	10 <— <b>Houston Stock Show</b> —Heifer & Barrow Shows—>	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 <— <b>Houston Stock Show</b> — Barrow & Steer Shows—> <b>Rodeo Austin</b> —Goats & Lamb Shows>	15 Wildlife-Range Pract	16	17 Everyone's Irish On March 17th. 	18 < <b>Rodeo Austin</b> —Barrow Shows> Deadline 4H Photos	19 
20 	21 < <b>Rodeo Austin</b> —Barrow - Steer—Heifer Shows >	22 Wildlife-Range Pract	23 	24	25  Offices Closed	26
27 Happy Easter  EASTER Sunday	28 D7 Leaders 4 Life Grpe Crk	29 Wildlife-Range Pract	30	31 Food Challenge Pract		

PRAY FOR RAIN



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" and set your clocks 1 hour ahead

