

January 2018

4-H Newsletter

Tom Green County Project Show

Special points of interest:

- Project show
- 4-H Scholarships
- Livestock Projects
- Texas Brigades



The Project Show will take place in the Wells Fargo Pavilion at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. The purpose of the Project Show is to give all Tom Green county youth the opportunity to exhibit their school, 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA arts and crafts projects. Entry blanks are available from the county Extension office or online. Deadline for entry from – **January 5, 2018**. Age Divisions are as follows:

Beginners - Kindergarten to 2nd grade
Juniors - 3rd, 4th & 5th grades
Intermediates - Grades - 6th, 7th, 8th
Seniors - Grade 9 thru 12.

Exhibitor can only enter one (1) article per class.

Entries must be the work of only 1 exhibitor, must have been made in current year
Current year is from January 21st, 2017 thru January 12th, 2018.

Project deliveries - Thursday, January 11th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday, January 12th from 9 AM to 12 noon.

Judging will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 11th.

The building will be open for viewing after judging until 5:00 PM and Saturday at 8:00 AM. All exhibits picked up by Saturday evening at 7:00 PM.

Glass containers should not be used for ANYTHING, except for food preservation entries and the jars must be properly sealed. No glass serving dishes or platters will be allowed. For more information, general rules and entry forms, call or come by the county Extension office.

** NEW this year—Ag Mechanics Show. Any TGC 4-H members or FFA students are welcome to enter specific projects made in the Ag Mechanics division. Entry for this contest is \$10 each and rules, guidelines and entry forms are available online or can be obtained at the county office. Entry forms are DUE on January 5th, 2018 and projects will be delivered to Wells Fargo Pavilion at a determined time. For more information, please contact the County Extension office at 325-659-6523. Online at: <http://tomgreen.agrilife.org> under the 4-H tab as Tom Green Jr. Livestock Show.

2018 Texas 4-H Scholarship Applications

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development program and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation is pleased to offer to our senior high school 4-H members and current college students the opportunity to apply for an Opportunity Scholarship through the Texas 4-H Program. **Deadline for applications to the County Extension office is January 15th, 2018.**

Once again, the application and the instructions are separate documents for easier completion and direction. The application form is being offered in Microsoft Word.

All active 4-H members who are a graduating senior in high school have been contacted regarding the application and instructions. Please refer to the Texas 4-H and Youth Development website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> for more information and updates. If we have failed to notify qualified students, please feel free to access this site for an application, or call the Extension office if you have questions and speak with Jaye Chasteen-659-6522.

Junior Livestock Show

It is time once again to promote the Tom Green County Show and Fair which will be held on January 12th & 13th at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. **ALL YOUTH** livestock exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to go through the sale in order to receive their premium check. Check-in will be set up next to the Livestock Premium Sale area at 6:30 PM.

***We also ask for your support in helping us to promote the Show and premium sale by asking businesses which you support to donate to the Jr .Livestock Association.** Pledge sheets can be picked up at the Extension office, or we can FAX a form to them. We will also bill any pledge.

A Schedule of shows can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. The complete rules, guidelines and schedules for all shows can be found online at the Tom Green extension website at: <http://tomgreen-co.tamu.edu> in the Publications tab, under Tom Green Jr. Livestock Show. Schedules, rules & guidelines can also be found on Events page.

Work Schedule for each club is as follows:

★ Concession Stand

Friday - January 12th

8:00 - 1:00 PM Lone Star Club
1:00 - 5:00 PM Angelo Bluebonnet Club
5:00 - 7:00 PM Twin Mountain Club

Saturday - January 13st

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



★ **Food Donations** - all food for the concession stand needs to be at the stand by 6 PM on Thursday, January 11th.

★ **Ambassadors** - Club managers-Each club must have at least 2 representatives to help with the cake auction and serving meals to the buyers. Please send a list of Ambassadors to Jay by January 8th.

★ **Cake Auction** - Club provide for at least two (2) cakes each for Cake Auction; delivered to the Pavilion by Saturday-13th by 4 PM.

★ **BBQ meal** tickets can be purchased at the door. Cost \$5 per plate. Cake Auction-Wells Fargo Pavilion - 5:00 PM. Premium Auction - **7:00 pm** in the Livestock Sale Arena.

Check in for exhibitors at the sale ring - **6:30 pm**.

Educational Presentations/Illustrated Talks

This is a great way to talk about and present something about a project you are already doing or a project you have completed at school. This will enhance your public speaking skills as well as broaden your knowledge about your subject.

Some example topics include: How to Make a Banana Smoothie; Why Do Cows Re chew their Food? How to Hang a Ceiling Fan; What makes a Light Bulb Work? What is GPS and How does it Effect Farming? How Can You Coordinate your Wardrobe? Etc. Come up with your own idea and we can work out the details. There is also a chance to exhibit your talents and skills in the performing arts or even get a group together to do a skit/drama all under the Share the Fun Contest. More details can be found at the Texas 4-H Website under the Texas Roundup Guide.

County Roundup is set for **April 19th**. For those who plan to enter with an educational presentation or Share the Fun contest, please call the Extension office to let us know that you plan to participate. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact the office.

Texas Brigades Summer Registration Begins

Registration for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Texas Brigades camps this summer has begun. The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

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. The state's leading wildlife and fisheries biologists and land managers serve as instructors and mentors. Each camp is 4 ½ days long.

The camps are held on private ranches and at environmental camps in different areas of the state. Applications for 2018 are available online at: www.texasbrigades.org and must be turned in **no later than March 15, 2018**.

Below are the 2018 camp dates and locations:

- ◆ -Rolling Plains Bobwhite -Centennial Lodge, Coleman, June 2-6, 2018
- ◆ -South Texas Buckskin -Welder Wildlife Refuge, Sinton, June 17-21, 2018
- ◆ -South Texas Bobwhite -Buck Horn Creek Ranch, McCoy, June 22-26, 2018
- ◆ -Bass Brigade -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 6-10, 2018
- ◆ -Ranch Brigade -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 16-20, 2018
- ◆ -Coastal Brigade, Sea Scout Base, Galveston, July 17-21, 2018
- ◆ -North Texas Buckskin -Warren Ranch, Santa Anna, July 22-26, 2018
- ◆ -Waterfowl Brigade – Stay tune for 2019

The camps are a partnership effort of the Texas A&M 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 or Kassi Scheffer at kscheffer@texas-wildlife.org or 800-TEX-WILD or 210-826-2904.

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Creative Arts

Anyone (Adults & Youth) wishing to enter projects into the Creative Arts contest for the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo must have their all their entry fees and forms filled out and returned to the San Angelo Stock Show office. **Deadline for entry forms is Saturday, January 13th, 2018 by 2:00 PM.** All entries require an entry fee; General divisions are \$1.00 per entry and Special Food Contest is \$2.00 per entry. For more information and categories available - call the SA Stock Show office at 653-7785. All entry forms, catalog and other info can be found on their website at: <http://www.sanangelorodeo.com>

Judging Teams Forming

All judging teams for spring competitions will be getting underway soon. Anyone interested in participating with judging teams including: wool/mohair, meats, range, soil, wildlife, and Swine skill-a-thon should contact the Extension office ASAP (if not already called) and place your name on the contact list so that we can let you know about upcoming events, practices and other information. Contact Jaye Chasteen at the Extension office for more details, questions and information.

2018 Texas 4-H Photography 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. Any new changes, guidelines, complete descriptions, examples and scoresheet with detail info for each category can be found on the Texas 4-H website at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu> under the State Photography Contest link.

County entries will be accepted as 8 x 10 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. All Senior entry winners will be e-mailed directly as submission to the State Contest. No framed or art mounted entries will be accepted. Deadline for all entries for **county contest will be March 15th, 2018.**

Categories include:

Animals – Domestic
Animals – Wildlife
Catch- All
Details & Macro
Dominant color
Elements of Design
Enhanced
Food

Landscape & Nature (non-animal)
Motion / Action
People
Plant/Flora
Sports
Theme: For 2017-2018 the theme is “Backyard”.
Travel & Place

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

TEEA Scholarships

The Texas Extension Education Association is once again offering one \$1,000 scholarship in each Extension district (total of 12) for a deserving Texas 4-H member.

The eligible requirements for those applying are:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Complete or in third year of 4-H and be in good standing with county 4-H Program.
- Demonstrate leadership and personal development through 4-H.
- Will attend an accredited college/university in fall or spring following judging.
- May attend college of their choice.
- Not passed 19th birthday before January 1 of current year (2018).
- Not previously received a TEEA scholarship
- Complete a 4-H Record Book.

Application submission process includes:

- 1) Copy of 4-H Awards Program Record Book.
- 2) Copy of an official high school transcript.
- 3) Complete TEEA District 4-H Scholarship Application

Submit application materials (1, 2, and 3 above) to county Extension office by January 15th or contact Courtney Redman at the County Extension office. State winners are announced at Spring TEEA Board meeting and also recognized at Texas 4-H Roundup. Winners are required to send TEEA Treasurer required information needed to issue payment to college/university. Additional information and application for this scholarship and for all Texas 4-H Scholarships are posted on line at: <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/scholarship.html>

Tom Green Jr. Livestock Show & Project Fair

2018 Tom Green County Fair & Junior Livestock Show

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2018

5:00-7:00 PM.....Project Show entries received-
Wells Fargo Pavilion
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.....Weigh Hogs

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2018

Deadlines & Show Times

9:00 - Noon.....Project Show entries received
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.....Judging of Project Show
1:00 p.m.....Weight cards due on Goats
3:00 p.m.....Meat Goats - Show
6:00 p.m.....Weight Cards due on Lambs
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.Weigh Steers & Check in Heifers
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.....County - Check-in & Weigh Hogs

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2018

Deadlines & Show Times

7:30 a.m.....Arrival Time for Rabbits
8:00 a.m.....Swine and Lamb Show
8:30 a.m.....Rabbit Show
9:00 a.m.....Arrival Time for Broilers
10:00 a.m.....Broiler Show
11:00 a.m.....Heifer / Steer Show
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.....Barbecue Supper Served
Wells Fargo Pavilion
5:00 p.m.....Cake Auction
7:00 p.m.....Premium Auction Sale
Auto Wrangler Livestock Sale Arena

Saturday, April 28th, 2018

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.Arrival of Horses
10:00 AM—Spur Arena.....Horse Show

Club News:

Lone Star Club:

The Lone Star 4-H Club held their monthly meeting at the Old Roller Rink on December 10th. Members of the club brought small toys for children in hospitals for community service. Officer, Committee, and Adult Leaders Reports were given, as well as announcements on the upcoming Project Fair and Concession Stand Sign-Ups. The next meeting will be on January 14th, 2018 at the Sheep Studio and the community service is to bring new or gently used books for State Wide 4-H Book Drive. Hope to see you there!

2018 BeeKeeping Essay Contest

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. has announced their 2018 Essay Topic. This year's Topic is "What's So Super About the Super Organism in the Honey Bee?"

Please share the attached information with your 4-H members. They do not have to have a bee project to participate in the essay contest. A member from our Texas 4-H Program has been the National Champion the past two years. Let's try to keep the streak going!

You can see past winner's essays by visiting the following website and clicking on 4H Essays tab at the top of their page. <http://preservationofhoneybees.org/>

Essays will be uploaded at no fee on 4-H Connect using the "2018 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest" event. Deadline to submit is Sunday, February 18th. Winners will be announced the week of March 5th.

Livestock Exhibitors:

There will be a school show for students enrolled in the following schools: Veribest ISD, SA-ISD, and Wall ISD.

Veribest-Sat. January 6th at TGC 4-H Bldg. Contact Travis Lange—Ag Science Teacher at Veribest

SA-ISD—Thurs. January 11th at TGC 4-H Bldg. Contact Parks Tucker (Lakeview) or Ashley Kellermeier (Central) for more information.

Wall ISD—Thurs, Jan 11th & Friday, Jan 12th at the San Angelo Fairgrounds. Students should contact Wall Ag Boosters for more info. Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, January 11th - Wall Stock Show

8:30 am Barns open for animal arrival (cattle, lambs, goats, & swine)

3:00 p.m. Scales open

5:00 p.m. Cattle and Goats in place and weight cards turned in

6:00 p.m. Swine and Sheep in place and weight cards turned in

6:30 p.m. Goat Show ** NEW time & day

6:30 p.m. Cattle Show

Friday, January 15th - Wall Stock Show

8:00 a.m. Sheep Show** NEW time & day

8:00 a.m. Swine Show

NOTICE TO SHEEP/GOAT EXHIBITORS:

Shearing in preparation for the Tom Green Co. Jr. Livestock Show will be available to all exhibitors on **Monday, January 8th and Tuesday, January 9th, 2017**. A professional shearer will be available from 9 AM to 7 PM at the Tom Green 4-H Center—Arena side on both days for a cost of \$20 per head. Scheduled appointments are highly suggested and will be on a first come, first served basis. Payment can be made directly to the shearer on the day of the shear. For questions or more info, contact Josh Blanek. To schedule an appointment, contact the County Extension Office. 659-6522





For more information:

<http://tomgreen.agrilife.org>

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Upcoming Events:

- Jan 1 - Holiday - New Year's - Offices Closed
- Jan 3-13 - Sandhills Stock Show-Odessa
- Jan 4 - Food Challenge Practice-4H Bldg, 6p
- Jan 5 - Deadline for Entry Forms for TGC Project Fair & Ag Mechanics
- Jan 6 - Veribest Isd School Show, 4-H Bldg.
- Jan 8 - AB Club meeting, Library, 4 pm
- Jan 11 - SAISD School Show - 4H Bldg., 6pm
- Jan 11-12 - Wall ISD Stock Show, SA Fairgrounds
- Jan 11 - Food Challenge Practice-4H Bldg
- Jan 12-13 - Tom Green County Jr. Livestock Show & Project Fair
- Jan 12 - Feb 3 - Southwestern Expo & Stock Show - Ft. Worth
- Jan 13 - Deadline for Creative Arts Entries, San Angelo Stock Show
- Jan. 15 - MLK Day - County Offices Closed
- Jan 15 - 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications, Due to County Office
- Jan 18 - Food Challenge Practice, 4H Bldg
- Jan 24 - Food Challenge Contest w/San Angelo Stock Show, Wells Fargo Pav.
- Feb 1 - 18 - San Angelo Stock Show - San Angelo Fairgrounds
- Feb 8-25 - San Antonio Livestock Expo, San Antonio
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 - District 7 Consumer Decision Making Contest, SA Fairgrounds
- Feb 19 - President's Day, County Holiday, Offices Closed
- Feb 23 - Mar 18 - Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo
- Feb 27 - District 7 Horse Judging Contest, Coleman
- March 10-24 - Rodeo Austin Livestock Show, Austin
- March 11 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 12 -16 - Spring Break for all area schools
- March 15 - Deadline for TGC 4-H Photography contest
- March 25- Palm Sunday
- March 26 - District 7 Leaders 4 Life Contest, Grape Creek
- March 30 - Good Friday, County Holiday, Offices Closed
- April 1 - Easter Sunday
- April 3 - Duds-to-Dazzle Contest, Coleman - Palm Sunday
- April -7 - Concho Valley MG Plant Sale - 4H Bldg
- April 19 - D7 Meats Judging, ASU Meats Lab-San Angelo
- April 28 (TBD) - D7 Range Evaluation, Eldorado
- April 28 - D7 Rifle Contest, Brady

