

Lampasas County 4-H News

December 2015

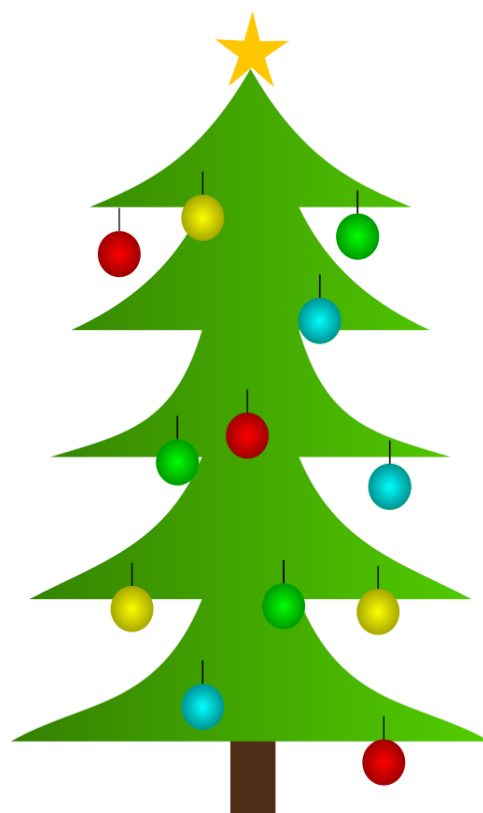
Christmas Party

The County-wide 4-H Christmas party will be on December 7th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the County Showbarn at the intersection of highways 281/183/190.

There will be games, a community service project, a gift exchange, fun, and PIZZA!

Please bring a pair of warm socks, toiletries, and fruit to put in the gift bags. Forty bags will be filled and delivered following the party to the elderly residents at Pecan Creek Apartments.

We would like families to bring side dishes to go with pizza and a \$5 or less wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Please email, Facebook, or call the office to sign up for what you will bring so we can be sure we get a little of everything.



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Carol of Lights

On Saturday, December 5th, 4-H will sell hot cider and glow sticks during the Christmas parade, which is part of the Carol of Lights festival. Middle and high school age 4-Hers interested in helping may contact the office. We will meet at 4pm on Saturday, December 5th at the extension office. Call the office or Facebook to let us know if you want to participate.

County Council

The Lampasas 4-H County Council met on November 10th for a meeting and elected new officers.

County Council Officers 2015-1016

President—Sydney Dishman
Vice President—Kasi Andrews
Secretary—Dianne Ledford
Treasurer—Casey Gautier
Delegate—Brandon Longoria

T-Shirt Design Contest

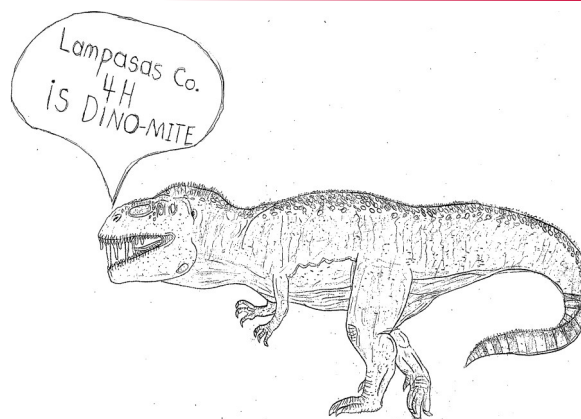
Winner of the T-shirt Design Contest was Kasi Andrews. County Judge Wayne Boultinghouse was our judge for the contest. All of these kids did a great job! Pictured at right and below are the entries. See the next page for the winning design and a way to order a t-shirt!



By: Avery Hopson
4th Grade



By: Daphne Davenport
7 year old Clover Kid



By: Dillon Brister
6th Grade

Lometa Stock Show

Lometa Stock Show will be held December 19 at the Lometa ISD ag barn. For more info call Lometa AST Brad Barnett at 512-734-3587.



4-H Enrollment

Please enroll in 4-H if you haven't already done so this year.

Go to <https://texas.4honline.com> to enroll today. Enrollment fee is \$25 per child now that the Oct. 31 deadline has passed. When accessing the registration link, use a browser other than MS-EXPLORER, such as Fire-Fox.

Lampasas County 4-H T-shirts

Order yours today!!!



Front Left Chest



Back

T-shirts Sizes YS-AXL: \$14.00 each

T-shirts Sizes 2X-4X: \$17.00 each

Long Sleeve Shirts AS-AXL: \$16.00

Long Sleeve Shirts 2X – 4X: \$19.00

Hoodies AS-AXL: \$30.00

Hoodies 2X-4X: \$35.00

Please get all orders in to Becca at the extension Office by December 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Awesome Team Project—Consumer Decision Making

Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money. Consumer Decision Making (CDM) gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping. CDM is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare and make consumer based decisions based on facts. 4-Hers use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Kids learn to organize their thoughts and to

defend their decisions in oral reasons. CDM is a great way to learn how to shop better! The Consumer project's first meeting will be held Monday, December 21st, at 6:00 pm, at the Extension Office Meeting Room! **Please RSVP** so Karen knows you are interested. Come and learn all about the project and what it has to offer. We will be discussing the new classes for this year and preparing for the project! There are 3-5 members per team. Weekly practices will be sched-

uled based on team members' availability. Individuals can compete.

Monday, February 1st is the County Deadline for CDM Teams.

Friday, February 19 is the District Consumer Contest— at the San Angelo Stock Show. There is a possible large cash award for the senior division.

Guidelines can be found at:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarships

The 2016 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Applications went live November 4th. I am sending this information on behalf of Lampasas County Area Go Texan and the "Area Go Texan Scholarship" however there are several types of scholarships that OUR Lampasas County students can apply for as well...

Please look at the new SAT guidelines and minimum test scores that apply to the different types of applications... The Area Go Texan requirement is 950 minimum score with the Math and Verbal scores only!! Yes, they have changed, only us-

ing two of the scores and they do not have to come from the same test. Student's BEST score in each category will be used...

When students apply, they will "check boxes" for all of the types that they are applying for (ex: AGT, Military, Exhibitor) but the student can only win one scholarship...

Something new... There are 2 scholarships that allow home schooled students to apply... Exhibitor & 4-H. Feel free to call me for a visit about all the new changes and I'll gladly drop off printed materials as well...

I will come talk with your students and/or parents,

during or after school, about our HLSR & County scholarship and the general idea and importance of scholarships and their future as young adults if you would like... I will also do this in smaller groups if there is a need...

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Thank you,

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Junior Leadership Retreat

Ten 4-Hers from Lampasas County along with adult volunteer Angie Andrews attended the Junior Leadership Retreat at the 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood! They had an awesome time!

The Texas 4-H council members conducted educational workshops in five 4-H project areas—Livestock Skill-a-thon, International & Global Education, Leather Craft, Share the Fun, & Judging. There was lots of time for games, a dance, and the kids had a lot of fun!



Pictured left to right: Nyla Long, Ciara Carnes, Sanaa Borland, Catherine Hicks, Hannah Carnes, Ruger Miserlian, Emily Hobson-Lusty, Kasi Andrews, Brylie Turner, & Syd-

2016 Photography Rules & Guidelines

County photography information night is Monday, January 18th at 6 p.m. at the Extension office. The 2016 Texas 4-H Photography Rules and Guidelines are now available online. The categories have remained the same for the 2016 contest; however, some of the descriptions have been updated to address questions pertaining to what is allowable

in each of the categories. The optional theme category for 2016 is: 4-H, Ribbons, Awards & Recognition. The theme will focus on Still Life arrangements of 4-H Awards & ribbons. The arrangement and position of the item will be strongly evaluated as well as the quality of the photo. Photo should create emotion and have impact.

The 2016 Rules and Guidelines are posted on the Texas 4-H Photography website at:

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_photography

The County contest for Jr. & Intermediate requires the 8 by 10 photos to be mounted on foam board backing which the office can supply.

District deadline to turn in photos is March 16-18.

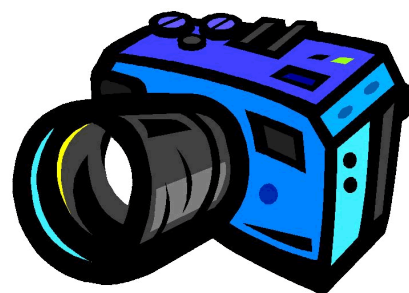
Seeking a 4-H photography project leader. Let the office know if you can help!

Photography Judging Contest

Besides entering photos in the 4-H photography contest there is an option for youth (Intermediate or Senior) to take part in a judging contest. It is an invitational contest so there is not elimination. It will take part on Tuesday, June 9 as

part of Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station. Judging teams will consist of 4 members or individuals can participate.

See the following link for complete contest rules. <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/photographyjudging/>



Teen Retreat

Join us for Teen Retreat January 8-10 at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. This year's program includes awesome educational sessions, including STEM, Share the Fun, Wildlife, and Leadership. We will also have a Polar Bear Plunge and, of course, nightly 4-H dances! Registration is now open at texas4hcenter.tamu.edu or click the link on our Facebook page. Cost is \$115/youth, \$85/adults and includes lodging and meals. Registration is open thru December 31st. Check-in will start at 7 pm on Jan. 8th and the retreat will conclude at 10 am on Jan. 10th.



TEEN RETREAT

JANUARY 8-10, 2016
TEXAS 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER



- 4-H members grades 8-12
- Dancing, games, and a Polar Bear Plunge!
- Register: texas4hcenter.tamu.edu
- \$115 for youth & \$85 for adults
- Registration deadline: 12/31/15
- Each county is responsible for providing adult chaperones



District 7 4-H Scholarship Training

Any 4-Her interested in applying for a 4-H Scholarship—there will be a training from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Llano County Extension Office on December 8. It would be beneficial for

our youth to hear this message prior to their senior year, so we are encouraging Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors to attend if they are interested. Many of the things that end up

making youth not eligible cannot be fixed by the time they are seniors so it does not hurt for them to hear this info early!

(See flyer on Page 11)

Camps

Three camps coming up at the State 4-H Conference Center in Brownwood. They are the Teen Retreat: January 8-10 (See above), The Re-Fashion Retreat: January 15-17, and the Archery Family Camp: January 22-24. See more information at: <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/services/youth-camps-and-retreats/>



Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the Texas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Record book. The primary purposes of completing a record book

are for a young person to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is to prepare young people for the process of completing quality academic

scholarship applications. It also qualifies the 4-Her for local and district awards. Get started now for next year's due date. <http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>

Make an appointment with Heath or Karen to get started.

4-H Club Meetings

Oakalla/Kempner Club

There will not be an Oakalla/Kempner Club meeting this month. We will be meeting with other clubs for the County 4-H Christmas party.

For more information, contact Lisa Jorstad at 254-432-6088 or charity9900@yahoo.com or contact Melody Miserlian at 541-227-3256 or mmiserlian@hotmail.com

Lometa 4-H Club

Our next meeting is December 28th at 5:30 at the L&M Garden club building. For more information, contact Megan Lusty at 940-507-2079.

Sulphur Creek Club

No Sulphur Creek Club meeting this month. We will meet with all county clubs for the Christmas party at the showbarn. If anyone has questions, they can call Angie Andrews at 512-734-3860.

Swine Club

The Swine Club will meet December 14th at 6 p.m. at the showbarn.

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Livestock Judging Contest in San Angelo	3 *Food Challenge practice 4-5:30 @ County Annex Conference Room *Last day to order a county 4-H t-shirt	4	5 *District Pig Show *District Livestock Clinic *Carol of Lights
6 Food Challenge practice TBD	7 Christmas Party @ 5:30 @ Showbarn	8	9	10 Food Challenge in San Angelo	11	12 Mock Rabbit Show Check-in @8 am, Judging starts at 9:00
13	14 Swine Club meeting @ 6 pm @ showbarn	15 Food Challenge Contest	16	17	18	19 Lometa Stock Show @ Lometa Ag Barn
20	21 Consumer Decision Making @ 6 @ Annex	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
				Office Closed	Office Closed	
27	28 Lometa 4-H Club meeting @ 5:30 @ the L&M Garden club building.	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		
				Office Closed	Office Closed	

Project Information

4-H Shooting Sports Projects

- The air rifle project is on break until late January while the show barn is in use for various stock show related activities. We will have another safety training for new shooters in January/February. Contact Rusty Calk at 915-478-7681 or rusty.calk@yahoo.com
- Shotgun Meeting - Look for information in an email and on Facebook or contact Clint Lang at 512-734-1300 or langfam1106@gmail.com.

Rabbit Project

- There aren't any Rabbit project meetings scheduled for December. There is a Mock Rabbit Show on the 12th. For more information contact Angie Andrews at 512-734-3860.

Dog Project

- The Dog Project will meet Thursday, November 5th @ 6:00 pm at the showbarn.

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4-H motto: To Make The Best Better

**Lampasas County 4-H is readily available on the internet
Below are links to many sites you may find useful.**

***Lampasas County Extension website—<http://lampasas.agrilife.org/>**

***Texas 4-H website—<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/>**

*Use this link to learn all about state 4-H programs & find publications
(project guides, record keeping information, etc.)*

***State 4-H registration page, 4-H Connect—<https://texas.4honline.com/>**

***National 4-H site including the 4-H mall—<http://4-h.org/>**

***Clothing & Textiles Packet—**

<http://fcs.tamu.edu/clothing/4h/packet/index.php>

***Share the Fun Information—<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/roundup/>**

***District 7 4-H Events— <http://d74-h.tamu.edu/>**

***4-H Shooting Sports— http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_shooting/**

***4-H Round-Up— <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/youth/roundup/index.php>**

***Leaders 4 Life— http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/project_leadership/leaders**

***Better Living for Texans—**

<https://www.facebook.com/BetterLivingForTexansLampasasCounty>

***Texas 4-H Conference Center—<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>**

Will You Be a 4-H Member in Good Standing?

* Select one or more projects for
in-depth study

* Record what you learn (record
book)

Attends meetings regularly and is
an active participant

* Completes a community service
project (or becomes involved in a
group community service project)

* Participates in some form of pub-
lic presentation

* If you are elected as a club officer
completes duties expected of that
office

Parents please support your chil-
dren to complete these expecta-
tions and volunteer to help at club
and/or project meetings with such
things as supplying drinks, snacks
and/or activities. Volunteers are
needed for project management
and new club management. Con-
tact Heath or Karen if interested.

Lampasas County Youth Livestock Association
Show Schedule

January 7, 8, 9, 2016

Saturday, January 2

▷ 9:00 am: Showbarn preparation/Clean Up

Wednesday, January 6

▷ Ag Mechanics move in (projects must in place by 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, January 7

▷ Animals may begin arriving to the barn at 8:00 am.

7:00 am - Rabbit check-in. Show to immediately follow check-in.

12:00 pm—Food Fair check-in

4:00-6:00pm - Swine weigh in

5:00 pm - Broiler check in begins
Food Fair Awards (Show Ring)

5:00 – 6:30 pm - Market lambs begin to weigh and classify followed by meat goats.

6:00 pm - Broiler and Swine check-in closed

6:30 pm -- Exhibitor meeting (Show Ring)

7:00 pm - Broiler show begins
Steers begin to weigh and classify.
Heifer registration papers will be checked following the steers.

7:00 pm - All animals must be in place

Friday, January 8 (Judging will be continuous as announced!)

8:00 am-- Ag Mechanics show begins

Swine show begins: in breed order (Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, Dark OPB, Light OPB, & Crossbreed)

1* Breeding Show

2* Prospect Show

3* Market Show

4* Swine Showmanship - Junior, Intermediate, then Senior

5* Lee Vann Sportsmanship Award

6* Britt Hopson Memorial Award

7* Pee Wee Showmanship

Ag Mechanics Awards - announced between the swine & lamb show

Lamb show: will begin after the completion of the swine show BUT not before 1:00 pm.

8* Market lambs in breed order - Southdown, Finewool, Finewool Cross, Medium Wool, Hair Sheep

10* Market lamb showmanship Junior,

Intermediate, then Senior

11* T.R. Carson Award

Goat show: will start after the completion of the lamb show.

12* Breeding goat show followed by market goats,

followed by market goat showmanship (Junior, Intermediate, then Senior).

13* Goat Sportsmanship

14* Pee Wee Showmanship - Sheep & Goat

Saturday, January 9

9:00 am

15* Heifers - show begins in breed order: American, British, Exotic (calves then yearlings)

16* Steers to follow the heifers - shown in the above breed order - lightweight shows first

17* Beef Cattle Showmanship - Junior, Intermediate, then Senior

18* Cattlewomen's First Year Showman Award

19* Marvin Vann Sportsmanship Award

20* Buddy Perry Award

3:00 pm-- Exhibitors report for buyers' dinner - to eat then serve.

▷ **ALL exhibitors are asked to report at 3:00 pm in a white shirt to help serve at the buyers' dinner.**

5:00 pm - Buyers' Appreciation Dinner

6:30 pm-- Premium Sale

*******Pictures of Sale Animals** - immediately following the last class the exhibitor shows in and the sale animal is confirmed.

Sunday, January 10

8:00 am--All animals and projects must be out of the barn

9:00 am—Clean-up of show barn.

▷ All exhibitors must sign in with their advisors.



D7 4-H Scholarship Training



6:30-8:30 pm

December 3 – Taylor County Extension Office

December 8 – Llano County Extension Office

December 10 – Tom Green County 4-H Building

For guidelines and application:

<http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/scholarships/>

Due dates and deadlines for 2016 Scholarship process are as follows:

October, 2015	Release of 2016 Application
November – January	Scholarship Trainings (Some online)
November – December	Applicant complete FAFSA and receive report
Set by County Office	Application due to County Office
February 5, 2016	Applications due to District Office
February 19, 2016	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 12, 2016	Interview selection notification
April 29 – May 1, 2016	Interviews (Austin)
June 7,8, &/or 9, 2016	Awards Assemblies/Banquets(College Station)

"Dine In" With Us!




What You Can Do (choose one or more!)

- 1 Commit to "Dining In" on December 3.
- 2 Prepare and eat a healthy meal with your family on December 3.
- 3 Take a photo of your family preparing a healthy meal and post it to Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram using #FCSday and #healthyfamselfie.
- 4 Change your Facebook profile photo to the I'm "Dining In" logo.
- 5 Wear an I'm "Dining In" sticker.
- 6 Ask your friends and family to "Dine In."
- 7 Pin your favorite family meal recipes to a "Dining In" Pinterest board.
- 8 Follow AAFCS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for ideas and updates.
- 9 Share our social media posts or create your own posts about family mealtime.
- 10 Visit www.aafcs.org/FCSday for more ways to get involved and access resources!



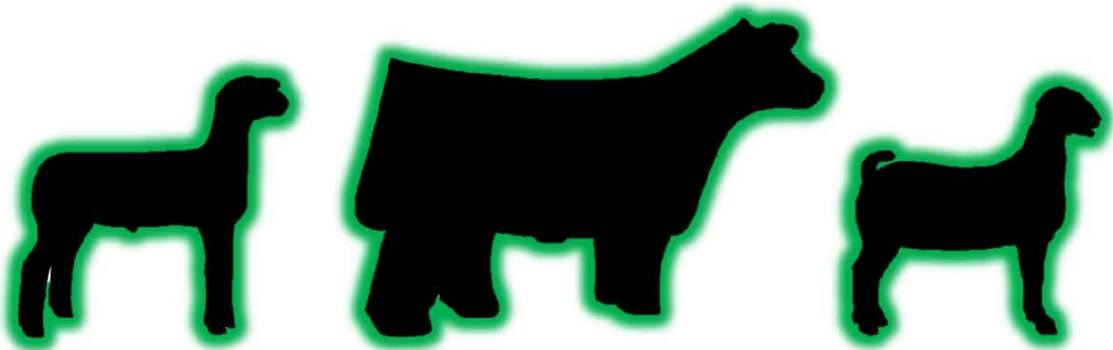
www.aafcs.org/FCSday

 #FCSday #healthyfamselfie



District 7 Livestock Clinic & Project Show

Saturday, December 5th, 2015
John L. Kuykendall Event Center & Arena
2200 Ranch Road 152, Llano, TX 78643



Schedule

7:00 a.m.	Barns open & Arrival
10:00 a.m.	Entries due for show
10:00 a.m.	Livestock Clinics begin
12:00 p.m.	Jackpot Showmanship Show (\$5 entry fee) Jackpot Show: Sheep, Goats, Cattle (Steers & Heifers) (\$10 per head, no limit)

The clinics are open to all 4-H & FFA age youth, parents & adult leaders.

You must participate in the clinics to show.

Concessions provided by Llano County 4-H

Event hosted by District 7 Project Development Committees : Cattle, Sheep & Goats

For more information, contact:

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