

Lampasas County 4-H News

January 2017

4-H Clubs & Projects

Lometa 4-H Club

Lometa Club will be meeting on Sunday, January 22nd, at 3:30 p.m. at the L&M Garden Club. Contact: Megan Lusty at 330-2895. 940-507-2079.

Sulphur Creek Club

Sulphur Creek club will not meet in January or February. Contact: Gennifer Brister at 325-6pm

Oakalla/Kempner Club

O/K club will meet on Monday, January 9th, at Taylor Creek Elementary. Contacts: Lisa Jorstad at 254-432-6088 or charity9900@yahoo.com or contact Melody Miserlian at 541-227-3256



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Project Information

4-H Shooting Sports Projects

- **Air Rifle Project** - There will be a safety training and start of the spring schedule after the stock show. Watch for emails and FaceBook posts for more information on dates. Contact: Rusty Calk at 915-478-7681 or rusty.calk@yahoo.com

Rabbit Project

- The next rabbit project meeting will be **January 24th at 6 p.m. at the County Annex Conference Room**. Contact Angie Andrews at 512-734-3860 for information.

Dog Project

- The Dog Project will meet January 25th at the showbarn. Contact: Sarah Rugo - 979-627-5511

Food Challenge

Food Challenge practices will take place January 5th & 19th from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. at the County Annex Conference Room. Please RSVP prior to day of event.

What is the Food Challenge? The food challenge helps participants learn to make healthy food choices, improve energy and alertness, reduce disease and illness risks, and

gain knowledge of nutrients. Major learning experiences are centered on nutrition, menu planning, food buying, preparation and food safety, careers, and cultural influences.

The district Food Challenge contest is January 25th in San Angelo.



Sewing Fun Day



Food Challenge practice

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! There are 3-5 members per team. Weekly practices will be scheduled based on team members' availability. Individuals can compete. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **January 17th**, at 4 p.m. in Jennifer Parra's classroom at the Lometa school. (Enter through the front door of the school). Call Jennifer for

more info at 254-654-5401.

If you need a ride from Lampasas, call us at the office and Karen will take a group over.

Friday January 29 is County Deadline for CDM Teams. Friday February 17th 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/project_consumer/cdm

District 7 Livestock Judging Contest

Ten 4-Hers participated in the District 7 Livestock Judging contest in San Angelo November 30th. Preston Isom (pictured bottom left) received 4th high jr. individual and Brylie Turner (middle picture) placed 8th high jr. individual. The Jr. Livestock Judging team comprised of Avery Hopson, Jemma Carroll, Brylie Turner, & Preston Isom (bottom right picture) placed 2nd high team. Other contestants were Senior level: Taylor Loeffler & Adree Stapp, Intermediate division: Koh Stapp & Kasi Andrews, Junior division: Colbi Sanguinet & Johnathan Harris. Congratulations! Keep up the good work.



District 7 Volunteer Leaders' Association Raffle

The District 7 Volunteer Leaders' Association is having a raffle to raise funds for 4-H scholarships and travel to national events.

We are asking parents to sell tickets for the raffle. Please stop

by our office and pick up a set or two of tickets. The attached flyer on page 11 gives more information on items that will be raffled.



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://texas4-h.tamu.edu/recordbooks/>
Make an appointment with Heath or Karen to get started.

Photography Judging

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 no elimination. It will take part as part of Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station in June. Judging teams will consist of 4 members or individuals can participate.

See the following link for complete contest rules. http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17_TX4H_PhotoJudgingRules.pdf



2017 Photography Rules & Guidelines

Our first photography workshop of the year will be January 19th at 5:30 p.m. at the County Annex Conference Room. The 2017 Texas 4-H Photography Rules and Guidelines are now available online. The categories have remained the same for the 2017 contest. Check the website to address questions pertaining to what is allowable in each category. The theme for 2017 is: "Reflections." A photo shot off any natural or artificial reflective surface. A well-executed

shot can show perfect symmetry or a slightly distorted shot. The 2017 Rules and Guidelines are posted on the Texas 4-H Photography website at: http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/Texas4H_Photo_Rules.pdf

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

2016-2017 4-H Enrollment

The 4-H enrollment fee is now \$25 per child since the Oct. 31 deadline has passed. There are 3 clubs in which to enroll this year: Sulphur Creek Club, Oakalla/Kempner Club, and Lometa Club. Current members will need to log into their family profile on 4-H Connect:

<https://texas.4honline.com/Login.aspx?>

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New members will need to create a family profile.

Camps

There are 3 camps/retreats coming up for 4-Hers at the State Conference Center in Brownwood.

1. **Teen Retreat** (See bottom of page 13)
2. **ReFashion Retreat** (See page 12)
3. **Archery Family Camp** (See top of page 13)

Christmas Party

The county-wide Christmas Party was a lot of fun! All of the residents at Pecan Creek Apartments were very appreciative of the gift bags that were delivered. Thank you to the County Council members, club leaders, and those that planned the party and decorated.



Antler game



Sulphur Creek Club won the Christmas tree decorating contest



4-Her's pack gift bags (above) and deliver (below)



Christmas gift exchange

District 7 4-H Scholarship Deadlines

January 15, 2017	Application due to County Office
February 3, 2017	Applications due to District Office
February 17, 2017	Applications due to State 4-H Office
April 14, 2017	Interview selection notification
May 5-7, 2017	Interviews (College Station)
June 6,7, &/Or 8, 2017	Awards Assemblies/Banquets(College Station)

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship

The 2017 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Applications went live November 3rd. We also have some **AMAZING** news....the scholarship amount has been increased to \$20,000!!!! 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 using 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...

The Area Go Texan scholarship is available for any graduating senior from Lampasas or Lometa high school going to a state supported university. They **DO NOT** have to be majoring in an agricultural field or have shown in Houston...

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...



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January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Holiday	3	4	5 Food Challenge practice @ 4:15 in conference room	6	7 Stock Show Barn Clean- up 9 a.m.
8 Sheep/Goat shear day at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to Heath	9 Kempner/ Oakalla meeting @ 6 @ TCE	10	11	12 Lampasas Co	13 Livestock----	14 Show-----
15 *Stock Show Barn Cleanup 9 a.m. *District 7 Scholarships Due to office	16 Holiday	17 Consumer De- cision Making practice @ 4 @ Lometa School	18	19 *Food Challenge prac- tice @ 4:15 in Conf. room *Photography Meeting 5:30 in conf. room	20	21
22 Lometa Club meeting @ 3:30 @ L&M Garden Club bldg.	23	24 Rabbit meeting @ 6 in conf. room	25 *Food Challenge in San Angelo *Dog project meeting @ Showbarn @ 6 p.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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groups/199928750048104](http://www.facebook.com/groups/199928750048104)



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.

2017 Lampasas County Show Schedule

***Livestock may begin arriving by 8:00 a.m. Thursday and must be in barn by 30 minutes prior to weigh-in.

See full schedule below.***

All market lambs and goats must be slick sheared BEFORE arriving at the barn on Thursday, January 12. In addition, all breeding goats need to be at least “roughed in” prior to arriving at the show.

If you need help shearing/clipping your sheep or goats, Sunday, January 8th, starting at 10 a.m., Heath will be at the show barn to help you get that done. Please let him know if you plan on coming. You will be able to wash (with hot water), and get your sheep and goats fitted that day. He will have 2 sets of clippers, 2 trim stands, and a blow dryer available for you to use if you need. Also, please bring any equipment of your own that you may have as this will speed things up.

Everyone (all species) will need to provide their own shavings again this year.

Saturday, January 7

> 9:00 am: Showbarn preparation/Clean Up (all exhibitors required to participate)

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

7:00 am – Rabbit check-in. Show to immediately follow check-in. (Show Ring)

- 4 Class Division
- 6 Class Division
- Rabbit Showmanship to follow the rabbit show (junior, intermediate, senior, pee wee).

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm —Food Fair check-in (to follow the conclusion of the rabbit show, but not before 12 pm)

1:00 pm – Food Fair judging begins

4:00-6:00 pm – Swine weigh-in/check-in

5:00 pm - Food Fair Awards (Show Ring)

5:30 pm – Exhibitor Meeting (Show Ring)

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

6:00 pm – Broiler check-in starts with show to follow (Show Ring)

- Pullet show followed by cockerel show

6:00 pm - Swine check-in closed

7:00 pm – 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 13 (Judging will be continuous as announced!)

8:00 am-- Ag Mechanics show begins

9:00 am --Swine show begins: in breed order (Hampshire, Yorkshire, Duroc, OPB, & Crossbreed)

- Breeding Show (registered followed by crossbred)
- Market Show
- Swine Showmanship – Junior, Intermediate, then Senior
- Lee Vann Sportsmanship Award
- Britt Hopson Memorial Award
- Pee Wee Showmanship

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Ag Mechanics Awards – announced at **12:00 pm** (Show Ring)

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

- Market lambs in breed order - Southdown, Fine Wool, Fine Wool Cross, Medium Wool, Hair Sheep
- Lightweight show first.
- Market lamb showmanship – Junior, Intermediate, then Senior
- T.R. Carson Award

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

- Breeding goat show, followed by breeding goat showmanship (junior, intermediate, senior).
- Market goat show, followed by market goat showmanship (junior, intermediate, senior).
- Klose Sportsmanship Award
- Pee Wee Showmanship – Lamb & Goat together

******At the conclusion of the goat show: ALL tables, equipment, and tack must be cleared out of the sheep and goat aisles in order to prepare for the cattle show.**

Saturday, January 14

8:00 am

- Heifers – show begins in breed order: American, British, Exotic (calves then yearlings)
- Steers to follow the heifers – shown in the above breed order - lightweight shows first
- Beef Cattle Showmanship – Junior, Intermediate, then Senior
- Cattlewomen's First-Year Showman Award
- Marvin Vann Sportsmanship Award
- Buddy Perry Award

3:30 pm-- Exhibitors report to showbarn kitchen area for Buyers Dinner - to eat then serve.

> ALL exhibitors are asked to report at 3:30 pm in a white shirt to help serve at the Buyers Dinner.

5:00 pm – Buyers Appreciation Dinner

6:30 pm-- Premium Sale



Grand Prize

**Dusty Greaves dove hunt for 6 people, 1
morning & 1 evening hunt
(no lodging or meals included)**

DRAWING: MAY 2017 DISTRICT 7 VOLUNTEER LEADER'S ASSOC. RAFFLE

Tickets: \$10 each or 6 for \$50

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for 4-H scholarships and to help pay for travel to National 4-H events.

Raffle Items:

**Executive Outfitters all-
inclusive dove hunt for 1
person**

**Jacoby's Restaurant gift
certificate**

Metal Yard Bird

Tailgate Party Set

Western Gift Basket

**Tractor Supply \$50 Gift
Card**

Texas Garden Stone

Green Bandana Wreath

REFASHION RETREAT

JANUARY 13-15

TEXAS 4-H CENTER-BROWNWOOD, TX

This weekend-long retreat open to junior, intermediate, and senior 4-H members features educational sessions conducted by the Texas 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board and 4-H agents and specialists. They will be conducting hands-on educational workshops related to the 4-H Clothing and Textiles Project. The highlight of the retreat is for 4-H members to use their consumer buying skills to purchase items from a local thrift store and then refurbish them into a new garment, which they will model in a style show the last morning of the retreat.

Each youth member must be accompanied by an adult. One adult may chaperone multiple kids. All adults must enroll as a 4-H volunteer have a verified background check and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

Cost: \$120 for youth
\$90 for adults

Early bird registration closes on December 26th. Registration then goes up 5% and closes on January 6th.

To register, go to texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.



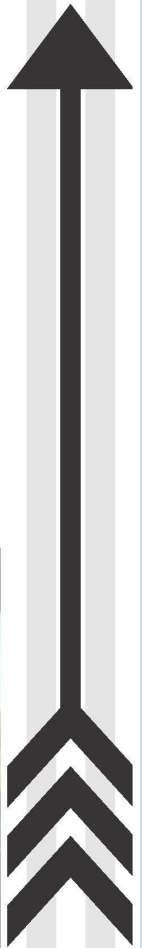
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4-H FAMILY ARCHERY CAMP JANUARY 20-22



This weekend long camp is open to current 4-H members interested in the archery project. It is designed to improve shooting skills and knowledge. Youth participants should have some knowledge but this is a beginner level program.

This is a family style program, meaning Mom and Dad (or other family adults) will attend along with their kids and learn the same knowledge and skills. Lodging is also family style, with all family members in the same room. One adult may accompany multiple youth. All adults must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have a verified background check, and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

\$170 (hotel-style lodging)

\$145 (dorm-style lodging)



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The Texas 4-H Center is hosting Teen Retreat January 6th-8th. This weekend long program is for youth in grades 8-12 to learn about specific activities inside 4-H. County Agents, 4-H Specialists and the 4-H Center summer staff will be leading the programs.

This year's educational sessions include

*Vet Science

*Gardening

*Leadership

*Healthy Lifestyles.

As always, we will have a 4-H dance on Saturday night. Cost is \$120 for youth or \$90 for adults.

Any adults attending must enroll as a volunteer in 4-H Connect, complete the online child protection training in 4-H Connect, and submit a background check, also via 4-H Connect. Please share this information with you 4-H families. We are looking forward to a great program.

If you have questions, contact Jenny Wilder at 325-784-5482 or Jenny.Wilder@ag.tamu.edu

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2017 TEXAS 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

4-H CONNECT Registration will
open at 12 noon on
JANUARY 9, 2017
and close
JANUARY 27, 2017

Cost per participant:

\$30.00

(includes lunch and t-shirt)

EVENT DETAILS

Date:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Estimated Start Time: 8:30 am
Estimated Finish Time: 4:00 pm

Event limited to the first

250 youth/50 adult

(registration is non-refundable
or transferable!)

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program will once again host 4-H Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 8, 2017. This event is designed as a citizenship experience for 4-H members of all ages to learn more about the state legislative process, as well as meet their state representative and senator through an office visit.

Because this event is held during the legislative session and other organizations/groups are at the capitol on the same day, the number of participants (youth and adults) must be limited. The event will open for registrations on January 9, 2017 at 12 noon and will remain open until January 27, 2017 or until the event is filled. (In 2015, the event did fill up within the first 24 hours of being open). 4-H Day at the Capitol is open to the first 250 youth and 50 adults registering for the event.

Other facts about the day that you should consider before registering:

- This event does occur during the legislative session, therefore, the event schedule may change from what is published and even distributed the day of the event. Changes to the overall schedule as well as House and Senate member visits will be occurring throughout the day and the 4-H Program will do our best to maintain the most up-to-date schedule changes through email and text messaging.
- We request patience of all our 4-H members, parents, and County Extension Agents during the event due to the fast pace of the event. This includes not just schedule changes, but cancellation of office visits or locations of visits.
- For those parents who do not get registered for the event, but their 4-H member did, they are welcome to attend and join in on the gallery and office visits, but due to space, the welcome assembly in the auditorium and the lunch will be limited to only registered individuals. The capitol does have a cafeteria located close to the room where the event lunch will be served.
- 4-H members attending the event maybe separated from their parents for periods of time when they are in the welcoming assembly or on office visits, please be assured it is the priority of the 4-H Program that each youth member is safe and comfortable in their participation of the event at all times.
- Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeved t-shirt, therefore the dress is casual-nice (pressed blue jeans or khaki pants/skirt, casual shoes - not tennis shoes). The t-shirt will be distributed at check-in and youth will have time to change prior to the event starting.
- A detailed information packet will be sent to each registered participant approximately a week before the event with an updated schedule, parking information and other logistical information.

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