

Lampasas County 4-H News

January 2018

4-H Clubs & Projects

Lometa 4-H Club

Lometa Club will be meeting Sunday, January 21st, at 3 p.m. at L&M Garden Club.

Contact: Megan Lusty at 940-507-2079.

Sulphur Creek Club

Sulphur Creek will meet on January 23rd, at 6 p.m. at the showbarn. Bring a photo or two you have taken for a photo project discussion.

Contact: Becca Dishman at: 512-556-8271

Oakalla/Kempner Club

Oakalla/Kempner Club will not meet in January. Contacts: Lisa Jorstad at 254-432-6088 or Melody Miserlian at 541-227-3256.

Top Ten 4-H Resolutions for 2018

1. Be an active participant in your local club
2. Be active in a minimum of one (1) 4-H Project Area
3. Participate in several County 4-H events/activities
4. Participate in at least 1 (or more) District Contests
5. Attend one or more County project workshop
6. Be a volunteer in your community
7. Serve in a 4-H Leadership role
8. Attend a 4-H Camp event
9. Complete a recordbook
10. Invite your friends to join 4-H

4-H 2017-2018 Enrollment

If you haven't enrolled in 4-H, you still can but the fee has increased to \$25 per child. Adult volunteers should also register. The fee for adults is still \$10 to cover background checks.

There are 3 clubs in which to enroll: Lometa, Oakalla/Kempner, & Sulphur Creek. Log onto 4-H Connect at:

<https://tx.4honline.com/>

To avoid problems with the website (especially at checkout) be sure to use Mozilla Firefox as your browser.

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LOCAL EVENTS

*Photography -

The photography project will be meeting at the Sulphur Creek Club's meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 6 p.m. @ the Showbarn. Bring the best photograph or 2 that you have taken and we will critique them.

DISTRICT EVENTS

*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! A Consumer project meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 9th, at 4pm**, at the Extension Office! **Please RSVP** to the office (512-556-8271 ext 140) 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 scheduled based on team members' availability. Individuals can compete.

Friday, **February 2nd** is county deadline for CDM Teams. Friday, **February 16th** 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-education>

ReFashion Retreat -

Please see page 8 for more information.

STATE EVENTS

Living Well Aware: What IS Healthy?

Patricia Sulak, MD

Nationally known speaker

January 25, 6:00 p.m.

6:00 - 6:30 Registration

6:30 - 8:00 Program

Lampasas Old Middle School

Free of charge for this life changing event!

In a dynamic and genuine fashion, Patricia Sulak (author of "Should I Fire My Doctor?") motivates audiences to seriously look at their lives and make dramatic changes to decrease death and disability.

She uniquely appeals to audiences of all demographics, conveying complex medical information in an entertaining and understanding fashion empowering individuals on a path of Living

Please RSVP to the extension office at 512-556-8271 ext 140.



LOCAL EVENTS

***Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show**

The schedule for the stock show is on page 5 of this newsletter. Barn cleanup before the show is scheduled for Saturday, January 6th, at 9 am. All market lambs and goats must be slick sheared before arriving at the barn on Thursday, January 11th. In addition, all breeding goats need to be at least “roughed in” prior to arriving at the show. If you will need help shearing/clipping your sheep or goats, bring them on Saturday, January 6th. After the barn cleanup, Heath will be helping to shear them. 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.

***Goat Project**

The goat project will not meet in January. Bring your goats to practice. Contact: Brian Ellis at 512-734-3775 for information.

***Air Rifle Project**

The Air Rifle Project will have a safety training (for any 4-Her who didn't get the training at the beginning of this 4-H year) on January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the County Annex conference room. There will be a shoot on Monday, January 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the county showbarn. Contact: Rusty Calk—915-478-7681

DISTRICT EVENTS



STATE EVENTS

4-H FUN FACT

4-H Alumni and Their Projects

Vice President Al Gore raised Angus cattle as his main 4-H project. Cowboy star Roy Rogers had a pig project... so did First Lady Patricia Nixon, while First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy had a horse. Author John Updike raised strawberries and Popcorn King Orville Redenbacher had poultry.

(From the National 4-H History Preservation website)

District Livestock Judging Contest

Congratulations to Cayhil & Preston Isom (pictured at right) in placing at the District Livestock Judging contest! Cayhil placed 6th overall high individual in the Jr division and Preston placed 5th overall high individual in the intermediate division.

Also competing were: Taylor Loeffler, Avery Hopson, Jonathan Harris, and Sara Hobson-Lusty.

Way to go!

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Christmas Party

Thanks to everyone for coming and helping with our county-wide 4-H Christmas party! Pictured at right were all of the 4-Hers who came to the party. The bottom right picture was one of the games the kids played - Decorate the Christmas Tree (which was actually our county extension agents, Karen DeZarn & Heath Lusty).

Pictured below is Dean Brister delivering a gift bag to one of the residents at the Pecan Grove Apartments. Thirty-nine gift bags were delivered that evening. Thanks again. Hope everyone had a good time!



2018 Lampasas County Show Schedule

Saturday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

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 followed by 6 Class Division

Grand & Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit

PeeWee Showmanship

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 market 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 12

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

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

Light weights 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 13

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

Cattlemen'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

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

Sunday, January 14

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

9:00 am--Clean-up of show barn (all exhibitors required to participate and sign in with their advisors)

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January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Holiday	2	3 Food Challenge practice 3-5 in conf. room	4	5 Teen Retreat	6 *Showbarn Cleanup @ 9am *Shear Day
7	8	9 Consumer Decision Making prac- tice @ 4 in Conf. Rm.	10 Food Challenge practice 3:45-5 in conf. room	11 County Stock Show-----	12	13
14 Showbarn Cleanup @ 9am	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Lometa Club mtg. @ 3 @ Lometa Garden Club	22 Air Rifle Safety Training @ 5:30 pm in Conf. Rm.	23 Sulphur Creek Club meeting @ 6 @ Showbarn	24 Food Challenge	25	26	27
28	29 Air Rifle Meeting @ 5:30 pm @ Showbarn	30	31			

ReFashion Retreat

TEXAS A&M
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February 9-11, 2018

Texas 4-H Center
Lake Brownwood, Texas



- Open to all 4-H members
- Sessions led by the 4-H Clothing & Textiles Advisory Board, agents, and specialists
- Hands on workshops
- Youth purchase items from a local thrift store and refurbish them

Registration:

November 1st, 2017- January 26th, 2018

Youth \$120 Adults \$90

Late fee 10%

Go to:

texas4hcenter.tamu.edu

Each youth member must be accompanied by an adult. 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.

The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

Scholarship

The 2018 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship Applications went live November 13th. The scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$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 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...

There are 2 scholarships that allow home schooled students to apply... Exhibitor & 4-H

Feel free to call me for a visit about the scholarship opportunities or 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...

Some important dates:

November 13th All Applications Available Online

February 5th All Applications Due Online

February 15th All Supplemental Documents Must Be
Received by the HLSR Educational Programs
Office

May TBD Scholarship Banquet

Please find the link to the application below.

[Apply](#)

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Business Tagline or Motto

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 public presentation

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

Parents please support your children to complete these expectations 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. Contact Heath or Karen if interested.