

Lampasas County 4-H News

September 2018

4-H Clubs

Lometa 4-H Club

Lometa Club will be meeting Sept. 17th, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Lometa ISD cafeteria. Contact: Megan Lusty 940-507-2079

Sulphur Creek Club

Sulphur Creek Club will meet Tuesday, September 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Showbarn. We will have a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share. Contact: Tammy Martin 512-734-0469.

Clover Kids

Clover Kids is for kids ages Kindergarten to 2nd grade. They will be meeting during the Sulphur Creek Club time each month. If you can't make that meeting, they will also meet September 24th from 6-7 p.m. at the Lampasas County Showbarn. We will be planting clovers cups for the kids to take home and grow; and also working in teams to see which team can build the tallest gum drop tower.

4-H County Council Meeting

County Council Update – meeting on September 10 at 6:30 pm in the Extension office.

Who should attend – members elected as council delegates for clubs, other club officers & members interested in leadership opportunities at the county level. Note: requires members commitment to be actively involved in meetings & activities above and beyond the club level that will require extra time and possibly travel.

County 4-H Council Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Identify training needs and provide training for youth
2. Provide leadership opportunities for youth
3. Plan County wide community service project or support “one day 4-H”
4. Support National 4-H Week
5. Assist in planning, promoting, and implementing of programs and services for youth.
6. Plan and participate in community service activities
7. Study problems, activities, and concerns of youth, especially issues

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LOCAL EVENTS

***Tractor Supply Paper Clover Drive**

The Paper Clover Drive will be October 3-14 this year. Please plan a time that you can come help to sell paper clovers! The two Saturdays of the event - 6th and 13th would be great days to participate. Please call the office and let us know what time slot you would like to work 10-12 or 12-2).

DISTRICT EVENTS

***Food Show, Food Challenge, & Food Quiz Bowl**

An informational meeting will be held October 4th at 5:30 in the County Annex conference room. Practices will be on October 7, 21 & November 4th from 4 -5:30 p.m. in the conference room. Please RSVP.

***Fall District 4-H & Adult Leader Meeting**

Eight 4-Hers attended the Fall Meeting as well as numerous adult volunteers. Seen at right are: front row l-r: Sara Hobson-Lusty and Kaitlyn Martin. Back row r-l: Dianne Ledford, Kasi Andrews, Allison Martin, Mikaila Fortner, Emily Hobson-Lusty, & Jasmine Gama.



STATE EVENTS

***Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador**

Kasi Andrews (Kasi pictured at right - first on left with other state ambassadors) is our new Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador. She will be representing Lampasas youth in promoting healthy lifestyles.



Enrollment

4-H enrollment for current members and volunteers is open. Enrollment cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for adult volunteers. Youth enrollment increases to \$25 after the October 31st deadline so register early! Clover Kids is free, but you need to enroll. There are only 2 clubs to register in this year, (Sulphur Creek Club & the Lometa Club) as we do not currently have leader for the Oakalla/Kempner Club.



The 2018 Fall Dinner Tonight! Healthy Cooking School will be held in Lampasas on October 11th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lampasas Farm Bureau. \$15 for first 50 who register and \$20 thereafter. Theme is "Path to the Plate." Call the Extension Office to register early.

LOCAL EVENTS

***Goat Project**

The goat project will meet Sundays, September 2 & 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Harris Ranch. Bring your goats if you'd like. Contacts: Bryan Ellis at 512-734-3775 or Jennifer Harris at 512-734-1027.

***Air Rifle Project**

The Air Rifle Project will have a mandatory Safety Training on Saturday, September 8th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Showbarn. If you are wanting to attend shoots this year, you are required to complete the safety training. Contact: Rusty Calk—915-478-7681

***Livestock Judging**

Livestock Judging practices will meet every Sunday at 3 pm at the Showbarn unless judging live animals. Call Stephanie if unsure of meeting place. Contacts: Stephanie Rutland 512-734-2403 or Bobby Gene Carroll 512-525-1540



**PATH TO
THE PLATE**

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Path to the Plate is a program built on food and the relationship Texans have with it.

*It helps consumers understand how their food choices impact their well-being by making the connection between agriculture and health.

*By understanding more about the path their food takes to their plate - how it's grown and produced - consumers can make better food choices for themselves and their families.

*Using research-based information, Path to the Plate aims to dispel popular myths and misconceptions about food production practices.

*This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Major Show Validation Tags

Heifer validation – For heifers that have not been previously validated, orders for validation are due by **September 14.**

Swine validation – All major show barrows, all gilts going to HCDLS (Kerrville), all gilts going to San Angelo, & crossbred gilts going to San Antonio must be state validated. Tag orders are due by **September 20.**

REMINDER – please note: payment for tags is due at the time of ordering. Cost is \$15 per tag. If you do not pre-order and pay you will be charged \$25 per tag at validation.

Please call me if you have questions.

Chick Orders

Chick orders for the county stock show will be due **October 5th!** Forms will be emailed soon. Price per chick and minimum quantity that can be ordered will be on the form.

Heart O' Texas Entries

Entries for the Heart O' Texas Show in Waco are due to Heath by **September 12th!**

The Lampasas County Youth Livestock Show rulebook is available online [HERE](#)

Validation Dates/Entry Deadlines

State Fair Sheep/Goats/Swine:

- Monday, June 18 @ 4-6 pm (Showbarn)

Steers/Spring Heifers:

- Thursday, June 21 @ 4-6 pm (Atkinson Ranch)

Poultry:

- Broiler orders due by October 5
validation at chick pick-up— TBA (Showbarn)

Fall Heifers:

- Tuesday, October 23 @ 4-6 pm (Showbarn)

Sheep/Goats:

- Tuesday, October 23 @ 4-6 pm (Showbarn)

Swine:

- Monday, November 26 @ 4-6 pm (Showbarn)

Rabbits:

- Monday, December 3 @ 4-6 pm (Showbarn)

Ag Mechanics and Food Fair:

- Entries due by December 10th

***** Please see your advisor for validation requirements for your specific species. *****

COUNTY SHOW ENTRY NIGHT:

December 10th 4:00-7:00 pm (Showbarn)

All county show entries must be done on this night unless prior arrangements have been made with the LCLA treasurer.

No entries will be accepted after December 10th.

No exceptions!!!

A limited number of hard copies of the Livestock Show Handbook are available in the Extension office.

Quality Counts Update

Launch of the Quality Counts program has been delayed due to programming issues. We will let you know as soon as it is available.

As you may be aware, Quality Counts has been undergoing major revisions to better meet our youth livestock exhibitors with the most relevant and timely information related to this project area. Focused on quality assurance and character education, Quality Counts is designed to teach young people the importance of displaying good character in carrying out livestock projects, and in every aspect of their lives. Quality Counts helps youth exhibitors learn the importance of using proper livestock management practices so that food quality and safety are preserved. Livestock show programs, like Quality Counts, are critical in the development of agricultural industry careers of young professionals.

Notable revisions and changes to Quality Counts:

- New eLearning platform to better appeal to audience with enhanced visuals and learning activities.
- Combination presentation of content and exam to allow for exhibitors to engage in the full learning experience to receive certification.
- Engaging videos presented by major livestock show personnel, Extension professionals, Texas FFA representatives, previous exhibitors, and industry experts.
- New modules, such as: performance enhancing drugs and major livestock shows, livestock program ethics policy overview, social media tips, and more!
- Comprehensive exam to better gauge learning outcomes.

Three age-level specific courses and exams.

Perhaps the most beneficial component of the updated Quality Counts program is the structure of the content and exam combination. What is meant by this is that exhibitors will first be required to engage in the full learning content before being presented with the verification exam. Unlike in previous years when a student could only take the exam without reviewing content, now students will be exposed to all of the in-depth learning opportunities presented in the modules. What this means for exhibitors: more educational experience. What this means for educators: better prepared exhibitors and less time spent on classroom instruction.

We hope you can see that this program will be worthwhile and impactful for youth livestock exhibitors.

All livestock exhibitors will be required to be verified under the new system for entry into major livestock shows (exception: 2018 State Fair of Texas). As soon as we receive information that the new online system is ready, we will send it out to everyone. As always, please contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

Awards Program

The Lampasas County awards program was held on August 3rd, at the Farm Bureau building. Twenty-five members and their families were in attendance. Members were presented with year pins and recognized for their projects and achievements. Club officers were also recognized.

Kamry Keese (at right), District 7 council president was the guest speaker. She gave a wonderful presentation on her 4-H experiences and getting more involved in 4-H.

Club Leaders recognized for their service were:

*Lometa Club - Megan Lusty

*Oakalla/Kempner Club - Lisa Jorstad & Melody Miserlian

*Sulphur Creek Club - Becca Dishman

Project Leaders recognized were:

*Air Rifle project leader - Rusty Calk

*Goat project leaders - Jennifer Harris & Bryan Ellis

*Photography Judging project leader - Megan Lusty



Emily Hobson-Lusty & Dillon Brister (at left) both received the Silver Star award for their achievements in Lampasas 4-H.



The Rookie award was given to Jonathan Harris and Sara Hobson-Lusty (pictured at right).



The 2017 **Friend of 4-H award** was presented to Gennifer Brister representing Lampasas County Livestock Association. She is pictured (at right) with Extension Agents Heath Lusty and Karen DeZarn.

September 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Livestock Judging @ 3 @ Showbarn Goat Project mtg. @ 6 @ Harris Ranch	3	4	5	6	7	8 Air Rifle Safety Training @ 4 @ Showbarn
9 Livestock Judging @ 3 @ Showbarn	10 County Council Meeting 6:30 @ Ext. office	11	12 HOT Fair entries due	13	14 Heifer tag orders due Rabbit Ext. due on Connect	15 Rabbit Ex- travaganza
16 Livestock Judg- ing @ 3 @ Showbarn Goat Project mtg. @ 6 @ Harris Ranch	17 Lometa Club Mtg 4:30- 6:pm @Lometa ISD Cafeteria	18 Sulphur Creek Club Meeting w/ Clover Kids @ 6 @ Showbarn	19	20 Swine Tags orders due	21	22
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**WHAT CAN YOU
DO WITH
ONE DAY?**

HEAD



HEART

HANDS



HEALTH

**JOIN TEXAS 4-H IN A
STATE-WIDE DAY OF
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**REGISTER PROJECTS, GET
IDEAS, AND ACCESS
RESOURCES AT**

[HTTPS://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/ONEDAY/](https://TEXAS4-H.TAMU.EDU/EVENTS/ONEDAY/)



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TEXAS 4-H RABBIT EXTRAVAGANZA 2018

STATE 4-H RABBIT SHOW & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Bell County Expo Center
301 W Loop 121,
Belton, TX 76513

Saturday, September 15, 2018

**Register on 4-H Connect by
September 14, 2018 @ Noon**

More information at:

*[https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/
texas4Hadvisory@gmail.com](https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/rabbits/texas4Hadvisory@gmail.com)*

We are proud to announce the **2018 Texas 4-H Rabbit Extravaganza**. The Extravaganza is a State-wide competition open to enrolled Texas 4-H members of official 4-H age. The Extravaganza will include: a single Youth Rabbit Show, Youth Skill Contests, Art & Crafts, and Educational Workshops on the 4-H Rabbit Project

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Websites

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.