

Students place in Food Challenge competitions



This 4-H Intermediate team -- composed of Brayleigh Boshears, Lorelai Dressell and Rylee McKittrick -- took second place in the district Food Challenge and second in the San Angelo stock show.



The Intermediate team of Emma Clark, Scotlyn Stamos, Macy Patterson and Beau Patterson captured fifth place in 4-H district Food Challenge competition and earned sixth in the stock show.



Senior division 4-Hers Katelyn Martin and Allison Martin volunteered to help with the Food Challenge at the San Angelo Livestock Show. Allison was fulfilling some of her hours as a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador.



Junior team members Vivien Martin, Addie Almazan and Auggie Garza placed third in district and fourth at the San Angelo stock show in Food Challenge.



The Junior team of Lauren Martin, Erich Cleaton and Brayden Fiedler came home with fifth place in the district and a fourth-place showing at the stock show.

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City officials to discuss capital projects, comprehensive plan for Lampasas

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DISPATCH RECORD

The Lampasas City Council and city staff will hold a planning session Monday to discuss various projects.

Part of the agenda will offer an update on capital projects and funding options.

Recently, City Manager Finley deGraffenried informed the council about the status of a Mills Street housing development, construction at Campbell Park and upgrades at the Hostess House. All three projects were part of a list of capital improvements discussed during budget talks last summer.

At the council's Jan. 24 meeting, Place 2 Councilman Randy Clark asked whether the skate park status would be part of the discussion at Monday's meeting, particularly the examination of preliminary design drafts.

In December 2020, the city received six proposals from contractors for the construction of a skate park and four proposals for the construction of a pavilion at Campbell Park. Staff ranked Austin-based SPA Skateparks

and Lampasas-based Lamco Construction as the best qualified to complete the two projects.

DeGraffenried responded to Clark's inquiry by stating, "As we've discussed, and the contract says, we will go through a public engagement process on that preliminary design and we hope to ... I believe the target for the complete design is September [2022], with bidding [during the] first part of [2023]."

DeGraffenried added that more discussion on the skate park can happen on Monday.

Also part of Monday's agenda is discussion of the comprehensive plan for the city.

The comprehensive plan has been a project of the Capital Improvements Committee for the last few years and received funding two years ago. The 144-page document covers issues such as zoning and land use.

Lampasas has experienced "stable levels of growth," according to the plan, which notes a 9% growth rate since 2000 when the population was 6,786. The latest U.S. Census numbers show the city's

population at 7,291.

The plan predicts growth to continue over the next 20 years, adding that the city will need to be proactive in protecting the quality of life for Lampasas residents.

"This can be done through strategic investment in the city's infrastructure, services and neighborhoods," the plan says.

One recommendation in the comprehensive plan is to accommodate the demand for new residential and commercial growth and attract new types of investment.

An example to support its findings is the city's inflow and outflow job counts via the Census Bureau's five-year American Community Survey. The survey reflected the years 2011-2015. Of the 4,597 participants, 739 live and work in Lampasas, 1,812 commute into Lampasas for work, and 2,046 commute out of Lampasas for work.

The council planning meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in Council Chambers inside the Jack Calvert Municipal Building, 302 E. Third St.



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