

Students balance school and fair

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For some 4-H/FFA members the fair season overlaps with school life. Sophomore Jacob Luce, senior Tucker Comer, senior Tyler Crum and more are still getting ready to show.

"My favorite part," Luce said, "is bonding with the animals."

Lamar's fair is the week before school starts, but other fairs like Holly, State, and other out of state fairs take place during school.

"It's (showing during school) easier because my animal is up here and I can work with my animal more during school than during work," Crum said.

Any student showing in Holly, State and other fairs, have to miss school and still be able to pass their class. Most fairs are during the day and students have to leave school to show.

"You do the bare minimum of homework, and you can work with your animals more," Comer said.

When other students are out after school some of the members are out working and taking care of their ani-



After school, Senior Tucker Comer works with his pig by walking it around the Ag farm. "I work with them (his animals) after-school and on the weekends," Comer said. Photo by Savannah Spady

mals. To get ready to show, students have to work with their animals. What work they do depends on what they show.

Students who show goats and sheep teach the animal to brace. For a pig they have to learn how to walk and react to the show stick. For steers they have to learn how to

stand and be still and walk.

On weekends and sometimes week days 4-H/FFA members go to jack pots to show and get practice.

Some people show for money, experience, or just because they think it would be fun to try. Other times they show because their family has done it for years.

In families like the Melgoza the fair season never ends. After they finish showing for the year, they breed and get ready to show for the next year.

"Being in FFA has taught me responsibility," Crum said.

I've Got Game



Kenneth Barrett, sophomore

Battle of the platforms

Some days you might just wish to hop on an Xbox or the PS4 and play with friends or alone. I do this too but I do not use an Xbox or PS4, I use a PC. I love my computer; it is great to hop on Discord or Skype and chat. Meanwhile on console I can't do that yet.

What if you enjoy how the controls are organized? It has less inputs for actions. This is why I play on a computer, it has a keyboard with lots of keys that consoles cannot beat. Consoles have easy control schemes, but that is memorization for a computer.

According to the Entertainment Software Association's yearly report of 2014, 56 percent of gamers play on PCs' with consoles next at 27 percent and finally mobile gamers at 17 percent despite most of the games on the App store being low quality.

Now perhaps you want to squad up on Fortnite with some friends but you will get a better experience on PC, speed building can save your game but you need high FPS to do it and come out on top with that chicken dinner.

Consoles are not all bad. You might think I was just bashing on consoles but they can still be good. For some newer gamers, consoles have shown better results than PCs' due to the easier-to-handle controls. Consoles overall have more fluid controls with more accuracy in the lower sensitivity.

Video games are really enjoyable and should bring us more together; it should not matter if you are a PC or console gamer, just as long as you enjoy the game.

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