



Rusk County 4-H Clover Files



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Rusk County 4-H

RUSK COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

CARLISLE 4-H CLUB

Kristan Hart 216-7076
Contact your Club Manager
for next meeting date

FULL ARMOR 4-H CLUB

Ryan McAnally 863-2284
Micah Pettit 658-4253
2nd Tuesday, time to be announced
Full Armor Lunch Room

LEVERETT'S CHAPEL 4-H CLUB

Randy Tidwell- 570-4377
rtidwell@leverettschapelisd.net
October 13th, 6:00 p.m.
Leverett's Chapel Ag Building

LIVESTOCK 4-H CLUB

Ryan & Jennifer Ellis 658-4404
3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room

MT. ENTERPRISE 4-H CLUB

Susan Wilson 936-554-5098
2nd Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Mt. Enterprise Community Center

ROUND-UP 4-H CLUB

Mike O'Quinn 987-9119
3rd Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Kilgore College Ag Farm

TATUM 4-H CLUB

Katrina McKee 720-6711
Melissa Steph 812-2083
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Tatum Housing Authority Community Center

COUNTY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

4-H Awards Banquet

**OCTOBER 5TH
7:30 P.M.**

**Henderson Community Building
401 Fair Park Avenue
Henderson**



**R.S.V.P. by October 1st
to the Extension Office
903-657-0376**

Remember if you R.S.V.P. and you need to change the number attending, please call as soon as possible so that we can let the caterer know. Otherwise please be prepared to pay for the number you called in—not the number attending the banquet.

**\$10.00 for Adults
\$5.00 for 4-H member
No charge for 4-H award recipients.
Please pay at the door the night of banquet**

Everyone is invited to attend.

**Sponsored by: Rusk County 4-H Adult Leader's
Association**

Menu:

**Pork Loin
Vegetable and Macaroni and Cheese
Salad
Tea, Water and Coffee**



Who needs to attend the Rusk County 4-H Awards Banquet?

- If you are a 4-H'er and participated in a 4-H event beyond the county level competition, then you will receive an award for each project area competition. Examples include: district fashion show, district Ag Product ID, district/state Livestock Judging, district/state Photography, district/state Recordbook, etc., etc., etc.
- If you are a 4-H'er who will be receiving an award at the banquet, then you need to attend the banquet.
- **If you are a 4-H'er, and will not be receiving an award at the banquet, then you need to attend the banquet to support your fellow 4-H'ers.**
- All 4-H Adult Leader's, Parents, Grandparents, siblings, and anyone you would like to invite may attend the Rusk County 4-H Awards Banquet.
- Mark your calendar and make sure to watch upcoming newsletters for complete details and deadline to RSVP.

LIST OF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Jodie Alexander	Kole Nichols
Eli Arp	Katy Myers
Bryce Borders	Molly Nelson
McKenzie Brightwell	Hannah Parrott
Brandelyn Cochran	David Perry
Asa Cook	Kourtney Phelps
Winter Curry	Bailea Reeves
Tucker Dorsey	Blane Reeves
Emily Flores	Brayden Reeves
Emily Folds	Travis Sowash
Jacob Folds	Ashleigh Sugg
Aubrey Hart	Turner Sugg
Clay Hart	Jeremiah Steph
Maegen Ingram	Sidney Thomas
Seth Knighton	Kelsie Utzman
River Hillin	Kaycee Wilson
Lexi Liles	Luke Wilson
Colin Loar	Kalyn Watt
Dalton McKee	Alex Weed
Kelsey Moore	Holli Williams
Kaleb Nichols	





Calling all Outdoorsmen and Outdoorswomen

It is time to start studying for the Wildlife and Land Management Contest set for October. I am putting together teams, so if you like to tromp around in the woods this contest could be for you. The Wildlife Contest covers a wide variety of outdoor activities including: basic knowledge of the deer, turkey, squirrel, quail, dove, and waterfowl; land management for those animals; tree ID.; and hunting and safety laws. I have all the study materials.

If you are ready to conquer the Great Outdoors call the Extension Office or you can call me at 903-720-6711.

Looking forward to working with you,
Katrina McKee
Wildlife Project Leader



Orientation meeting in the Extension Meeting Room September 8th, 6:00 p.m.

5th Annual Taste of Rusk County

*Tuesday, September 22, 2015
Henderson Civic Center*

If you would like to volunteer to promote 4-H at the Annual "Taste of Rusk County" Event, please call the Extension Office to sign up.

At the event we are furnished a table, a tablecloth, and 2 chairs. The Extension Office will bring the 4-H Exhibit. If you wish to help at the 4-H Exhibit table, you will need to purchase a ticket for the event. Tickets are \$10/person and will make you eligible for the door prize drawing. This is a great community service activity in which to participate and add to your 4-H Recordbook. Listed below are the spaces and time shifts needed.

5:30 pm-6:30 pm	6:30 pm-7:30 pm
4-H'er 1 - Slot Open	4-H'er 1 - Slot Open
4-H'er 2 - Slot Open	4-H'er 2 - Slot Open

KPXI 100.7 FM your source for local county extension reports every weekday @ 12:30 p.m.

Monday - CEA-FCS/CEA-Ag
Tuesday - Jamie Sugg, CEA-Ag
Wednesday - Liz Buckner, CEA-FCS
Thursday - Jamie Sugg, CEA-Ag
Friday - Liz Buckner, CEA-FCS

<http://www.kwrdonline.com/>



RUSK COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



2016 RCYPS Show Date Set
March 2-5, 2016

Upcoming Validation Dates:

Steer - 10/10 - Expo

Commercial Heifer - 10/17 at the sale barn

Hogs, Lambs & Goats - 12/5 - Expo

Creative Arts - 1/14/2016 - Wall of Brands

Rabbits - 2/6/2016 - Henderson High Ag Barn

Website - rcyps.com



For more information call:
Archery - AJ Cook, 903-539-1505



United Way of Rusk County is an annual sponsor of Rusk County 4-H.



THANK YOU!

Special "Thank you" to Kolton Trubey for representing Rusk County 4-H at this summer's Multi-County 4-H at Pine Springs Baptist Camp.



August

<i>Dalton McKee</i>	8/01
<i>Kristen Purtle</i>	8/02
<i>Emily Folds</i>	8/03
<i>Lexi Liles</i>	8/07
<i>Kalyn Watt</i>	8/18
<i>Cadie Meador</i>	8/20
<i>Jake Norman</i>	8/20
<i>Mattie Craig</i>	8/20
<i>Jolee Herrin</i>	8/22
<i>Makayla Thompson</i>	8/22
<i>Kolten Trubey</i>	8/23
<i>Hannah Steph</i>	8/30
<i>Lillian Vowell</i>	8/30

September

<i>Kortney Phelps</i>	9/1
<i>Rylie Huff</i>	9/1
<i>Riley Hopson</i>	9/2
<i>Jeremiah Steph</i>	9/5
<i>Braden Mims</i>	9/6
<i>Robin Kuykendall</i>	9/7
<i>Asa Cook</i>	9/11
<i>Aubrey Ellis</i>	9/12
<i>Clay Ellis</i>	9/14
<i>Keyli Curnutt</i>	9/14
<i>Melissa Kuykendall</i>	9/14
<i>Dalton Howeth</i>	9/17
<i>Emma Thomas</i>	9/17
<i>Luke Wilson</i>	9/21
<i>Ryleigh Nelson</i>	9/22
<i>James Jordan</i>	9/25
<i>Olivia Blundell</i>	9/25
<i>Christian Ford</i>	9/28

October

<i>Kyndall Burton</i>	10/1
<i>Karleigh Murphy</i>	10/2
<i>Savannah Wood</i>	10/5
<i>McKenzie Brightwell</i>	10/11
<i>Andrew Parrott</i>	10/12
<i>Kaleb Nichols</i>	10/13
<i>Clayton Hart</i>	10/19
<i>Jacob Howeth</i>	10/19
<i>Kate McAnally</i>	10/26
<i>Vance Aaron</i>	10/30



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Henderson Syrup Festival
is November 14th

Syrup Festival Hayride Shuttle

It's here!! We hope everyone has left November 14th open to come and work at the Hayride Shuttle.

You need to sign up now so that we have the morning and afternoon shifts covered well!
Call now and get the shift you want.

**Need Workers for the following:
Money takers, hand stampers, trailer riders,
drivers and unloaders**

If you would like to **drive and/or have a flat bed trailer to haul behind trucks or if you have a ball hitch**, please bring it with you, we will mark it and make sure it gets back to you. Please call the Extension Office and we will put your name on the list.

For those of you helping out that day please read the following:

1. If you have a 4-H T-shirt please wear it.
2. **Saturday morning, November 14th meet at Boatcycle Chemical, 219 North Van Buren St., Henderson at 8:00 a.m.**
3. You need to call and sign up for a shift of 1/2 day or all day. We have a schedule and we will fill the working spot on first come first serve. So call today and pick your time and spot to work.
4. We should have no more than 2 members per trailer. If you need somewhere to work, contact the Extension Office. We will have two pickup and drop off stops at each area. You can take money, stamp hands or help out in other ways. Just come ready to work!!! We always have a lot of fun and each club member can make money for their club.
5. Sign in!!! -- you must sign in and sign out in order to be counted. You must work all day (8 hours) or 1/2 day (4 hours) to be counted. There will be sign in sheets at the downtown loading and at the Depot loading.
6. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

MOUNT ENTERPRISE 4-H

had a great turn out for their fund-raiser and membership drive. Thank you to all who supported them!!
Great job Mt. Enterprise 4-H Club!!!



Rusk County Family & Consumer Sciences Fair & Fruit and Vegetable Show



Youth Craft Division - Grand Champion - Brandelyn Cochran - Class 9 - Miscellaneous - Placemat, Coaster, and Silverware Holder

Youth Fruit & Vegetable Show Division - Grand Champion - Hannah Jane Parrott - Figs, Reserve Champion - Hannah Jane Parrott - Pears

Extension Office closed for



October 12th.



Aubrey was reserve champion at our state Brahman Show in College Station in July.

May I Have Your Attention Please

Attention RCYPS Steer Exhibitors

RUSK COUNTY
YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



If you are feeding a county-bred steer for the 2016 Rusk County Youth Project Show, make sure you fill out a county-bred steer verification form so that you will be eligible for Premiums that will be awarded by the Extension Ag & Natural Resources Committee at the 2016 Show. These forms are available at the Extension Office.

**They should be filled out and brought with you to RCYPS Steer validation.
Contact us if you need a form!**

Attention Please!



Jamie is more than happy to help anyone find a **project animal for Rusk County Youth Project Show**, however, if you want help in finding a **lamb**, we need to hear from you **as soon as possible**.

Please call the Extension Office, 903-657-0376, and talk with Jamie about what project animal you need.

September is...

National Preparedness Month

Be Prepared, Build a Kit

Being prepared for an emergency isn't just about staying safe during a disaster. It's about how to stay comfortable, clean, fed, and healthy afterwards – when a storm or disaster may have knocked out electricity.

If you lost power, how would you eat? The refrigerator can't keep foods cold. The microwave can't warm things up. You might not get clean water out of your faucets.

How would you find out whether it was safe to play outside? Not from the TV or computer!

That's why it's important for families to work together to build an emergency kit before an emergency strikes. There should be enough food, water, clothing, and supplies to last for at least three days.

Here are some items you and your family will need:

Non-perishable food (such as dried fruit or peanut butter)

First aid kit

Extra batteries

Matches in a waterproof container

Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap

Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, paper towels

Water – at least a gallon per person, per day

Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio

Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person

Flashlights

Whistle to signal for help

Can opener (manual)

Local maps

Pet supplies

Baby supplies (formula, diapers)



ARE YOU READY TO GO FISHING?

Registration began on September 1st for the Virtual Fishing Tournament. Remember once you register on 4-H Connect, you are eligible to participate in all 5 events of the tournament. The first event will be on September 26th.

Now, go catch the big one!!

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District 5 4-H Virtual Fishing Tournament



September 26, 2015

—Event #1

Example Picture:



Tournament hours:

8:00 am—3:00 pm



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/100473720048146>

Rules:

1. All participants must be 4-H members enrolled via 4-H Connect.
2. \$25 one time tournament entry fee. Participants may enter one or all events. There will be 5 events: September, October, February, March and April.
3. Bass Only—This is a catch and release tournament.
4. Fish from any lake, river, or pond
5. Boats are not a requirement
6. You will be given a common item to display with your fish as you post a picture to the District 5 Facebook page. However, the item will not be identified until 30 minutes before the tournament starts. It will be posted to the District 5 Facebook page that morning. You must measure your fish on a **Check It Stick**. This is a measuring stick you can pick up at most sporting goods stores such as Academy. The picture to the left is an example of how the posted picture should be uploaded: the fish laying on the Check It Stick with the daily item also visible in the picture. In this picture the event item was nail clippers. The event item will be something accessible to everyone.
7. The measurement must be readable in the uploaded photo.
8. You are allowed to catch as many fish as possible and post them. Your top 5 bass will count towards the winning weight.
9. We encourage participants to fish with a buddy or as a club. Fishermen must be supervised at all times for safety reasons.
10. All fish pictures must be posted by 3:00 pm.

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The Staff of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Rusk County
invite you
to a

Meet and Greet Reception

For: Mr. Grant Davis
Newly appointed Rusk County Extension Agent
4-H/Youth Development



September 14th – from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room
115 East Fordall Street, Henderson, Texas
(Parking located at back of building on Charlevoix Street)

Please join us for refreshments at this come and go event, as we welcome Grant to Rusk County and to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Follow-up:



Care packages to the troops... One of the soldiers our 4-H group sent care packages to several years ago was recognized this summer in a very special way, and we wanted to be sure and recognize him in this newsletter. We are proud of him and all of our service men and women.

This summer at Turner Field, the Atlanta Braves in partnership with United Military Care recognized service man SFC Shane Richardson as the "Hometown Hero".

This is very special to Rusk County as Shane Richardson grew up in the New Salem Community, and graduated from Henderson High School. Shane's wife, children, and brother were in attendance and watching as he was introduced and welcomed onto the field with a standing ovation from the crowd as the Atlanta Braves "Hometown Hero".

Shane has served 18 years in the military, having been deployed in the past decade to the middle east 4 times. He has served 2 tours in Afghanistan, 2 tours in Iraq with a total of 41 months of service in military combat missions.

Sergeant First Class Richardson remains on active duty at Fort Benning, Georgia.

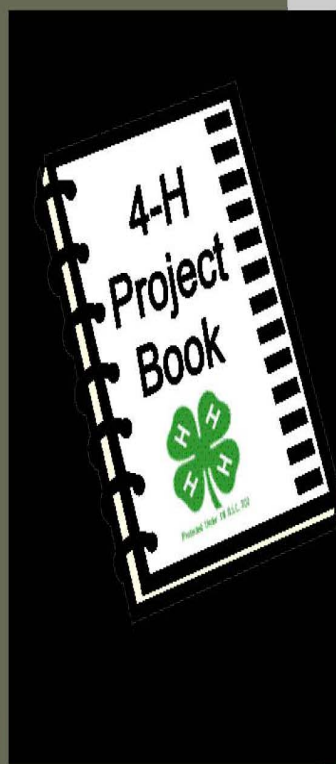
DISTRICT EVENTS AND INFORMATION



Texas 4-H

Record Books & Record Keeping

Date: September 29, 2015



Time: 6:00 p.m.

**District 5 4-H Multi-County Record Book Workshop
Tuesday, September 29th, 2015**

Interested in learning more about the ins and outs of 4-H Project Record Books?

Join us on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 6:00-7:30pm at the Extension Office in Nacogdoches located on 203 West Main Street in the Courthouse Annex.

This workshop is open to all 4-H families in District 5.

Dr. Montza Williams, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist will be presenting the program.

Please register by calling the Nacogdoches County Extension Office at 936-560-7711 or email us at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu or r-thompson@tamu.edu.

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The Nacogdoches County 4-H Adult Leaders Association have been gracious enough to provide some light refreshments for everyone.

Recently, we learned the following information:

- Consumer Decision Making Event will be virtual again this year, but we do not know the district date yet, and the...
- 4-H Food Extravaganza Event
- 4-H Fashion Showcase Event
- 4-H Roundup Event

will ALL be held as one big District event on **April 29th and 30th**, at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

Because of this, we are still waiting on 2016, 4-H Food Extravaganza, Fashion, and Consumer Decision Making Guidelines.

This changes the timeline of when we typically conduct Consumer Decision Making, Food and Nutrition, and Fashion Show Workshops. As soon as we know district registration deadline dates and details, then we will set some county workshop dates. So, please watch your e-mail, newsletter, and Facebook for updates.

Consumer Decision Making Workshops and Contest Date



Good consumer skills can help you get more for your money, and the Consumer Decision making Project gives youth the opportunity to make wise decisions when shopping.

What is the Consumer Decision Making Project?

It is a judging contest designed to teach kids to observe, compare, and make consumer based decisions based on facts.

4-H'ers then use their consumer knowledge to rank similarly based products to fit a given scenario. Participants then organize their thoughts and defend their decisions by giving oral reasons to a judge.

The following is an example of a class that 4-H'ers might be asked to judge. See if you can rank them from 1 to 4 based on the instructions. If so then you need to participate in the 4-H Consumer Decision Making project!

SAMPLE CLASS

Here is a class of pencils

Look at the four pencils shown below. Place in order based upon length, size of eraser, and sharpness of point.



Put your placing in the lines below.

First Second Third Fourth

Workshop I

November 30 @ 6:00 P.M.
Extension Meeting Room

County Contest and

December 14th @ 6:00 P.M.
Extension Meeting Room

District Contest

Virtual District Contest



Food & Nutrition Project **2016 Theme - Picnic Perfect**

During the annual 4-H Food and Nutrition Extravaganza, there are many opportunities for 4-H'ers to exhibit their skills. First there is the traditional **Food Show** in which a 4-H'er may compete in one of the four categories:

1. Vegetable & Fruit
2. Grain
3. Dairy
4. Protein



Also for these 4-H'ers participating in the Food Show, the option to compete in the "Place Setting" Contest is available.

A **poster contest** is open to all 4-H'ers, and the Poster's Theme is different each year.

The other contest opportunities include:

- 4-H Food Challenge**
- 4-H Food & Nutrition Quiz Bowl**
- Ag Product ID**

For more information and specific contest details regarding each one of these projects, please attend all the workshops.

Workshop I, II and III

Date to be announced
Extension Meeting Room

County Contest

Date to be announced
Extension Meeting Room



East Region 4-H Horse Show

Barrels

Jodie Alexander-10th place
Maegen Ingram-12th place
Lexi Liles-13th place

Boxing

Lexi Liles-4th place

High Speed

Maegan Ingram-1st place

Reg Mare 5 and Over

Lexi Liles-9th place

Poles

Maegen Ingram-6th place
Lexi Liles-7th place
Jodie Alexander-15th place

Ranch Sorting

Lexi Liles-6th place

Registered Geldings 5 and Over

Lexie Liles-2nd place

Stakes

Maegan Ingram-4th place
Lexie Liles-11th place

Team Penning

Lexi Liles-1st place



DISTRICT 4-H RECORDBOOK COMPETITION



Junior Division

Brandelyn Cochran	Clothing & Textiles	1st Place
Hannah Parrott	Clothing & Textiles	2nd Place
	Rusk County	
Winter Curry	Poultry	3rd Place
Bailea Reeves	Wildlife	2nd Place
Blane Reeves	Goat	4th Place
Turner Sugg	Sheep	2nd Place

Intermediate Division

Dalton McKee	Horticulture	1st Place
Brayden Reeves	Wildlife	4th Place
Ashleigh Sugg	Sheep	1st Place

Senior Division

Kalyn Watt	Beef	5th Place
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*Congratulations to all 4-H'ers who took the
time to complete a 4-H Recordbook!
Great Job!*



October 21 - 24, 2015
Longview, Texas

*Important
DATE!*

All entries are
due to the Rusk
County Extension
Office on or
before
September 24th.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015

4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Check in of all livestock entries, except Prospect Steers and Heifers at Fairgrounds Check in of Ag Mechanic entries and All Home Economic entries at the Maude Cobb Convention Center

Weighing & Sifting Market Swine as they are unloaded
Rabbit Meat Pen weigh-in and sifting
Check in of Market Steers

5:00 p.m. Poultry weigh-in and sifting

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Lamb and Goat weigh-in

8:00 p.m. All entries in place

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. Turkey check in and judging, followed by Roaster/Broiler Judging at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Market Swine Judging

Market Steer weights due to Beef Superintendent and Early Heifer Check in

9:00 a.m. Meat Rabbit Judging

10:00 a.m.- Noon Home Economics Judging

1:00 p.m. Ag Mechanics Judging

2:00 p.m. - Public Viewing of Home Economics Divisions. Harvest Festival Food Creations entries will be for sale for a minimum of \$10.00 each.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - All Home Economics entries (with the exception of "Apple Creation") can be checked out and picked up

8:00 p.m. Release of non sale Swine and Rabbits

8:00 p.m. Gates closed Thursday and will remain closed until after the Cattle Show

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2015

8:00 a.m. Lamb Judging, followed by Meat Goat Judging

2:00 p.m. Release of non sale animals

2:00 p.m. Market Steer Judging in the Cattle Show Arena

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Check In

Release of any remaining animals (except sale animals) only after the Cattle Show concludes

8:00 a.m. Heifer Jackpot Show begins, Steer Jackpot Show begins immediately following the heifer show.

5:00 p.m. Buyers Dinner and exhibition of Champions at the Maude Cobb Convention Center

6:00 p.m. Sale and exhibition of Champions at the Maude Cobb Convention Center

Ag Mechanics entries must be picked up by the conclusion of the premium auction on Saturday, October 24



Home Economics Contest
Timeline

September 24th - by 5:00 p.m.
Turn in Entry Forms and Money
to the
Rusk County Extension Office

October 21st - 4:00-8:00 pm - Check in
of Home Economics Entries - Maude
Cobb Convention Center- Longview

Be sure to enter in this year's Home
Economics Contest. You can enter in as
many categories as you wish! For a
complete set of rules, contact the Rusk
County Extension Office or log on to:
harvestfestivallivestockshow.com/
homeecrules.html

**The following are the Harvest Festival
Home Economic Divisions:**

- ◆ "Apples" Food Creations \$5/entry
- ◆ Fine Arts \$1/entry
- ◆ Handcrafts \$1/entry
- ◆ Photography \$1/entry
- ◆ Poetry \$1/entry
- ◆ Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
Contest \$1/entry
- ◆ Salsa Contest \$1/entry
- ◆ Clover Kid Poster Contest FREE
(Ages 5-8 and K-2)



7th Annual East Texas Show Star Series
Beef, Lamb & Goat Clinic and Show
October 17 & 18, 2015
Nacogdoches Expo Center

Ring A - \$500 Scholarships
Ring B- Belt Buckles
For Grand Champions
in Prospect Show

East Texas
Show Star Series
2015

Learning Tracks
available for
EXPERIENCED
as well as
NOVICE exhibitors

Open to all interested youth in 4-H & FFA

Must attend Saturday clinic to
participate in Sunday Prospect Show

Check or money order made payable to
"East Texas Show Star Series"

October 17 - Showmanship and Edu-
cation for Beef, Lamb & Goat

October 18 - Prospect Show
Beef, Lamb, & Goat

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Registration Due: Oct 9
\$25 exhibitor
\$10 non-exhibiting youth
\$10 parent

Contact your local County
Extension Office for
registration form and
additional information

<http://etsss.blogspot.com/>

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4-H YES Camp

save the date

The Youth Experience Success Camp (Y.E.S. Camp) is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 3rd through 8th.

Camp Date: 11/13-14

Watch for all the details!!

This year's theme:

THE AMAZING RACE



Fast Approaching



East Texas State Fair - 2016 Youth Fashion Show Competition

Who? All Students
What? Youth Fashion Show
Why? To recognize the expertise of students in:

Clothing Construction or Clothing Purchasing

There are 3 Divisions in Youth Fashion Show:

Construction Division - The student constructs a garment and models the garment in the Fashion show. A student may add accessory items to the garment for the Fashion Show, but worksheets must be clear about what specifically was constructed. For example, if a student constructs a shirt, he or she will add jeans or a skirt for the Fashion Show, but the shirt will be judged for construction techniques.

Smart Buying Division - The student does comparison shopping before purchasing a garment which will be modeled in the Fashion Show.

Nontraditional Construction Division - The student completes a garment in a nontraditional way such as a garment constructed with duct tape.

To have your name added to student registration please call the Extension Office on or before January 7, 2016

Pick Up Form/Information at:
Rusk County Extension Office



Entry and Deadline Information:

Worksheets and Constructed

Garment due:

January 12th by 5:00 p.m.

to Rusk County Extension Office

NOTE: A photo of the garment no larger than 4"X6" is required with the worksheet. Non-traditional Constructed Garments & Constructed garments are also required to be submitted with worksheets.

(Liz Buckner will forward forms and garment to Smith County)

Three Levels:

Elementary Grades 3rd-5th
Middle School Grades 6th-8th
High School Grades 9th-12th



Four Category Descriptions (for Clothing Construction and Smart Buying Divisions)

Casual - Garments should be suitable for school casual after school activities, such as spectator sports, picnics, and casual dates. Examples are pants, jeans, skirts, or shorts each with a top, jumpsuit, casual or sporty dresses, skirt or pants with a casual/sporty jacket, school coat, or coordinated separates.

Dressy - Garments suitable for dressy activities such as dinner dates, theater, banquets and job/scholarship interviews. Examples are men's and women's suits, dressy dresses, and dressy coats.

Formal - Limited to garments worn for formal evening events and formal weddings. This category includes tuxedos, formal gowns, wedding dresses and brides maids' dresses. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Specialty - Limited to athletic and special purpose garments. Examples are band, pep squad, and cheerleader uniforms; athletic garments such as jogging suits, swimsuits, leotards, ski-gear; sleepwear; and theatrical and circus-type costumes, such as clown suits and ballet costumes. Garments in this category should not be suitable for ordinary daily activities.

Other Rules/Info:

- ⊙ No item will be accepted for competition that is distasteful, suggestive, offensive, or controversial. Use good taste.
- ⊙ Any article may be entered that was bought or constructed during a one year period prior to the Academic Rodeo but not previously entered in the Youth Fashion Show.
- ⊙ Each exhibitor is permitted only one entry in the Fashion Show.
- ⊙ Exhibitors must select, buy, or construct his or her own garment.
- ⊙ 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected in each category overall 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners will be designated in the three divisions for each grade level.
- ⊙ The category you enter will not be changed after your entry is received. Choose carefully!! No changes will be accepted.
- ⊙ For more information or an entry form, please contact Liz Buckner at the Rusk County Extension Office.
- ⊙ All students who do not place receive a participation ribbon.
- ⊙ 1st, 2nd, 3rd places are awarded in each Division of each Level. Winners receive a medallion. Elementary winners receive a cash award of \$25, \$15 or \$10. Middle School and High School winners are eligible to apply for Academic Rodeo scholarships.
- ⊙ Each participant's entry in the Construction and Nontraditional Construction Divisions will be judged on construction techniques and quality, completed Construction Division worksheet prior to the fashion show and on fit and modeling presentation at the FASHION SHOW.
- ⊙ Each participant's entry in Smart Buying will be judged on completed Smart Buying Division Worksheet prior to the fashion show and on fit and modeling presentation at the FASHION SHOW.

Youth Fashion Show
January 21, 2016
East Texas State Fairgrounds
Mayfair Building - Building B

Check-in/Pictures Taken/Modeling Practice -
5:15 P.M. SHARP
Contest - 6:30 P.M. SHARP

Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration/Pick-up of Entries
February 19, 2016
Mayfair Building - Building B
10:30 a.m. - Awards Celebration Begins

ONE DAY What can you do in one day? October 10, 2015

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4-H AGE DIVISION

If you want to compete in 4-H contests
- these are the age divisions.

Junior –3rd through 5th grade
Intermediate –6th through 8th grade
Seniors - 9th through 12th grade

(Grade is based on August 31st
of current 4-H year .)

STATE EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ORDER YOUR ONE DAY 4-H T-SHIRT TODAY

Texas 4-H is partnering again with Barefoot Athletics to offer the 2015 One Day 4-H t-shirts for \$4.00 each. This year's t-shirts are a bright GREEN and includes the One Day 4-H graphic on the front and our sponsors on the back.



**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING
T-SHIRTS IS:
September 18th @ 5 pm!**

Ordering instructions:

1. Go to: www.barefootathletics.com/cof
2. ENTER CODE: **COF106138**
3. Read and acknowledge online Terms & Conditions
4. Enter sizes and quantities for each item, and then click "Add to Cart".
5. Check your selections and make any necessary corrections. No changes may be made after your order is placed.
6. Once your order is correct click "Proceed to checkout".
7. Enter your billing information.
8. Verify that your order is correct. No changes may be made to an order once placed. Read our terms and conditions. Check the box next to "Yes, I agree with the terms and conditions", and then click "Continue".
9. Enter your payment information and click "Pay for Order". You will receive a confirmation email.

Your order will ship to your address.

Questions or ordering problems, contact: cof@barefootathletics.com

One Day 4-H - Rusk County has chosen to hold a Rusk County 4-H Club-wide Food Drive benefitting the county food pantries.

With the tornado that hit Henderson and communities in our county on Memorial Day, the food pantries have been in need of supplies.

In addition to canned goods, we encourage box mixes such as hamburger helper, mac and cheese, and "kid friendly" foods such as peanut butter, cereal, or quick foods that kids will eat.

This is a key time to really make a difference right before the holiday season! Let's go 4-H'ers! Let's do this!!!!!!

HERE IS A CHALLENGE TO THE 4-H CLUBS:

Club donating most pounds of food is the Winner!

We will have a scale at the Extension Office for you to weigh and log your donated food. At the end of the "One Day 4-H Event" we will tally the pounds per club, and the club donating the most pounds of food is eligible for a prize as determined by the Rusk County 4-H Adult Leader's Association.

**Drop off location:
Rusk County
Extension Office Meeting Room
Monday-Friday
8-5 (Closed from 12-1pm)**



Welcome to Texas 4-H! 2015-2016 Enrollment starts September 1st!!!

Welcome to the largest youth organization in Texas! Texas has more than 550,000 youth who are involved in 4-H experiences each year and we are pleased that you have decided to join 4-H for the 2014-2015 year! If you are new to 4-H, here is some information about our enrollment process and how we need your partnership in getting your membership entered and active!

Each year on ~~August 15th~~ ^{September 1st} all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth members and adult volunteers must re-enroll. Youth members are required to pay a \$20.00 participation fee if enrolled by October 31st, and a \$25.00 fee from November 1st to the completion of the 4-H year. Adults pay a \$5.00 volunteer applicant fee starting in the 2014-2015 4-H year. Adults and youth will need to enroll on 4HConnect and be active to be considered an official member of Texas 4-H. An active enrollment is required in order to register and participate in all 4-H activities and events.

Enrollment payment methods, procedures and additional fees may vary in each county, so check with your local county Texas A&M AgLife Extension Service office for more information. (counties.agrilife.org) When you are enrolling in 4-H and you arrive at the invoice/payment screen, you will be able to add your credit card information into the system or select the club/county (no personal checks allowed) check payment option. If the club/county check option is visible, please make sure you are allowed to use it. Some counties require all enrollment to be paid by credit card. If you are allowed to use the club/county check option you are responsible for writing a check to your club/county 4-H Program, which in return will send a club/county check to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation. Once a payment method has been selected and enrollment submitted the payment type cannot be changed.

4HCONNECT is...

- The official Texas 4-H Youth Development Program database for enrolled 4-H members and volunteers.
- A secured database that is in compliance with the PCI Security Standards Council. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and the 4HOnline company work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored on the system. Texas 4-H, nor 4HOnline, does not share or sell any personal information to third party vendors without your knowledge or permission.
- Based on "zero-based enrollment." This means that each year at the start of the enrollment cycle membership in Texas 4-H goes to zero and everyone must re-enroll. This process is based on federal accounting policies.
- A partnership between the 4-H family and the county Extension Office. We encourage all 4-H families to become familiar with 4-H CONNECT in order to prevent "meltdowns" at crucial times of enrollment, animal validation or registration! Please work with the county Extension Office for any questions or problems you maybe experiencing with the system.
- NOT a database for counties/clubs/families to enter family members (i.e. siblings, grandparents, etc) that are not directly involved as a 4-H member or volunteer.

Did You Know?

- Most questions can be answered by calling your county extension office. (counties.agrilife.org/)
- You are not a member or a volunteer of Texas 4-H until you have an ACTIVE status listed on your profile in 4-H CONNECT.
- 4-H members CANNOT register for an event/contest until the member profile is ACTIVE. If the county requires paper enrollment forms, that office has to enter enrollment information into the 4-H CONNECT system as well.
- Adult Volunteers are required to be screened through the Texas 4-H Youth Protection Standards program every three years.
- The Texas 4-H Foundation does not accept any personal checks for participation fees, animal validations or event registrations.
- A youth that is 8 years old and going into the 3rd grade must wait until September 1st to enroll for proper fees to be accessed in the system.

To help ensure your first time enrollment, or your re-enrollment, is as easy as possible, this document has been developed to lead you through the process. Please read and contact your county Extension Office if you have any questions prior to you beginning the enrollment process. (counties.agrilife.org/)



East Texas State Fair - Academic Rodeo Agriculture Identification Contest



General agriculture is the art and science of producing food and fiber for our local, national and world population.

Food is the fuel of life, which means that food production is essential to living. Most clothing we wear and paper we use comes from fibers produced in agriculture.

Purpose: This contest is for students to learn more about general agriculture; how food is grown, preserved and how it gets to our tables, as well as how food effects our health, and the growing and production of fibers used for clothing and paper that make our lives more comfortable.

Age Level: Students in grades 3 through 12

*Note: The information which must be supplied for each of the 25 agriculture products in the contest increases in difficulty as the level increases by grades.

Contest Rules

(Revised August 2015)

- The contest is modeled after the 4-H Agriculture Identification Contest.
- A Resource Guide is available to assist in preparation for the contest.
- Agricultural products grown in Texas will be displayed for the purpose of identification.
- Participants will identify the food and fiber products displayed and answer one or more multiple choice questions about the product.
- There will be no communication whatsoever between participants during the contest. Any communication during the contest must be directed to a contest official. Violation of this rule can result in removal from the contest.
- Ties will be broken by spelling or other methods as determined by the judges.
- Any and all grievances must be submitted to the judges on the day of competition.

Ag ID Resources Information pages: Coming Soon!

To have your name added to student registration please call Liz at the Extension Office on or before January 6, 2016

Timeline: 2016

February 19th - Awards Ceremony (optional)

**Agriculture Identification Contest
January 19, 2016
Mayfair Building—Building E
@ Fairgrounds**

Teams will compete in one of three time blocks (9:00, 10:30, or 1:15). Each block is broken into two or three groups depending on the number of students participating. All levels of a school may compete in the same time block.

4-H INSTRUCTIONS CONNECT



- Access the 4-H CONNECT on-line system at: <https://texas.4honline.com/>
- New Members:** Select [I need to set up a profile].
Returning Members: Select [I have a profile] or [I forgot my password].
Contact County Extension Office for resetting assistance.
- New Members:** Select Adult or Youth from the drop down menu and click [Add Member].
Returning Members: Click [Edit] to the right of the inactive member's profile.
- Once all profile information is current and correct under the Personal Information, Additional Information, Health Form, and Participation areas of enrollment continue to the Invoice page.
- Review your invoice to ensure that the participation fee has been charged and it is correct. If you have been awarded an award certificate or a scholarship to cover your participation fee, enter the award code in the award code box. Once information has been reviewed, click continue to the Payment screen.
- New Members:** If you are new to 4-H, you can add your credit card payment information to 4-H CONNECT and it will be securely stored. Click the orange [Add New Credit Card] link if paying with credit card or select the county club check option.
Returning Members: If the credit card on file has been updated you will need to remove it and add the credit card again using the new information.
- Select the appropriate method of payment by clicking on the correct button, then click [Select Payment Method.]
- On the "Confirm page" each person will be required to click the [Pay By Computer Terms and Conditions]. Click [Submit Enrollment]
- Once an enrollment (new member) or re-enrollment (returning member) has been submitted, it is sent to the county office for review and approval. Once approved and paid for, an email confirmation will be sent to the family email address. Payment by 4-H Check can take up to 2 weeks to process. An active membership status **WILL NOT** be granted until participation fees have been received and marked as paid.

4HConnect Instruction pages can be found online at <http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/connect>

NEW MEMBERS

- Set up **only one (1) FAMILY profile household** on 4-H CONNECT.
- Write down and place in a secure location the email address and password for the account. Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance in resetting the account.
- Add individual youth and adult profiles (members) in your family profile. Adult/Youth and family profiles must be entered for an enrollment to be reviewed and accepted.



RETURNING MEMBERS

- DO NOT** establish another family or member profile on 4-H CONNECT if you already have one in the system.
 - Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance with the email or password if forgotten.
 - When you access your profile to re-enroll **REVIEW YOUR PROFILE VERY CAREFULLY.** Incorrect information can create problems for you, your family, and the Extension Office when trying to communicate, accessing appropriate fees, acquiring school absences, etc.



Deadlines for Major Show Entries



All entries are due to the Extension Office on or before the date listed below.

Entry deadline for major shows (Houston, San Antonio, STAR, San Angelo): **November 20th**



Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo

Fort Worth Entry Deadline: **November 9th**

Dates of 2016 Major Shows:

Fort Worth: January 15-February 6
San Angelo: February 5-21
San Antonio: February 11-28
Houston Livestock Show: March 1-20
STAR: March 12-26



Broiler orders for Major Shows are due by October 10th. Contact the Extension Office for order forms and more information.

!Attention Calf Scramblers!

The time is near for eligible 4-H members to register for several calf scrambles to be held at the major stock shows of Texas. Parents and youth should make sure that they will be able to commit to participate in the major show in question the following year. They have to be willing to invest the money, time, and transportation of themselves and their project to their respective show.

Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo January 15 to February 6

- Purchase certificate
- Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer
- Entry applications will also be available on the Stock Show website *fwssr.com* on **October 1**.
- Entries are sent directly to the show.
- Entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Each County 4-H Program is limited to a maximum of six entries.

San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo February 11-28

- Participants must be bonafide members of a Texas County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.
- Participants must have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday on January 1 and not be enrolled beyond their Junior year in high school.
- Participants must be selected by their CEA or AST.
- Participants may only be awarded one (1) San Antonio Calf Scramble Purchase Certificate during his/her FFA or 4-H career.

December 1 is the deadline to enter.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

March 1-20

- Purchase certificate
- Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer or market steer
- Must show the animal in the 2015 Houston Livestock Show
- Online entry applications will be available on the Livestock Show website *hlsr.com* from **October 15** through December 1, 2015 and must be submitted by the 4-H agent.
- Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo

March 12-26

- Ultimate Scramble Championship
- Purchase certificate value of at least \$1000 while others could be awarded \$1,500, \$2,000, \$2,500, or \$5,000
- Certificates used to purchase market or breeding animals.
- Must show the animal in the 2017 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.
- Entries begin **October 1st** and must be submitted by the 4-H Agent.

HALLOWEEN

Spot the twelve differences



2015 Texas State 4-H Dog Show-Belton, Texas
July 10-12, 2014



Emily Flores and Casino during conformation at the Texas State 4-H Dog Show in Belton, Texas.



Rally Novice B - Intermediate

Emily Folds Buster, Shetland Sheepdog - Placed 9th

Rally Novice A - Intermediate

Jacob Folds Peaches, Golden Retriever

Purebred Non-Sporting

Jacob Folds Peaches, Golden Retriever - Placed 2nd

Purebred Non-Working

Emily Flores Cassino, Alaskan Malamute - Placed 1st

Master - Intermediate

Emily Flores Cassino, Alaskan Malamute - Placed 1st

Open - Intermediate

Emily Folds Buster, Shetland Sheepdog - Placed 6th

Pre-Novice-Intermediate

Jacob Folds Peaches, Golden Retriever - Placed 5th

**National 4-H Week is
October 4-10, 2015**



Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge-Anna, Texas
June 19-21



Four Rusk County 4-H'ers competed in the Texas 4-H Outdoor Challenge @ the Collin County Adventure Camp in Anna, TX June 19-21. The three day competition included 10 events: knot tying, archery, shotgun, camp gear judging, fishing, outdoor safety, outdoor skills, rock climbing, canoeing and biologist skills. Pictured are: (L to R) Jamie Sugg, CEA-Ag/NR and 4-H competitors Turner Sugg, Asa Cook, Bryce Borders and Eli Arp. Bryce and Eli placed 3rd in Jr. Boys while Asa and Turner placed 6th in Jr boys.

Until next time —



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