



# Rusk County 4-H Clover Files

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**Rusk County 4-H**



**Dec-Jan**

## **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 658-4255  
2nd Tuesday, time to be announced  
Full Armor Lunch Room

**LEVERETT'S CHAPEL 4-H CLUB**

Randy Tidwell- 570-4377  
rtidwell@leverettschapelisd.net  
2nd Monday, 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  
December 13th, 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



**ADULT LEADER'S MEETING**

*Our next meeting will be  
January 4th at 6:00 p.m.  
Extension Meeting Room*

*Everyone please try to attend!!*



*Congratulations to Rusk County  
4-H'er - Brandelyn Cochran  
1st Place Preteen Division  
Texas Make It With Wool Contest*

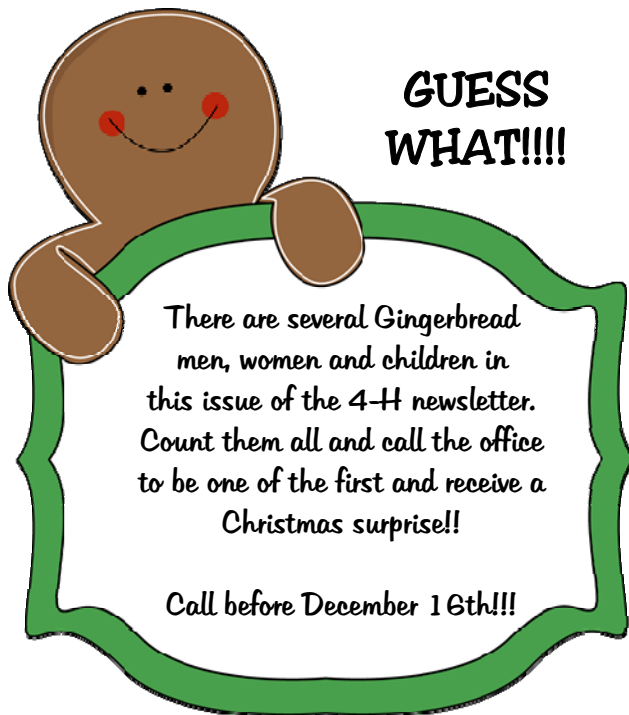


**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**

Rusk County is looking for smart young men and women to serve on its youth board. This board serves the entire county and assists the 4-H agent with educational planning for local school districts and the county programs offered through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. If you know anyone who would make a great youth board member if you would please notify me by either phone or email I would really appreciate it.

**Qualifications:**

- Does not have to be a 4-H member just a member of Rusk county
- Is 14 or older
- Wants to make a difference in their community
- Has a heart for serving others in their area
- Wants to see youth empowered/or wants to be an empowered youth
- Has the ability to make quarterly or biyearly meetings for the board
- Wants to serve
- Has ideas for new things in the community



**GUESS WHAT!!!!**

There are several Gingerbread men, women and children in this issue of the 4-H newsletter. Count them all and call the office to be one of the first and receive a Christmas surprise!!

Call before December 16th!!!

**Attention Please!**



Grant is more than happy to help anyone find a **project animal** for Rusk County Youth Project Show.

We also have a list of rabbit breeders if you need rabbits.

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



To get enrolled on 4-H Connect soon!!

Enrollment fee increased as of November 1st to \$25 per member- Clover Kids are free!!

[texas.4honline.com](http://texas.4honline.com)

See complete instructions in the newsletter for new members and returning members.

Call the Extension Office if you need any help!





## Rusk County 4-H Fashion Showcase Workshop

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming 4-H Fashion Showcase Workshops which will include information about the following contest opportunities:

- Fashion Show
- Fashion Storyboard
- Window WOWed
- Duds to Dazzle
- Duct Tape Designs
- Trashion Fashion,



then please mark your calendar to attend the workshop which will provide you with the rules and guidelines, workshop and contest dates, and clothing and textile learning opportunities and activities.

Hope to see you soon!

**Workshop** - February 6th, 2016 @ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Rusk County 4-H Fashion Show** - March 28<sup>th</sup>,  
@ 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room

**District Contest Registration** - April 13th, 2016



**YOU MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER BEFORE YOU CAN VALIDATE/ENTER FOR ANY RUSK COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT SHOW DIVISION**

RUSK COUNTY  
YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



**2016 RCYPS Show**  
**March 2-5, 2016**

### Upcoming Validation Dates:

**Roasters** - pick up will be December 22@ the Wall of Brands Room, 4 to 6 p.m.

**Broilers orders** - tentative pick up will be January 20th—location TBA

**Creative Arts** entry/validation January 14, 2016 - 4-6 p.m., Expo - Wall of Brands

**Rabbits** - February 6, 2016 - 8 to 10 a.m.  
Henderson Ag Dept. Animal Science Building  
-Breeding Rabbit entry cards and entry fee are due at that time

**Market Swine & Breeding Gilt rule change** - weights for market and breeding swine is now 220 to 280 with a 5 pound slide.



Rusk County Youth Project Show

Website ~ [rcyps.com](http://rcyps.com)



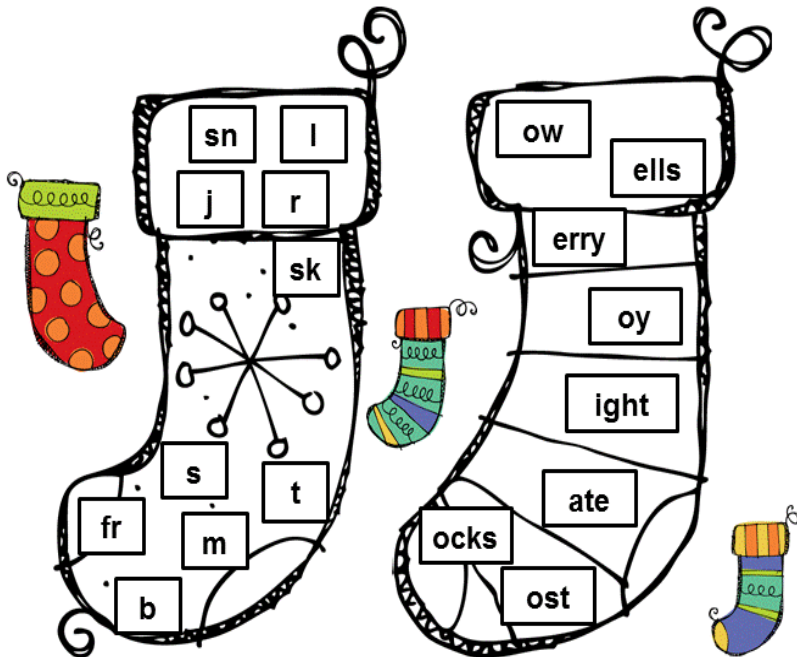
Full Armor 4-H Club is looking good in Henderson parade!



# Christmas Stockings word maker



Make as many words as possible by joining the letters on the first stocking to the letters on the second stocking. How many words can you make?  
Turn this into a game! - See who can make the most words.



Four horizontal lines for writing words.

Games 4 Learning www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/games-4-learning ©Teresa Evans 2013



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

Extension Office closed  
for



December 24th & 25th



## 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.)



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

- Monday - Grant Davis CEA-4-H
- Tuesday - Jamie Sugg, CEA-Ag
- Wednesday - Liz Buckner, CEA-FCS
- Thursday - Jamie Sugg, CEA-Ag
- Friday - Liz Buckner, CEA-FCS



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



## 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**

## 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 ~~September 1st~~ <sup>August 15th</sup> 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.



- 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/)



# 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.

## 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.

**ATTENTION**

Recently, we learned the following information:

- 4-H Food Extravaganza Event
- 4-H Fashion Showcase Event

will ALL be held as one big District event along with many other competitions on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

This has changed the timeline of when we conduct workshops, and we are still waiting for district guidelines. However we do have the district registration deadline dates and have set the workshop dates for Food and Fashion. This year we will have Saturday workshops and hope more people can be involved.



## 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

### Food & Nutrition Workshop -

Saturday, January 9th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### County Contest

February 22 @ 6 p.m.  
Extension Meeting Room



District Contest Registration  
Deadline is March 28th, 2016



**Happy Birthday**

### December

*Hannah Parrott* 12/23  
*Molly Nelson* 12/27  
*Natalie O'Quinn* 12/30  
*Rayleigh Pope* 12/05  
*Thomas McAnally* 12/21

### January

*Diana Canenquez* 1/29  
*Jacob Folds* 1/20  
*Kolby Mansinger* 1/15

**CELEBRATE!**

Until next time —



*Grant Davis*

Grant Davis  
County Extension Agent-4-H  
Rusk County

*Liz Buckner*

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County Extension Agent-FCS  
Rusk County



*Jamie Sugg*

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