



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



ADULT LEADER'S MEETING

*Our next meeting will be
November 2nd at 6:00 p.m.
Extension Meeting Room*

Everyone please try to attend!!

Topic: Syrup Festival Hayride Shuttle

Extension Office closed for

Veterans Day



November 11th.



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



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.

IMPORTANT DATES



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



Autumn Word Search

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See how many of these autumn related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Credited by Sue Lindblad Grand Forks Herald 2013

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| 1. Autumn | 5. Raking | 9. Gourds | 13. Corn |
| 2. Fall | 6. Harvest | 10. Football | 14. Maize |
| 3. Leaves | 7. Pumpkins | 11. Season | 15. Yellow |
| 4. Colors | 8. Apples | 12. Scarecrow | 16. Orange |

RUSK COUNTY
YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



2016 RCYPS Show

March 2-5, 2016

Upcoming Validation Dates:

Roaster orders - and money due to the Extension Office by November 2nd, \$1.75 per bird and tentative delivery is December 21st

Market Hogs, Market Goats, and Market Lambs

December 5th Expo Center 8-10 a.m. (if you have a Pee Wee hog the superintendent needs to know this to reserve a pen for your Pee Wee hog, unless it is being shown by another exhibitor)

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



Rusk County Youth Project Show

Website ~ rcyps.com



4-H Outdoor Education Coach Training



Register for the 4-H Outdoor Education Coach Training to become a certified leader in your county. This training is designed to provide instruction in basic firearm safety, handling, and use for any enrolled 4-H leader (21 years of age or older) desiring to coach 4-H youth in various projects where live firing is conducted. This training and certification is designed specifically for projects including Hunting & Wildlife and Outdoor Challenge. This certification does not allow the adult to coach local Shooting Sports projects. The training will cover all firearm types used in the two 4-H Outdoor Education projects including live firing; rifle, shotgun, archery, and muzzleloading. All training participants will also receive the Texas Hunter Education Instructor Certification. In addition, the training will cover

wildlife management basics, wildlife identification basics, wildlife biologist skills basics, game laws and ethics, various hunting and outdoor living skills, camping safety, boating safety, and other outdoor safety basics.

This 4-H certification allows:

- the adult coach to lead a 4-H group through a hunting or outdoor education project using live fire
- the adult coach to train a 4-H group to participate in the Hunting & Wildlife events at the 4-H State Games
- the adult coach to train a 4-H group to participate in the 4-H Outdoor Challenge

Dates: November 21-22, 2015; the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and continue into that evening. Training will continue with at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday and end by 2:00 p.m.

Location: Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>)

Registration: Opens October 15th on 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>). Look for the '2015 Muzzleloading Coach Training or Outdoor Education Coach Training' title. These two trainings will be going on simultaneously at the 4-H Center. Be sure to choose 'Outdoor Education' in the first section. All registrants must be enrolled as 4-H adult volunteers on 4-H Connect and have a current Youth Protection background check. This process takes time to complete so begin now by working with your local county Extension office. Cost is \$120/registrant which includes meals for Saturday lunch and supper, 4-H curriculum, educational resources, and all shooting expendables.

Registration Deadline: November 11th

Lodging: Lodging options are available and encouraged at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. Options may be selected on the online training registration.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service | Texas 4-H Youth Development Program

Texas 4-H Natural Resources Program

4180 State Highway 6 | College Station, TX 77845 | Ph: 979/845-1214 | Fax: 979/845-6495

Web: texas4-h.tamu.edu/natural | Blog: tx4hnaturalresources.blogspot.com | Facebook: www.facebook.com/naturalresources

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



**Extension Office
closed for**



**November 26th
and 27th.**

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/>

4-H Shooting Sports Muzzleloading Coach Training



Register for the 4-H Muzzleloading Coach Training to become a certified coach in your county. This certification is available to any enrolled adult leader (21 years of age or older). The training is also available for enrolled adults 18-20 and enrolled youth 14-18 to become Assistant Coaches. The training will cover all firearm types used in a 4-H Shooting Sports Muzzleloading project; rifles, shotguns, and pistols.

Dates: November 21-22, 2015; the training will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and continue into that evening. Training will continue with breakfast on Sunday and end by 12:00 noon.

Location: Texas 4-H Conference Center on Lake Brownwood (<http://texas4hcenter.tamu.edu/>)

Registration: Opens October 16th on 4-H Connect (<https://texas.4honline.com>). Look for the '2015 Muzzleloading Coach Training or Outdoor Education Coach Training' title. These two trainings will be going on simultaneously at the 4-H Center. Be sure to choose 'Muzzleloading' in the first section. All registrants must be enrolled as 4-H adult volunteers on 4-H Connect and have a current Youth Protection background check. This process takes time to complete so begin now by working with your local county Extension office. Cost is \$120/registrant which includes meals for Saturday lunch and supper, 4-H curriculum, and all shooting expendables.

Registration Deadline: November 11, 2015

Training: The training will include live firing of all firearm types on the range, shooting and coaching principles, curriculum training, 4-H basics, and more.

Lodging: Lodging options are available and encouraged at the Texas 4-H Conference Center. Options may be selected on the online training registration.

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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 increases as of

November 1st from \$20 per 4-H member to \$25 - Clover Kids are free!!

texas.4honline.com

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

Call the Extension Office if you need any help!

4-H Awards Banquet





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

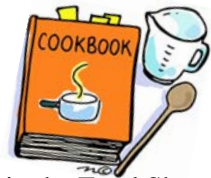
District Contest
Virtual District Contest



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





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 ~~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 AgriLife 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 affects 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.



Knock, knock.
 Who's there?
 Gladys.
 Gladys who?
 Gladys almost Thanksgiving. Aren't you?

A Team Youth Action Group

FREE PIZZA!!!

11/18/2015
 4:00PM
 AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE
 113 E. FORDALL ST
 HENDERSON, TX 75762

MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER THROUGH ATV EDUCATION

COME HAVE FUN AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

CONTACT:
 SHANNON MILLER
 (903) 877-5784
 shannon.miller@uthct.edu
 LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING

!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.

District Wildlife Judging
(1 to r) Eli Arp, Dalton
McKee, Will Nix.
Great job at District.



Congratulations to the team
for advancing to Regionals.



Full Armor Christian
Academy Plant ID
team! Hannah Parrott,
Caleb Stephens,
Garrett McAnally,
Kate McAnally



McKenzie
Brightwell,
Tatum 4-H Club
member, on her
win at Four
States Fair -
Reserve Grey
Brahman!

Aubrey Ellis, Livestock
4-H member, won Jr
heifer showmanship and
received a first place
ribbon with her hand
sewn pillow



(Don't forget to send us pictures of 4-H'ers competing,
working or having fun at a 4-H event!!)



Texas A&M Forest Service Commemorative Tree
Planting - One Day 4-H Event - Group Picture
(L-R) Steve Smith with Texas A&M Forest
Service; The Angus Mims Family for whom the
Depot Museum is dedicating the tree; Smokey
Bear; Liz Buckner, Rusk CEA-FCS; Turner Sugg,
Livestock 4-H; Jamie Sugg, Rusk CEA-AG;
Ashleigh Sugg, Livestock 4-H; Grant Davis, Rusk
CEA-4-H; Jonathon Moore, Texas A&M Forest
Service; Joel Hale, Rusk County Judge; Trudy
McGill, Rusk County Clerk Amanda Duke; Ron
Moody, Rusk County Auditor



4-H Grows Compassion

Congratulations Rusk County 4-H on
collecting 257 pounds of food for the Rusk
County food pantries!!!!



*And the contest
winner is.....
Mt. Enterprise 4-H
Club!!!!*

They collected
157.75 pounds of
food for the
One Day 4-H Event
-Food Drive

(L to R)
Kelsey Moore, Susan
Wilson, Luke Wilson,
Kaycee Wilson and
Lisa Moore



October 21 - 24
Longview, Texas

Congratulations



Kalyn Watt, Tatum
 4-H member
 Reserve Champion
 Exotic Steer

McKenzie Brightwell,
 member of the
 Tatum 4-H Club was 3rd
 Runner-Up in the
 Harvest Festival Home
 Economics-Apple
 Harvest Division



Brandelyn Cochran, member of the Round-Up 4-H, was named Reserve Champion in the Harvest Festival Home Economics-Apple Division and had a division winning entry in the Handcrafts Division with her Place Setting Table Set.

Aubrey Ellis, member of the Livestock 4-H Club, Home Economics - Apple Harvest entry at Harvest Festival. She placed well enough to be part of the silent auction to be held during the sale Saturday evening.

Makayla Thompson, Round-Up 4-H Club member, won Grand Champion Broiler.

Riley Rios, also a member of Round-Up 4-H, received 4th place with her Broilers.

Winter Curry, a Round-UP 4-H member placed 6th with Roasters.



Hannah Jane Parrot,
 member of Full Armor
 4-H Club, was named
 Grand Champion in
 the Photography
 Division at the Harvest
 Festival Home
 Economics Contest



Kylie Herrin, member of Round-Up 4-H Club, was division winner in the Pumpkin Carving Contest



November

- Hailey Posey* 11/4
- Paige Underwood* 11/7
- Christopher Ford* 11/12
- Levi Gholson* 11/15
- Luke McKellar* 11/16
- Abigail Clifton* 11/18
- Kace Murphy* 11/23
- Rawson Ellis* 11/25
- Danielle Harrison* 11/25



Until next time —



Grant Davis

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 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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 County Extension Agent-Ag
 Rusk County

