



Rusk County November 2017

4-H Clover Files



Rusk County 4-H

RUSK COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

CARLISLE 4-H CLUB

Kristan Hart

216-7076

FULL ARMOR 4-H CLUB

Micah Pettit

658-4255

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
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

ROUND-UP 4-H CLUB

Carey Murphy

880-8148

3rd Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Pirtle Methodist Church-Overton

TATUM 4-H CLUB

Katrina McKee

720-6711

Melissa Steph

812-2083

3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Tatum I.S.D. Community Room



Website: rusk.agrilife.org/





4-H ADULT LEADERS

and

COUNTY COUNCIL

Monday, November 27

6:00 p.m.

Extension Meeting Room

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)



For more information call:

Archery - AJ Cook
903-539-1505

Shotgun - Jimmy Arp
903-452-4524

Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving



11/23-24



Extension Office closed



December 25th & 26th

RUSK COUNTY YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



February 27 - March 3, 2018

If you plan on showing steers, commercial heifers, lambs, goats or pigs at Rusk County Youth Project Show in March 2018 you need to validate/enter your project on the following dates:

Lambs and Goats - December 2nd 8-10 am Expo

Hogs and Breeding Gilts - December 2nd 8-10 am Expo
(Superintendent also needs to know if any PeeWee has their own hog in order to reserve a pen for that hog)

Breeding Heifers - December 2nd 8-10 am (you only need to bring your entry cards and entry fee, not the animal)

Roasters - order forms are due November 13th, entry cards and entry fees are due at pick up on December 22nd
Wingband numbers are due December 23rd

Broilers - orders are due December 11th Entry cards and entry fees are due at pick up on January 18th Wingband numbers are due January 19th

Shop and Creative Arts - January 11th 4-6 pm Expo

Market and Breeding Rabbits - January 27th 8-10 am
Henderson Ag Dept

Breeding Goats - January 27th 8-10 am Henderson Ag Dept
(you only need to bring your entry cards and entry fee, Not the animal)

Dairy Cattle - January 27th 8-10 am Henderson Ag Dept
(you only need to bring your entry card and entry fee, not your animal)

PeeWee - January 27th 8-10 am Henderson Ag Dept (only bring entry card and entry fee, you do not have to bring your animal)

Like their **facebook** page for all the latest RCYPS news!

Rusk County Youth Project Show

Related Dates of Interest:

Rusk County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Workshop

December 5, 2017 @ 6:00PM
Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

Registration Due on 4-H Connect
by February 26, 2018

District V 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest
March, 2018 — VIRTUAL



Related Dates of Interest:

Rusk County 4-H Fashion Show Workshop

February 10, 2018 9:00 am—11:00 am
Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

If you are interested in participating in any of the following:

- ◆ Traditional 4-H Fashion Show
- ◆ 4-H Fashion Storyboard
- ◆ Trashion Fashion
- ◆ Duds to Dazzle
- ◆ Duct Tape Designs
- ◆ Fabric and Textile Creations



.... then plan on attending this workshop as we will discuss the rules and guidelines of each contest, determine teams for 4-H Duds to Dazzle (remember we can have jr, intermediate, and senior age division teams), and have an interactive workshop

Rusk County 4-H Fashion Show

March 6th @ 6:30PM
Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

Registration Due on 4-H Connect
by March 9, 2018

District V 4-H Fashion Showcase

April 7, 2018
Stephen F. Austin State University—Nacogdoches



4-H Food and Nutrition Workshop



Saturday
November 18, 2017
9:00AM—11:00 AM

Rusk County Extension Office
Meeting Room

If you are interested in participating in any of the following:

- ◆ Traditional 4-H Food Show
- ◆ 4-H Food Challenge
- ◆ Nutrition Quiz Bowl
- ◆ Ag Product ID



....then plan on attending this workshop as we will discuss the rules and guidelines of each contest, determine teams for 4-H food challenge (remember we can have jr, intermediate, and senior age division teams), set practice dates for food challenge teams, and have an interactive workshop.

Related Dates of Interest:

Rusk County 4-H Food Show

December 2nd @ 10:00 AM
Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

Registration Due on 4-H Connect
By January 12, 2018

District V 4-H Food and Nutrition Extravaganza

February 3, 2018
Stephen F. Austin State University—Nacogdoches





Fast Approaching



East Texas State Fair - 2018 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 5, 2018

Pick Up Form/Information at:
Rusk County Extension Office



Entry and Deadline Information:

Worksheets and Constructed Garment due:

January 11th 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, causal 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.
- ☉ 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 23, 2018
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 23, 2018
Mayfair Building - Building B



East Texas State Fair -Academic Rodeo **Agriculture Identification Contest**

**Agriculture Identification Contest January 10th Building E at
ETSF Fairgrounds**

**Time - Teams will compete in one of these time blocks beginning at
9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m., or 1:15 p.m.**

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)

1. The contest is modeled after the 4-H Agriculture Identification Contest.
2. A Resource Guide is available to assist in preparation for the contest.
3. Agricultural products grown in Texas will be displayed for the purpose of identification.
4. Participants will identify the food and fiber products displayed and answer one or more multiple choice questions about the product.
5. 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.
6. Ties will be broken by spelling or other methods as determined by the judges.
7. Any and all grievances must be submitted to the judges on the day of competition.

**Please contact Rusk County Extension Office by January 5th
if you would like to participate, and for a study guide.**



Call for a study guide so
you can begin studying

Timeline: 2018

February 23rd - Awards Ceremony (optional)
East Texas State Fair—Mayfair Building, Tyler, TX



Procedures for ETSF Academic Rodeo, Agriculture Identification Contest:

1. Groups arrive at their scheduled participation time to the contest building.
2. Sponsor will check-in the group where the coordinator will affix student labels to the appropriate level worksheet.
3. Each student will be given the worksheet before time to enter the contest area.
4. No more than 25 students may compete at one time.
5. As each student enters the contest area, he or she will be given a clipboard and pencil to use.
6. Products will be arranged on tables with numbers in front of each to identify each item.
7. Each student will stand in front of a different number to rotate around the tables.
8. Students will be allotted one minute per item to write the requested information, and will then be asked to move to the next number.
9. When students have rotated through each of the 25 products, they will turn in worksheets, clipboards and pencils, and will be free to leave or view Academic Rodeo entries on display.
10. Winners will be announced within two days.

January 27-28, 2018

December 8, 2017—January 7, 2018

January 8—11, 2018—\$180



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! 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!

4-H ENROLLMENT: Each year on August 14th all membership in Texas 4-H goes to inactive and all youth 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 \$10.00 volunteer applicant fee. 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 Program. *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 Program 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/)



The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.

4HCONNECT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Access the 4-H CONNECT on-line system at: <https://texas.4honline.com/>
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **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.
7. Select the appropriate method of payment by clicking on the correct button, then click [Select Payment Method.]
8. On the "Confirm page" each person will be required to click the [Pay By Computer Terms and Conditions]. Click [Submit Enrollment]
9. 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.



!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 13 –February 3

- Purchase certificate value of \$500
 - Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer
1. Entry applications will also be available on the Stock Show website fwssr.com on **October 1**.
 2. Entries are sent directly to the show.
 3. Entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
 4. Each County 4-H Program is limited to a maximum of six entries.

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo February 27—March 18

- Purchase certificate value of \$1,500
 - Certificates used to purchase a breeding beef or dairy heifer or market steer
 - Must show the animal in the 2018 Houston Livestock Show
1. Online entry applications will be available on the Livestock Show website hlslr.com from **October 1** through December 1.
 2. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo March 10—24

- 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 2018 Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo.
- Entries begin **October 1** directly to the show.
- Entry fee is \$25.

Entry Deadlines Approaching!!!

Entry deadline for major shows (Houston, San Antonio, STAR, San Angelo): **November 27th**

Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo

Dates of Major Shows:

San Angelo: February 2-18

Houston Livestock Show: February 27—March 18

San Antonio: February 7-25

Fort Worth: January 13-February 3

STAR: March 10—24





Let's try something new! We had two teams compete at District V 4-H Roundup—Share the Fun—"Dramedy", and both Teams brought back First Place Honors! So, how about a team for a "One Act Play" at East Texas State Fair—Academic Rodeo?!

One Act Play Festival



The One Act Play Festival is for middle school and high school students interested in the fine arts and is designed to give these students a positive theater experience that fosters participation in, commitment to, and appreciation of quality theater.

The students should appreciate that theater is a collaborative art form in which each student can recognize the value of an individual's contribution to the ensemble.

The contest does not identify a "Best Play" from those participating, but judges each play by a standard with each school receiving a rating based on that standard. The critic judge provides positive suggestions to assist the students in continued participation in theater. Each school or group with students in grades 6 through 8 and/or grades 9 through 12 may register one play in each level of the festival.

Awards

All participants receive a Certificate of Recognition. Each cast receives a trophy. One individual is selected as the Outstanding Performer and receives a medallion and is eligible to apply for Academic Rodeo Middle School or High School Scholarships. Up to 10 All Star Cast Members are selected at each level and receive an All Star Cast Ribbon.

****If we have a group that is interested, please contact the Rusk County Extension office by November 29, as we have to submit names of team members and play information on December 1. January 5th—Deadline for all cast members to register at the Rusk County Extension Office

January 26—One Act Play Festival—High School Level—Competition

January 30 & 31—One Act Play Festival—Middle School Level—Competition

dates to remember

4-H

Adult Leaders and
County Council
11/27/17

Major Shows Deadline 11/27/17
Except Ft. Worth

Food Show
12/02/17

Consumer Decision Making
Workshop 12/05/17

One Act Play Festival
Deadline to sign-up
11/29/17

Rusk County
Youth Project
Show

February 27—
March 3, 2018

Leverett's Chapel



4-H Community Service

CONNECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

Cell Phones For Soldiers began in 2004 as the idea of two patriotic kids who wanted to give back to the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us each and every day. To date the charity has provided more than 220 million *Minutes That Matter* to our troops serving around the world.



Here is how you can help!!!

⇒ Take your working or non-working cell phone by any one of these drop off centers:

- Rusk County Extension Office-Henderson
- Kilgore College Student Center-Kilgore
- Atwood's-Kilgore

Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.
903-657-0376.

Military Branch Birthdays:

National Guard	December 13, 1636
Army	June 14, 1775
Navy	October 13, 1775
Marine Corp	November 10, 1775
Coast Guard	August 4, 1790
Air Force	September 18, 1947



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



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

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

Until next time —

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