



Rusk County 4-H Clover Files

Website: rusk.agrilife.org/



Rusk County 4-H

September
2017

RUSK COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

FULL ARMOR 4-H CLUB

Micah Pettit 658-4255
Contact club manager for next meeting date
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

No scheduled meetings

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
3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Tatum ISD Community Room

Calling All Adults

4-H ADULT LEADER'S MEETINGS

***Upcoming meeting date:
September 5th @ 6pm
in the
Extension Meeting Room***

***Everyone please try to attend to discuss the
new 4-H year, Syrup Festival and
upcoming events!!***



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, 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 11 years of age 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 service area

Leverett's Chapel



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.



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**



October 25 - 28, 2017
Longview, Texas

All entries are due to the Extension Office on or before September 25th

* Rabbit Validation — Hallsville High School, 4-7pm, September 25. See the website for the validation form

<http://www.harvestfestivallivestockshow.com/livestockrules.html>

Harvest Festival
Home Economics Contest
Opportunities

Consider entering a project in the Harvest Festival Home Economics Contest. There are multiple divisions in which to enter and a 4-H'er may enter multiple divisions.

"The Harvest Festival Home Economics Contest is held every year during Harvest Festival to allow youth the opportunity to show off their ability to grow, sew, paint, photograph, build, bake, make, create, and decorate!"

Divisions are:

Cinnamon Cream

Each entry must contain cinnamon and it must be listed on the recipe as an ingredient..

Fine Arts

Any original painting/drawing

Handcrafts

Fiber arts	Hand stitchery	Rug Making
Weaving	Kitchen	Ceramics/Pottery
Miscellaneous	Woodworking	Wall Hangings
Wreaths/Door Decorations		Table Decorations
Wearable Art/Clothing		Handcraft

Photography

Can be black & white or color; should be mounted or framed. Photos must be 5X7 or 8X10

Poetry

Typed or handwritten on 8.5X11 paper

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Decorate, carve, paint or dress up a pumpkin.

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

Original
Creative
Creative Painting
Funny
Patriotic
Small/Large



Salsa Contest

Tomato Based Fruit-Based Salsa
Non-Tomato Based (Vegetable Salsa)

Clover Kids-Poster Contest-K- 2nd Grade Harvest Festival

Note: For a complete list of rules please contact the Rusk County Extension Office or see the Harvest Festival website: harvestfestivallivestockshow.com/

Entry Fees:

Cinnamon \$5.00 per entry	Photography-\$1.00
Fine Arts-\$1.00	Salsa Contest-\$3.00
Poetry-\$1.00	Clover Kid Posters-Free
Pumpkin Carving-\$1.00	

Note: All Home Economics entries will be pre-paid
All entry money will be due September 26th to the Rusk County Extension Office.

September 25th Entry form, recipe and money due to the Rusk County Extension Office

October 25th-Check in of entries at Maude Cobb Convention Center 4:00-8:00 p.m.

October 26th-Public Viewing 2:00 p.m.

-Cinnamon Cream entries available for sale
-Check in/pick up of Home Economics entries 4:00-6:00 p.m.

MAJOR SHOW

Swine Tag order is due September 15th

Anyone wanting to show Market Swine at a major show needs to order tags as instructed below.

\$15 each and must be paid before we order.

These tags will be for the following shows:

Ft. Worth Stock Show
San Antonio Stock Show
Star of Texas — Austin
Houston Livestock Show
San Angelo Stock Show



Welcome to Texas 4-H!

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 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/)



TEXAS A&M
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Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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.

dates to remember

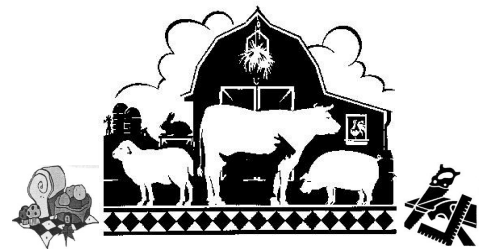
Rusk County 4-H Awards Banquet
date is set for October 2nd
Watch for more information to come.



Rusk County Youth Project Show

**February 27 -
March 3, 2018**

RUSK COUNTY
YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



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

Rusk County Youth Project Show



**FIRST DAY OF FALL
SEPTEMBER 22, 2017**

*Extension Office closed on
September 4*

LABOR DAY



**Grandparents Day
September 10, 2017**

East Texas State Fair – Creative Arts

Consider entering a project in the Creative Arts Competition of the East Texas State Fair in Tyler this year.

The catalog is online and there are many categories to choose from for both youth and adult exhibitors. Make it a family event!

Go to www.etstatefair.com and then go to “Creative Arts” for more information. Pre-registration is thru September 4th. Read more online for the details.

This fair is close to home and is a lot of fun. If your entry gets placed then it could be on display throughout the fair which runs September 22-October 1.



September 19th

I would like volunteers to help promote 4-H at Taste of Rusk County. You will receive a ticket to eat at the event and it is a great community service opportunity.

Please call the Extension Office for more information or to sign up.

5:30-7:30 p.m.-signup for hour long time slots



Until next time —



Grant Davis
Rusk County Extension Agent-4-H

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