



Rusk County 4-H Clover Files





RUSK COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

FULL ARMOR 4-H CLUB Micah Pettit 658-4255

Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Full Armor Lunch Room

<u>LEVERETT'S CHAPEL 4-H CLUB</u> Randy Tidwell 570-4377

 ${\bf rtidwell@leverettschapelisd.net}$

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

3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Tatum I.S.D. Community Room

Website: rusk.agrilife.org/



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February:

13th Mardi Gras

14th Ash Wednesday

14th Valentine's Day



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:

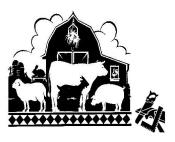
Archery - AJ Cook 903-539-1505 **Shotgun - Jimmy Arp** 903-452-4524

Extension Office will be closed for



Monday, February 19th

RUSK COUNTY
YOUTH PROJECT SHOW



February 27 - March 3, 2018

February 27: Check-In Commercial Heifers ONLY

February 28: Check-In All projects and animals

March 1: Roaster & Broiler Show
Lamb & Goat Show
Creative Arts & Shop Judging
Commercial Heifer Sale

March 2: Market & Breeding Hog Show Market & Breeding Rabbit Show Shop & Creative Arts Sale

March 3: Breeding Heifer Show Market Steer Show Sale of Champions

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Rusk County Youth Project Show







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



Related Dates of Interest:

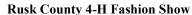
Rusk County 4-H Fashion Show Workshop

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



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



Related Dates of Interest:

District V 4-H Food and Nutrition Extravaganza February 3, 2018

Stephen F. Austin State University—Nacogdoches







Cherry Dessert Contest February 16, 2018

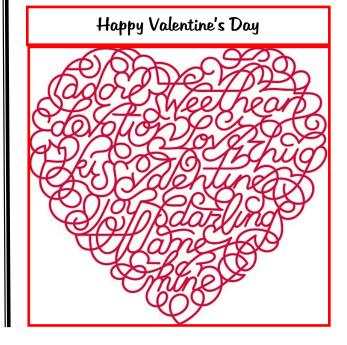
Egg Decorating Contest

March 28, 2018

Cinco de Mayo Salsa Contest



May 4, 2013





2018 District 4-H Photography Contest

This is <u>NOT</u> a qualifying contest for the <u>State competition</u> and that the State Photography Contest during Texas 4-H Roundup is available only to senior 4-H members. State information is available on-line at the following URL.

http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/projects/photography-video/

The District Office will be accepting entries until February 1, 2018 with the payment of registration fees. Late registration will be open until February 5, 2018 with late registration fees added. All contestant registration information should be completed on 4 -H Connect by February 1st unless registering late. All pictures must be received by the due date and in the specified format or the entry will be disqualified.

Entry fees for the District contest are \$8.00 per person plus \$.50 per photo. Registration is now available on 4-H Connect.

ANIMALS – DOMESTIC - Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. Examples include: Dog, Sheep, Pig, Goat, Cow, Cat, Chicken, Horse, Camel, Goose, Ducks (domestic use), Hamsters.

ANIMALS - WILDLIFE - Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wild throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos. Examples include: Deer, snakes, insects, rodents, elephants, etc.

CATCH-ALL - Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, Polaroid transfers, SX-70 images, hand colored photos. Examples include: Polaroid image & emulsion transfers, still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.

DETAILS & MACRO - Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category). Examples include: detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up - anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include parts of a flower bloom, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.

DIGITAL DARKROOM - Photos are for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software like Adobe Photoshop®. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. Examples include: Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.

DOMINANT COLOR - Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category. Example includes: bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sun lighting on it.

ELEMENTS OF DESIGN - Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter. Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations. Examples include: Perspective, Line, Pattern.

FOOD - Category is a still life specialization of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED! Examples include: Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.

MARINE/AQUATIC - Photos of any living organism in bodies of either fresh or ocean (salt) water. Examples include: Fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, etc.

NATURE & LANDSCAPE - The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors. Examples include: Landscapes, Scenics, Outdoors.



NIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY - Photos taken outdoors between dusk and dawn (this category does not include sunsets and sunrises - those photos are to be entered into nature & landscape). Examples include: fireworks, lighting on buildings/structures, animals, plant/flora, people, etc.

PEOPLE - Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. See Rule #10. Examples include: Kids & Family, Models/ Fashion, Sports.

PLANT/FLORA - Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category. Examples include: A rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.

STORYBOARD - A storyboard is one digital entry (one photo) that contains three smaller images and minimal text that tells a story. The story should be easily understood by the viewer. This entry is one single file. Example include: Three images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with the title of "Beginning of Beauty".

THEME - For 2017-2018 the theme is "Back Yard". This creative category will feature photos what one would see when stepping out your back door. What is NOT allowed: photos should not be of a ranch rangeland, but should focus on immediate outside area of one's house. Examples: Kids swinging, swimming pool, person mowing yard, garden/flower beds, etc.

(Certain description terminology used from betterphoto.com photo contest category page)

Please call the Extension Office for a complete set of rules and guidelines before entering.



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

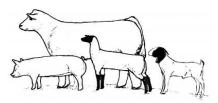
- DO NOT establish another family or member profile on 4-H CONNECT if you already have one in the system.
- Contact the local County Extension Office for assistance with the email or password if forgotten.
- When you access your profile to re-enroll REVIEW YOUR PROFILE VERY CAREFULLY. Incorrect nformation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





<u>Livestock Judging—Jr & Intermediate</u> <u>Second Monday of Month</u>

5:45 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room 115 E Fordall Street



Rusk County 4-H Food Challenge Practice





Junior Team Members

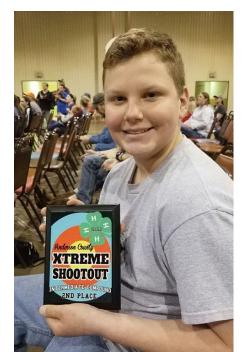




Intermediate Team Members

Good luck at the D5 Food Extravaganza!!

Congratulations.....



Jonathan Holland came in 2nd in his Division, January 27. Archery Buckle Shoot—Palestine.

Aubrey Ellis came in 3rd in her Division, February 5. Public Speaking—San Angelo.





Harvest Festival Home Economics Show Congratulations To:

Diana Canenquez on her Grand Champion and Best of Show win in the Fine Arts Division.





Brandelyn Cochran on her Food Creation that made the Sale of Champions—Silent Auction.

Egg Decorating Contest

Registration Deadline: Current, and up to **Check-In Time**

Where: Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

115 East Fordall Street Henderson, TX 75652

When: March 28, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - entry/check in

11:00 a.m. - judging begins Around 2:00 p.m. - pick up

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per entry

Age Division: Pee Wee - 3-5 years old

Junior - 6-11 years old Intermediate - 12-13 years old Senior - 14-18 years old

Adults - 19 plus



Most Bizarre

*Any entry not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be discarded. For more information contact the Rusk County Extension Office at 903-657-0376.

Contest Rules

- 1. Any size or shape bird egg may be used and eggs must
- 2. Raw eggs will not be allowed. For example, use hard boiled egg, or egg shell may be emptied or blown.
- 3. Contest is open to all Rusk County Citizens.
- 4. Each egg will receive a blue, red or white ribbon.
- 5. A "Best of Show" certificate will be awarded.6. Special Recognition Certificates will be awarded to the following categories:

Funniest A. Cutest G. **Biggest** H. **Best Painted** В. Smallest Ugliest Out of this World Most Original D. J. Most Beautiful Scariest

7. There is not a limit on the number of entries a

Happiest

participant my enter. 8. Entry fee goes toward annual Rusk County Extension Education Club sponsored scholarships for Rusk County Residents.

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Egg Decorating Contest Entry Form

Name:	 	
Address:	 	
Age Division:		





Congratulations to the Rusk County 4-H Food Show participants.

Their food show dishes, place settings, and food and nutrition posters will represent our county at the District V 4-H Food Show on February 3rd.

We are so proud of each of you and good luck at the

District V Food Extravaganza!

Back row L-R: Winter Curry, Brandelyn Cochran, Maxx Curry, Wayne Stark, Joris Stark, Victoria Rodriguez, Macey Rutherford

Front row L-R: Charlie Rodriguez, Olivia Clifton, Kaylee White, Taylor Rutherford

SUPERIOR RATING FOR "MIRROR MIRROR"



Rusk County 4-H'ers at dress rehearsal for the East Texas State Fair-Academic Rodeo One-Act-Play Competition. Competition was held on January 30. Front Row L-R: Amelie White, Winter Curry, Kaylee Jones, Diana Canenquez, Hannah Parrott Back Row L-R: Andie Anderson, Jaidyn Murphy, Lorelai Rodden, Maddie Powers.

DATE TO REMEMBER:

Academic Rodeo Awards Celebration/Pick-up of

Entries
February 23, 2018
Mayfair Building - Building B







Congratulations to Brandelyn Cochran, Amelie White and Kaylee White on a great job competing in the Academic Rodeo-Youth Fashion Show on January 23rd

Congratulations to the Rusk County 4-H.
Academic Rodeo, Agriculture
Identification Contest
Front Row, L-to-R: Mason Pettit, Zoe Rettig,
Isaiah Odom
Back Row, L-to-R: Anna Norman,
Kendall Wauson-Pettit, Carson Ford







2018 District 5 4-H Virtual Bass Fishing Tournament



Rules:

- 1. All participants must be 4-H members enrolled via 4-H Connect.
- \$25 one time tournament entry fee. Participants may enter one or all events. There will be 3 events: March 10, March 17 and March 24.
- 3. Bass Only—This is a catch and release tournament.
- 4. Fish from any lake, river, or pond.
- 5. Boats are not a requirement.
- 6. You will be given a common item to display with your fish as you post a picture to the District 5 Facebook page. However, the item will not be identified until 30 minutes before the tournament starts. It will be posted to the District 5 Facebook page that morning. You <u>must</u> measure your fish on a Check It Stick. This is a measuring stick you can pick up at most sporting goods stores such as Academy. The picture to the left is an example of how the posted picture should be uploaded: the fish laying on the Check It Stick with the daily item also visible in the picture. In this picture the event item was nail clippers. The event item will be something accessible to everyone.
- 7. The measurement must be readable in the uploaded photo.
- You are allowed to catch as many fish as possible and post them. Your top 5 bass will count towards the winning weight.
- We encourage participants to fish with a buddy or as a club. Fishermen must be supervised at all times for safety reasons.
- 10. All fish pictures must be posted by 3:00 pm.

Example Picture:



Tournament hours: 8:00 am—3:00 pm



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The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating





2018 District 5 4-H Virtual Crappie Fishing Tournament



Rules:

- 1. All participants must be 4-H members enrolled via 4-H Connect.
- \$25 one time tournament entry fee. Participants may enter one or all events. There will be 3 events: May 12, May 19, May 26.
- 3. Crappie Only
- 4. Fish from any lake, river, or pond.
- 5. Boats are not a requirement.
- 6. You will be given a common item to display in your fish picture to post on the District 5 Facebook page. However, the item will not be identified until 30 minutes before the tournament starts. It will be posted to the District 5 Facebook page that morning. You <u>must</u> measure your fish on a Check It Stik. This is a measuring stick you can pick up at sporting goods stores such as Academy. The picture to the left is an example of how the posted picture should be uploaded: the fish laying on the Check It Stik with the daily item also visible in the picture. In this picture the event item is pliers. The event item will be something accessible to everyone.
- 7. The measurement must be readable in the uploaded photo.
- You are allowed to catch as many crappie as possible and post them.
 Your longest 25 crappie make up the winning length.
- We encourage participants to fish with a buddy or as a club. Fishermen must be supervised at all times for safety reasons.
- 10. All fish pictures must be posted by 3:00 pm.

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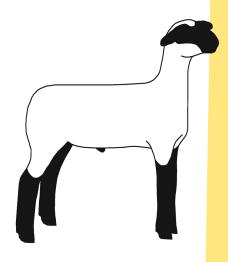
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Lamb & Goat Workshop

Presented by Texas 4-H Livestock Ambassador Ashleigh Sugg

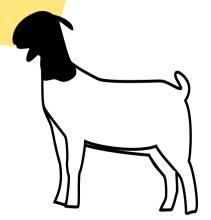


February 17th, 2018 9 a.m. — 11 a.m. Henderson Ag Barn

Bring your lambs and goats!

TOPICS:
Daily Care
Clipping
Showmanship







Cherry Dessert Contest

Registration Deadline - Current, and up to Check-In Time

Where: Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room

115 East Fordall Street Henderson, TX 75652

When: February 16, 2018

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m.-entry/check-in

11:00 a.m.-judging begins Around 2:00 p.m.-pick up

Entry Fee: \$1.00

Age Divisions: Junior - 6-11 years old

Intermediate -12-13 years old

Senior-14-18 years old Adults-19 plus

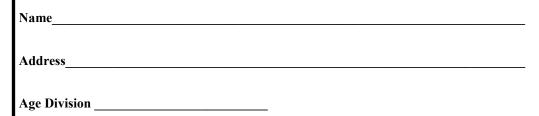
****Any dessert not picked up by 5:00 p.m. will be discarded**** For more information contact the Rusk County Extension Office at 903-657-0376



- Desserts must contain cherries.
- 2. 3. 4. 5. Recipes may be from a mix or from scratch.
- Canned, dried, fresh, or frozen fruit may be used.
- Desserts include pies, cakes, cookies, bread, etc. Contest is open to all Rusk County Citizens.
- Recipes must be attached to bottom of dish with the name on back of recipe. Recipes will not be returned. Recipes may be compiled into a recipe book at a later date.
- Desserts will be judged on appearance, taste, and originality.
- Participants must complete an entry form and submit with \$1.00 fee to the Extension Office at check-in.
- Entry fee goes toward annual Rusk County Extension Education Club sponsored scholarships for Rusk County residents.

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Cherry Dessert Contest Entry Form





Leverett's Chapel



CONNECTING THOSE WHO PROTECT US

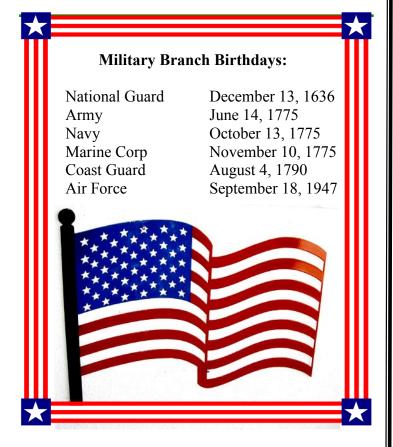
Cell Phones For Soldiers began in 2004 as the idea of two patriotic kids who wanted to give back to the men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting us each and every day. To date the charity has provided more than 220 million *Minutes That Matter* to our troops serving around the world.



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.





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



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http://www.kwrdonline.com/

Until next time —

Davis



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