

Rusk County student wins grand champion food creation



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The annual Harvest Festival and Livestock Show was held Oct. 24-27, in Longview exhibiting the livestock, shop and home economics project entries from FFA, FCCLA and 4-H youth from Upshur, Smith, Gregg, Rusk, Harrison and Marion counties.

During the Home Economics Competition Rusk County 4-H'ers competed in the various divisions which included:

fine arts, handcrafts, photography, poetry, pumpkin contest, homemade salsa contest, clover kid poster contest and "Berries" Food Creation.

The 2018 Grand Champion Honor in the "Berries" Food Creation went to Brandelyn Cochran-Rusk County 4-H'er for her "Christmas Fudge."

By receiving the grand champion placing, Cochran prepared a fresh batch of her award winning "Christmas Fudge" for the Saturday night Harvest Festival "Sale of Champions." Her fudge sold for \$800!

Cochran is a seven year member of Rusk County 4-H and the daughter of Brandon and Delana Cochran.



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Brandelyn Cochran with her Grand Champion Home Economics Project at the Harvest Festival Sale of Champions Oct. 27, in Longview.