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Rusk County 4-H'ers participate in two week 'drama camp'



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The newly organized Rusk County 4-H Drama Club recently held a two week "Drama Camp" focusing on "Theater and Performance Arts" with a total of 19

campers meeting each day beginning on July 15, at the Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room.

While many associate the 4-H program with animal projects the program offers so much more, and theater and performance arts is just one example.

In theater and performance arts, 4-H members may participate in skits through acting, or showcase other talents such as vocal performance, play an

instrument, dance, read poetry, conduct puppetry... and more! The best part of the program is the chance to have fun and getting to share that excitement with others!

Through the project, 4-H members develop a spirit of cooperation, develop self-confidence through public performance, discover and develop their talents, and grow socially, culturally and develop their leadership skills. But most importantly, theater and performance arts is about having fun!

During the Rusk County Drama Camp, the camp-

ers focused on team building and public speaking exercises. Guest teachers included Michelle Norris of ArtsView Children's Theatre in Longview and Skylar Brumit who worked with the 4-H'ers on the topic of "Movement."

To close the end of the first week the group traveled to Kilgore College to view the children's play, "The Girl Who Cried Throgmonster" at the Texas Shakespeare Festival.

Week 2, began with the group delivering supplies collected as part of their community service project to ArtsView Children's Theatre in Longview

and a tour of the theatre.

The remaining week focused on rehearsals for the play, "Home of the Unwanted."

This play was written and directed by Rusk County 4-H'er Hannah Jane Parrott and performed by the following members of the Rusk County 4-H Drama Club on July 27, the final day of camp: BJ Matlock as Assistant Director, Kierston Stone as Delilah, Wayne Stark as Xander, Diana Canenquez as Jaycee, Nineveh Hughes as Vera, Ben Green and Charlie Rodriguez as Guards, Leah Green as Mrs. Kenniston, Jordis Stark as Mrs. Jenkins.