

RC 4-H hems up the competition at District V Fashion Showcase

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With the arrival of spring, Rusk County 4-H'ers prepared for the District V 4-H Fashion Showcase which was held on the afternoon of Saturday, May 1st, at Cross Brand Cowboy Church in Tyler. The county 4-H'ers competed in the following competitions: the traditional Fashion Show, Natural Fiber Competition, Fashion Storyboard, Textile/Fabric Creations, Duds to Dazzle.

The traditional 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles Project. With this project, members gain knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, and poise in front of others. Also during this individual competition, the 4-H member either buys or sews an outfit for competition. By interviewing with a panel of judges, the member also grows in their personal presentation skills.

At the district contest, the following 4-H'ers earned key wins: Junior Division-Buying-Special Interest-Kara McKee-1st place

Intermediate Division-Buying-Semi-Formal to Formal-Macey Rutherford-1st place;

Construction-Everyday Living-Kaylee White-1st place

Senior Division-Buying-Semi-Formal-Formal-Hannah Jane Parrott-1st place; Construction-Everyday Living-Amelie White-1st place; Construction-Natural

Fiber-Wool/Mohair/Alpaca-Brandelyn Cochran-1st place

For the individual competition of 4-H Fashion Storyboard, a 4-H'er can show their creativity by designing a wearable item, jewelry, home furnishings, or home decor, and then they can illustrate their vision on a storyboard. In the Junior Division-Home Furnishings Category, Andrew White placed 1st. In the Intermediate Division-Wearable Category, Kaylee White placed 1st. In the Senior Division-Wearable Category, Brandelyn Cochran placed 1st, and in the Jewelry Category, Amelie White placed 1st.

In the Textile/Fabric Creations Contest-Junior Division, Kara McKee placed 1st in the Pet or Doll Clothing Category; Intermediate Division, Abigail Clifton placed 1st in the Jewelry Category, Olivia Clifton placed 2nd in the Pet or Doll Clothing Category, Kaylee White placed 1st in the Home Decor Category and Macey Rutherford placed 2nd in the Home Decor Category; Senior Division, Brandelyn Cochran placed 1st in the Bedding Category.

And finally, Duds to Dazzle...this competition has taken another step in expanding the learning experience by "going green" through the introduction of eco-fashion.

Duds to Dazzle allows participants to exhibit knowledge and skills gained through their 4-H Clothing & Textiles project by designing, constructing, and presenting a finished product; provides participants with learning opportunities; promotes teamwork; helps 4-H members gain experience in public

speaking; provides leadership opportunities for young people; and assists youth in gaining an appreciation for recycling textiles so that they do not end up in the waste stream.

During this high-energy competition, 4-H-ers have 60 minutes to let their creativity shine by designing either a wearable, non-wearable, or accessory. The event concludes with a presentation before a panel of judges. Rusk County had two teams compete in the event, and they were: the Intermediate Team, "Hemming Heroes" and the Senior Team, "Eye of the Needle".

The "Hemming Heroes" (Intermediate team) placed 1st and included team members: Kaylee White, Macey Rutherford, Abigail Clifton. This team was also awarded the distinction of "Best Team Name". The Senior Team - "Eye of the Needle" placed 1st and ADVANCES to STATE and included team members: Brandelyn Cochran, Hannah Parrott, Bailea Reeves, Amelie White. As with all 4-H projects, our amazing Rusk County 4-H parents, grandparents, leaders, and volunteers played a huge role in making the project a success. Congratulations to all of our Rusk County 4-H'ers.

For more information about the Rusk County 4-H Program or for enrollment information, please contact the Rusk County Extension Office at 903-657-0376. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



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Rusk County 4-H Senior Duds to Dazzle Team - "Eye of the Needle" (Bailea Reeves, Amelie White, Hannah Jane Parrott, Brandelyn Cochran) 1st place-District V 4-H Duds to Dazzle Team - Advancing to State



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Rusk County 4-H Intermediate Team - "Hemming Heroes" (Abigail Clifton, Macey Rutherford, Kaylee White) 1st place-District V 4-H Duds to Dazzle Team