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Recordkeeping is a very valuable skill taught to members of the 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep project records and have these records reviewed annually by submitting a Texas 4-H Recordbook. The primary purposes of completing a recordbook are for the 4-H'er to develop the skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on their experiences, and to set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit, especially for the senior 4-H member, is to prepare them for the process of completing quality academic scholarship applications.

On May 14th, Dr. Montza Williams, Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist, from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension presented a 4-H Recordbook Workshop to Rusk County 4-H members at the Rusk County Extension Office Meeting Room in Henderson.

The following are the many category options that a 4-H'er may choose from when competing in the 4-H Recordbook Competition: Beef; Citizenship & Civic Education; Clothing & Textiles; Communication & Expressive Arts; Companion Animal; Consumer Animal; Consumer Education; Dairy; Family Life; Entomology; Food & Nutrition; Gardening & Horticulture; Goat; Health; Horse; Housing & Home Environment; Leadership; Natural Resources; Personal Development; Photography; Plant & Soil Science; Poultry; Public Speaking; Rabbit; Recreation; Safety; Science, Engineering, & Technology; Sheep; Shooting Sports; Swine; Veterinary Science; Wildlife & Fisheries.

Congratulations to the following Rusk County 4-H'ers for completing a 4-H Recordbook and competing on the county level for the 2014-2015 year: Winter Curry - 1st Place Jr. Poultry; Bailea Reeves - 2nd Place Jr. Poultry; Brandelyn Cochran - 1st Place Jr. Clothing & Textiles; Hannah Jane Parrott - 2nd Place Jr. Clothing & Textiles; Ashleigh Sugg - 1st Place Int. Sheep; Turner Sugg - 1st Place Jr. Sheep; Brayden Reeves - 1st Place Int. Wildlife; Blane Reeves - 1st Place Jr. Wildlife; Dalton McKee - 1st Place Int. Horticulture; Kalyn Watt - 1st Place Sr. Beef. The first place in each recordbook category will advance to the District V 4-H Recordbook Judging in mid-July, and each county recordbook participant will be recognized with a special award at the Rusk County 4-H Awards Banquet in October.

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