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National 4-H Week

Friday was the start of National 4-H week. It is a week that allows the local and county 4-H clubs to have the opportunity to showcase what they have gained from their membership in 4-H through activities and events. It is also a way for the community to better understand what 4-H has to offer.

The first 4-H club in Texas was started in 1908, and has since grown to over 55,000 Texas youth enrolled in 4-H clubs across the state. Another 600,000 get involved through special educational programs in the schools, or after school programs. 4-H gives them the opportunity to get involved in a broad range of programs that stretches to practically any interest a youth may have.

Rusk County 4-H members are looking for ways they can give back to the community. So on Friday, October 9th at 10:00 a.m., to celebrate the Texas A&M Forest Service's 100th Anniversary, One-Day 4-H will have a "featured service project" for the first time in the service events seven year history. The Forest Service is providing one Bur Oak Tree to each county across the state to be planted as a gift to the citizens of the county.

Also, during National 4-H week Tractor Supply will have its Paper Clover Fundraiser which will allow anybody who is shopping at their local Tractor Supply to donate a dollar which goes 100% to benefiting 4-H. The fundraiser runs from October 7th to October 18th. 4-H clubs will have the opportunity to sell paper clovers to help raise funds for the county 4-H clubs.

Thanks for reading, and if you have time during the week drop by Tractor Supply and get a paper clover. It's for a good cause and helps support the kids in Rusk County, and will only cost you a dollar. Also, if you are out and about on Friday morning come by the Depot Museum for the tree planting, the tree is for the citizens of Rusk County so anyone is welcome to attend. I hope everybody has a great National 4-H Week. If you would like more information about the Extension Service or the 4-H program, please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at 113 East Fordall Street, Henderson, or call 903-657-0376.

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