



*"To Make The Best Better"*

**RAINS 4-H CLUB**

**August-September 2017**

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# THE 4-H TIMES

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## RAINS 4-H CLUB BACK TO SCHOOL MEETING

Thursday, August 24, 2017

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Conference Center

6:00 P.M

This will be the first meeting of the 2017-2018 4-H Year. Join us for a fun-filled evening of water games, food, and fellowship as we kick-off the new 4-H Year.

There will be a brief business meeting to discuss the Rains County Fair Livestock Show and Sale. **Bring a towel!** See you there!

## SEPTEMBER FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Rains County Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M. - Noon

As a Community Service Project, we will then help the Rains County Fair Volunteers with clean-up of the Fairgrounds. Parents can help too!

## 2017-2018 Rains County Club Officers

A special congratulations to our newly-elected officers!

### Senior Officers

President - Colton Franks

Vice-President - Trent Jennings

Secretary - Aubrey Gowin

Reporter - Avery Gowin

Recreation Chairman - Dana Willis

### Junior Officers

President - Emily Cryer

Vice-President - Tate Peacock

Secretary - Sawyer Smith

Reporter - Blake Alexander

Recreation Chairman - Sheldon Smith

# RAINS COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

## Creative Arts Entries

4-H members, parents, and family members please remember to take your Creative Arts entries to the Fairgrounds on **Tuesday, September 5**, or **Wednesday, September 6** from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

## Tips to Make Sale Photographs Better

**Swine exhibitors will need to feed and water pigs before 2:00 P.M. If pigs are a little hungry, they will stand at the feed trough and eat while pictures are being taken.**

We need to keep the sale moving along so that we do not lose any of our buyers. We are trying to make an effort to streamline the arena to make the sale run smoother.

## Rains Fair Books

Rains Fair booklets are available at Austin Bank, City National Bank, Commercial Bank of Texas, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office, Potts Feed Store and Rains County Leader. You can also download forms and pages of the Fair Booklet at the Rains County website at [rains.agrilife.org](http://rains.agrilife.org).

## Livestock Awards

All livestock awards will be given out during the Livestock Show on Friday. This will make the sale start a little earlier, which will in turn be more convenient for our buyers. If you win an award, you may include your award in your picture with your buyer on Saturday evening.

## Recordbooks

Recordbooks **MUST** be delivered to the County Extension Office by **Friday, September 8, 2017 before 4:30 P.M.** Upon their receipt, you will be issued an **Exhibitor Pass**. If your recordbook is not turned in, you will **not** be allowed to show your animal. **We WILL NOT track you down to get the book.**

**REMINDER: SALE DAY** - All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must be at the Fairgrounds at **1:30 P.M. on Saturday, September 16th to set up the Sale Arena.** Livestock Show sale procedures have been changed somewhat and all the help we can receive will be greatly appreciated.

# RAINS COUNTY FAIR UPDATES (Continued)

## Junior Livestock Show

Lambs and Swine - In place Deadline - Wednesday, September 13, 2017 - 6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
**Animals must be at the Fairgrounds and in a pen by 2:00 P.M.** Official Weigh-In - 4:00-6:00 PM.

## News Briefs

### MAJOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Please see enclosure for all Major Livestock Show information. If you have questions, call the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

### Rains 4-H Scholarship Application

All high school 4-H members need to pick up your Scholarship Points Sheet for the 2016-2017 school year. They are available at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Office.

### State Roundup Results

Aubrey Gowin and Colton Franks recently attended the 2017 Texas 4-H State Roundup in College Station. Results for the Educational Presentation Contest are: Aubrey - 1st Place in Health Category. Colton - 10th Place in Beef Category.

This is a very competitive event. Congratulation to each of them for their hard work and dedication.

### 4-H Concession Booth

By now you should have received a work schedule for the 4-H Concession Booth.

If you cannot work your shift, please contact **Donna Robbins** at **903-473-3021**.

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