



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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WELCOME 2016!

Once again we welcome a new year. With that always comes a sense of renewal for the upcoming year. We are very proud of the success our club has achieved since we started the new 4-H year in August, but there is still a great deal to accomplish in 2016. We highly encourage our members and parents to get involved in our club! This means attending the monthly meetings, reading the 4-H Times and participating in the projects and activities. For Senior 4-H members, this means scholarship points!

Immediately following the regular meeting, we will have a brief meeting to discuss the Educational Presentation Contest. Please plan on staying if you will be participating in this contest. We need parent volunteers and members who want to get involved. Please remember, our club is only as strong as its members.

We look forward to working with all of you as the Rains 4-H Club continues to grow and prosper in our county.

Denita and Stephen



RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

All 4-H members are urged to plan to attend our first meeting of the new year. Bring a friend and join us for a great meeting!

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Upcoming Livestock Shows

Jan. 9 - Cotton Valley Classic X Jackpot - Panola County Expo Center - Carthage, TX

Jan. 15-Feb. 6 - Fort Worth Livestock Show - Will Rogers Coliseum - Fort Worth, TX

Jan. 16 - Cass County Cattleman's Association Winter Show - Cass Co. Expo Ctr. - Atlanta, TX

Mar. 26 - 21st Annual Lamar County Preview Show - Lamar Co. Fairgrounds - Paris, TX

For additional information regarding any of these shows, please contact our office. You may also visit the following website for upcoming shows: www.area6ffa.org

UPDATES

Scholarship Deadlines

Attention High School Seniors

Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 6, 2016**. Do not forget to have the High School Principal and Counselor fill out their parts.

Attention High School Freshmen to Juniors

Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 6, 2016**.

Facebook

We send a great deal of last-minute updates and information via our Facebook page, so it would be helpful if you have a Facebook account to "like" the Rains 4-H Club Facebook page.



PROJECT NEWS

Educational Presentations

If you are interested in participating in the District Roundup Educational Presentations, please call our office for more information **as soon as possible**. If you are interested in this project, we will discuss it after the January 4-H Meeting. Please be present at this meeting if you are interested in the project.

District IV 4-H Lock-In - January 16-17, 2016

If interested in attending the District IV 4-H Lock-In at Amazing Jakes, 831 N. Central Expressway, Plano, Texas, please contact the office by **January 4th**. (**AGE: 4-H members 13 and up**).

This program will provide the opportunity for 4-H members to meet and get to know 4-H members from across the District, as well as visiting, playing games and dancing. Please visit the District IV 4-H Website for more details. <http://d44-h.tamu.edu/district-events/district-lock-in>.

Food & Nutrition Project Meeting/Food Challenge Project Meeting

The Food and Nutrition Project Meeting/Food Challenge Project Meeting will be held on **February 1, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center. We will also discuss the rules and procedures for participating in the County Food Show Contest. **Please RSVP by January 22nd.**

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