



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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WELCOME 2013!

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 2013. 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 plan on participating. We need parent volunteers and members who want to get involved. 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 24, 2013 at 6:30 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

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

Livestock Judging

This is exciting....We have over 10 youth that will be preparing for the Livestock Judging Contest in the Spring. This project takes a tremendous amount of work and dedication on both the coaches and the participants. We are glad to see that we have several kids committed to hard work.

There will be a Livestock Judging Informational Meeting on **Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2012 at 4:00 PM**. This meeting will not take long, but it is very important for both the parents and 4-H members to be there. We will go over a lot of instruction that day, so please make plans to be there. If you have not signed up for Livestock Judging and would like to do so, please come to the meeting on December 19th. We will start practicing the week after Christmas.

UPDATES

Scholarship Deadlines

Attention High School Seniors

Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 10, 2013**. 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 10, 2013**.

Upcoming Livestock Shows

Saturday, 12/15/12 - 2nd Annual Cooke County 4-H Christmas Classic, Callisburg, TX

Saturday, 12/15/12 - Piggin' In the Permian - Midland County Horseshoe, Midland, TX

Saturday, 1/19/13 - ARK-LA-TEX Classic, Four States Fairgrounds, Texarkana, AR

For additional information, contact our office at 903-473-4580.

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**. The contest will be held **Saturday, May 4, 2013** at Texas A&M - Commerce. If you are interested in this project, we will discuss it after the January 4-H Meeting.

District IV Photography Contest

The deadline to enter the District IV Photography Contest is quickly approaching. Your entry must be in the Extension Office by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013**.

Please contact Denita Young at 903-473-4580 if you are interested in more information on this

Member Achievement

Taylor Young was chosen to be one of thirteen members of the 2012-2013 Texas 4-H Technology Team.

The Texas 4-H Technology Team is a statewide leadership group of the Texas 4-H Program. Its members are selected to serve a one-year term based on their involvement and interest in technology and its integration into the 4-H Program with the possibility to serve a second term. They are responsible for the technology needs at the State 4-H Roundup and other statewide events.

County Food Show

The County Food Show will be held on **Monday, January 14, 2013 at 6:00 PM**. You must call the Extension Office by **Friday, December 14** to enter. Winners will compete at the District Food Show on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Texas A&M University - Commerce.

Entomology Project

Entomology is the study of insects. If anyone is interested in studying these cool bugs, please call the Extension Office by **January 1**. Jolene Cobb has agreed to coach this project. This is a great way for kids to learn something fun and new. If you have any questions on this project, please contact Stephen Gowin at 903-473-4580.

Miscellaneous Updates

Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser

The 1st Annual Rains 4-H Club Christmas Poinsettia Sale in support of the 4-H Scholarship Fund was a huge success. There were 192 plants sold, for a profit of approximately \$800.00.

Congratulation to Ethan Myers who sold 24 plants. He was the 1st Place Winner and for his hard work, he received \$50.00.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this effort. We will sell these plants each year.

Angel Tree Project

We would like to thank the Rains County TEEA groups for providing the cookies, brownies and hot chocolate for the Christmas Around the Square Project. Thanks to several 4-H members and their parents who gave their Saturday morning to this endeavor. We raised \$90.00 for the Angel Tree Project.

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.

AgriLife Website

Please visit our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension website at: rains-tx.tamu.edu. There is information regarding 4-H, i.e., next meeting date, 4-H Times, 4-H calendar, etc.

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