



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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WELCOME 2014!

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 2014. 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 23, 2014 at 6:00 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 4-H members 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 members committed to hard work.

We will be contacting each kid as soon as we have our schedule set. Kelly McCall and Brian Franks have agreed to be the leaders of this Project.

UPDATES

Scholarship Deadlines

Attention High School Seniors

Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 9, 2014**. 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 9, 2014**.

Upcoming Livestock Shows

Saturday, 1/4/14 - 4-H Cash Blowout Jackpot, Rusk County Youth Expo Center, Henderson, TX

Saturday, 1/18/14 - Henderson Lions Club Joe B. Craig Memorial Jackpot Show, Rusk County Youth Expo Center, Henderson, TX

1/17/14 - 2/8/14 - Fort Worth Livestock Show, Fort Worth, TX

For additional information regarding any of these shows, please contact the Office.

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, April 5, 2014** at Texas A&M - Commerce. 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 17-18, 2014

If interested in attending the District IV 4-H Lock-In at Amazing Jakes in Plano, please contact the office by **January 7th**.

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.

Miscellaneous Updates

Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser

The 2nd Annual Rains 4-H Club Christmas Poinsettia Sale in support of the 4-H Scholarship Fund was a huge success. There were 248 plants sold for a profit of approximately \$1,200.00. Congratulations to Chance Cobb who sold 42 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.

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.

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