



*"To Make The Best Better"*

**RAINS 4-H CLUB**

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# THE 4-H TIMES



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## WELCOME 2012!

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 2012. 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!

Our Club Managers Patsy Anderson and Donna Robbins are doing a great job with the club, but they cannot do it alone. They 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 26, 2012** at **6:30 PM** at the AgriLife Extension Office.

East Texas Gator and Wildlife Park will present information about their park and what to do if you capture a wild animal. They will bring a small gator and other animals to see at this event. **Enjoy a Bayou sampling of gumbo after the meeting.**

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!



# UPDATES

## 4-H Opportunity Scholarship

The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program Opportunity Scholarships are awarded each year to applicants based on their 4-H experiences, academic records and financial needs. Approximately 170 scholarships will be awarded in the 2011 Opportunity Scholarship Program ranging in amount for individual scholarships from \$1,150 - \$15,000. Each 4-H member that is awarded a scholarship will receive a minimum of \$1,500. (Applicants must be **seniors** in high school to apply).

Applications are due in the Extension Office by **February 1, 2012**. For additional information, or to receive an application, contact Stephen Gowin or Denita Young at 903-473-4580.

## Lake Country Neighbors Appreciation Luncheon

The 4-H Officers and their parents helped host the Appreciation Luncheon for the Lake Country Neighbors as a thank you for the Hee-Hawg Fundraiser. It was a huge success! The Officers served the ladies each course of the meal. We were able to use the new dishes, silverware and glasses they purchased for us. The ladies once again complimented our members and their parents. A huge thank you to all the parents that helped with the food and clean up!

## Scholarship Deadlines

### **Attention High School Seniors**

Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Tuesday, May 1, 2012**. 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 **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**.

## AgriLife Website

You are encouraged to visit our AgriLife Extension website at: **rains-tx.tamu.edu**. There is an entire section for 4-H, to include the next Meeting Date, 4-H Times, Officers, Livestock Updates, the 4-H calendar, etc.

# PROJECT NEWS

## Educational Presentations

If you are interested in participating in the District Roundup Educational Presentations, please contact our office for more information **as soon as possible**. The contest will be held **Saturday, April 28, 2012** at Texas A&M - Commerce.

## District IV Photography Contest

The deadline to enter the District IV Photography Contest is quickly approaching.

Your entry must be in the Extension Office **FEBRUARY 13, 2012**.

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

## Member Achievement

**Trent Jennings** - North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY. Dairy Show - 2nd and 7 in Class.

**Ashley Jennings** - North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY. Participated in the Open Dairy Show with Jersey Heifer.

As some of you know, at our October 2011 4-H Meeting, we discussed recognizing youth for Member Achievements. If you would like to be recognized, parents can obtain the forms through the Extension Office.

## Fashion Show Project Meeting

Are you interested in shopping? Do you love fashion? If so, mark your calendar to be at the Texas AgriLife Building on Monday, **February 27, 2012** at 6:30 PM. We are holding a Fashion Show Project Meeting. We will have some fun activities that will teach you knowledge about fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, good grooming, understanding of styles, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills. Call the office at 903-473-4580 and RSVP.

**DEEP IN THE HEART - Official Release Date in ALL TEXAS CINEMARK THEATERS is February 17th.**

“Deep in the Heart” reveals the true-life story of Mr. Richard “Dick” Wallrath. No one person has ever given more financially to the Texas 4-H and Texas FFA Scholarship Programs than Dick Wallrath. He has also provided tremendous financial assistance to 4-H and FFA members through major livestock show premium auctions.

It would be wonderful if our Extension and 4-H Family support this emotion-packed documentary of Dick’s life for two reasons. First, it could have an impact on your own life. And secondly, because of Mr. Wallrath’s continued generosity, a portion of all ticket sales will go to both Texas 4-H and Texas FFA to further strengthen their much needed scholarship programs.

(For your information, Cinemark Theaters are in the following areas: Allen, Dallas, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Paris, Plano and Rockwall).



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