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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club October meeting will be held Thursday, **October 26, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center. It will be a fun, Halloween-themed meeting. There will be a costume contest if you are interested, but certainly not required! We will also have a mini-pumpkin decorating contest, with more prizes for the winners! We will have hot dogs and smores!

See you there!

4-H CLUB TEE-SHIRTS

If you did not order or purchase a tee-shirt recently and are interested in doing so, please visit the office and place your order and pay in advance. The cost is \$8.50 per shirt. Once there are approximately 12 persons on our list, we can place another order.

POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

We will once again be selling poinsettias as a fundraiser for our scholarship fund. This was a huge success last year and we look forward to another great year. You will receive your order form in the mail and by e-mail.

District IV Photography Contest

Calling all photographers! It is time to enter your photos in the District IV Photography Contest. You may go to <https://d44-h.tamu.edu/event/photography/> for the category descriptions. We will enter your photos in 4-H Connect, but we must have your actual photographs in the Extension Office by **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

State Fair of Texas

Members of the Rains County 4-H Program will be competing at the State Fair of Texas during the month of October. We wish all of you the best of luck.

Livestock Checks and Outstanding Fee Bills

Remember the rule that was placed in the Market Livestock Show Rule Book. **Rule #14 states:** If the 4-H or FFA member has charged their feed at the local feed store, then the check will be made payable to the youth **AND** the Feed Store. If all debts are not paid, the child will not be eligible for next year's show.

Major Show Entry Deadlines

The major show entry deadline is **Friday, November 3, 2017** In order to participate in major shows, you must submit an entry form by this date.

Please print all rules as they pertain to your Show. You can check the following show websites to download entry forms, rules, and regulations.

www.sarodeo.com

www.hlsr.com

www.rodeoaustin.com

www.fwstockshowrodeo.com

www.sanangelorodeo.com

Beef Heifer Validation

Please e-mail scanned originals of Beef Heifer papers by **October 20th** to Stephen Gowin, or bring the original papers to the office by then for us to scan. The cost of validation is \$15.00 per heifer. The validation will be held on **October 23, 2017** from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

Record Books

Your livestock record books may be picked up at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office, 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory between 7:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. If they are not picked up by **November 1**, we will dispose of them.

SUCCESS STORIES

Rains County Fair

Congratulations to all the 4-H participants in the Rains County Fair. You did a great job! We are so proud of all your efforts. Special thanks to all the parents who were so helpful and cooperative.

Volunteer Booth

Thank you to all the Parents and 4-H members who worked in the 4-H Booth during the Rains County Fair. This fundraiser supports all of our 4-H Programs throughout the year. This project is successful because of your support and help.

A very special thank you to Donna Robbins who tirelessly coordinated and supervised our 4-H Booth. We greatly appreciate your continued efforts and assistance!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rains County Fair Buyers Appreciation Reception

The success of the Rains County Fair Livestock Show can be credited to the generosity of our buyers. In an effort to show our appreciation to this wonderful group of men and women, our 4-H and Youth Development Committee has voted to hold a Buyers Appreciation Reception in conjunction with our annual Awards Banquet.

During these tough economic times, it is even more important to reach out to the people that make this sale possible, and this is the perfect opportunity to do so.

At this reception, we will recognize the buyers and each 4-H member will personally hand their thank you cards to their respective buyer. We will then present 4-H awards, and lastly, we will present the livestock checks to the 4-H members.

You have received information in the mail recently, which includes your child's information for their thank you notes.

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