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# RAINS 4-H CLUB

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# THE 4-H TIMES



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## RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club October meeting will be held Thursday **October 23, 2014 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! There will be a prize for the winning costume. We will also have a mini-pumpkin decorating contest, with more prizes for the winners!

We will also be discussing the upcoming Archery Program, District Photography Contest, and our Rains 4-H Buyers Appreciation Dinner. See you there!

### 4-H Community Service Sew Day

We are having a Sew Day on Tuesday, **October 28** to sew stockings for the Angel Tree recipients. The project starts after school and we will be done by 6:00 p.m. The club will provide all the sewing materials and snacks. Please call the Extension Office and sign up by October 22 if you plan on participating. We **MUST** know in advance if you are coming.

### DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photographs are due in our office by Monday, December 1 for the District Photography Contest. Remember, this year they must be submitted via a flash drive. The Rains 4-H Club will pay the entry fee for your first photograph, but each additional photograph costs \$.50 payable by the 4-H member. A complete set of the rules and contest categories may be picked up at the Extension Office.

# 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. 4-H members will be participating in the Beef Heifer Show.

We wish all of you the best of luck. The results will be published in the November 4-H Newsletter.

## 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 7, 2014**. 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](http://www.sarodeo.com)

[www.hlsr.com](http://www.hlsr.com)

[www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com)

[www.fwstockshowrodeo.com](http://www.fwstockshowrodeo.com)

[www.rodeoaustin.com](http://www.rodeoaustin.com)

## 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.

## Beef Heifer Validation

Please email scanned originals of Beef Heifer papers to Stephen Gowin by **Oct. 15th**, or bring the original papers to the office by then for us to scan. The cost of validation is \$10.00 per heifer.

# PROJECT NEWS

## Rains 4-H Archery

Please call the Extension Office by **December 15th** to sign up for the Rains 4-H Archery Program. We will begin classes at the end of January or first of February.

## Rains 4-H Entomology

Please contact our office by **October 20th** if you are interested in the Entomology Project (study of bugs). Mrs. Cobb will be teaching the class after school. Classes will be held in her classroom at the High School. This will be a fun project!

# UPDATES

## 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. Thanks to all the parents who were so cooperative and helpful.

### 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 help and support.

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

## National 4-H Week

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 6 - 10, 2014**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rains County Fair Buyers Appreciation Dinner

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 Dinner 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 dinner, 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 will receive more information in the mail in a few days. It will also include your information for your thank you notes.

## 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 at the October 4-H meeting.

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