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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 October 4-H Meeting will be held on Thursday, **October 25, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Scott and Denita Young. You will be treated to Scott's Rains County Fair Award Winning chili! There will be other fun Halloween treats and even a good old-fashioned kid-friendly Halloween movie under the stars. Please bring your lawn chairs and drinks for your family.

Bring a friend and enjoy us for a great meeting and family fun! In order to ensure we have enough chili, please call the office at 903-473-4580 and let us know if you are coming. You may also call the office for directions. See you then!

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 8-12, 2012

### THANK YOU - 4-H BOOTH WORKERS

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.

This is our only fundraiser which provides the funds for our awards banquet, project meetings, Roundup Contest fees and monthly 4-H Meetings. However, this year we had too many parents not show up to work their shift. It put an extreme burden on other parents because they had to cover your shift, as well as their own.

So there will definitely be some changes in our procedures next year to ensure that every parent does their part for our club. More details will be coming soon.

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!

# 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 Breeding and Market Swine Show, Market Sheep, Market Goat and Dairy and Beef Heifer.

We wish each 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 Monday, **November 5, 2012**. 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 Extension Office, 410 Tawakoni Drive in Emory between 7:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

# PROJECT NEWS

## 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 helpful and cooperative.

Checks for the Junior Livestock Sale will be mailed as soon as all 4-H members have provided their thank you notes for their buyers, belt buckle sponsors and additional money added to the sale price.

Thank you notes, along with stamped, addressed envelopes, should be turned in by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012**. The card for your **Main Buyer** needs to be large enough to hold a 4X6" photograph. **This card should have sufficient postage on it.** We will put the picture in the envelope once it is received from the photographer. Thank you cards for Add-on Buyers can be a small, note-size card and **also require stamps.**

**PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT CHECKS BEFORE THANKSGIVING!**

## Livestock Judging

We will be putting together Livestock Judging Teams for the upcoming 4-H Year. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Stephen Gowin by **November 16th**. We will begin practicing sometime in December.

## One-Day 4-H Project

This year the Rains 4-H Club's One Day 4-H Project will be a Canned Food Drive for the Good Samaritans. We will take these items during the Lake Country Neighbors Three Hog Night event. The event will be held on **Saturday, October 13, 2012** at the Rains County Fairgrounds. So we need parents and 4-H members to volunteer to come and help. Don't forget how generous this event was to our Club last year, so we need to help give back to another group this year. We will also be taking orders for our Pecan and Poinsettia Fund-raisers. Please call the office ASAP and sign up to help!

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