



"To Make The Best Better"

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 on Thursday **October 24, 2013 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 carving contest, with more prizes for the winners!

We will also be discussing the upcoming Food & Nutrition Project meeting, District Photography Contest, and our Rains 4-H Club Buyer Appreciation Dinner. See you there!

Food & Nutrition Project Meeting

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. for a Food & Nutrition Project meeting. Teresa Runion will be our guest presenter on cake decorating. Each 4-H member will have their own cake decorating kit and get hands-on training on how to decorate cakes like a professional! The cost of \$5.00 covers your kit that you will be able to take home with you.

This is a fun experience, so don't miss out! Please call our office at 903-473-4580 by Friday, October 25, 2013 to reserve your kit.

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Photographs are due in our office by **Friday, November 8** 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 one 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 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 **Thursday, November 7, 2013**. 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.sanangelorodeo.com

www.fwstockshowrodeo.com

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.

National 4-H Week

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 7-11, 2013

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.

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!

State 4-H Council News

Taylor Young, State 4-H Council 2nd Vice-President, along with the other State Officer teams from 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA were recognized this past weekend at an Honor Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Dallas. The banquet was hosted by the State Fair of Texas and Dairy Farmers of America. Texas Tech University also hosted a reception before the dinner. Officers were presented their official green jacket and State Council ring prior to the event.

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 call the office and sign up with Sue by **November 1st**. We will begin practicing some time in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rains County Fair Buyer 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 get your order form at the October 4-H meeting.

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