

## 4-H is More Than the County Fair

Oftentimes the perception of the 4-H Club is a bit skewed. Many people associate the program with showing animals at the Rains County Fair or entering a baked good in the Creative Arts Contest. While these are two great projects, the Rains 4-H Club is about many other wonderful projects and activities. We offer a variety of project experiences for our members in the areas of food & nutrition, photography, archery, public speaking, and sewing. However, probably one of the most important things we offer our youth is the opportunity to participate in leadership and community service projects and activities.

We strongly believe that our greatest mission is to prepare our youth to go out into the world and use their strengths, talents, and passions to make the world a better place. The key to that is teaching them the importance of giving back to others in our community. That in turn teaches them about acceptance, compassion, and love for other people. Recently, members of the Rains 4-H Club participated in a project sew day to create quilt squares that would be pieced together to create a beautiful patriotic quilt that would be given to a veteran at the Lake Country Neighbors Veterans Thank You Program.

On Tuesday, July 11 some of the members that made the quilt were honored to attend the program and personally present it to a veteran. Mr. Billy Trimble of Emory was the lucky winner of the Rains 4-H Club quilt. It was a very touching moment for the entire group. The club would like to thank members of the Rains TEEA Piecemakers Club for their support and encouragement of this project, as well as, the ladies of Lake Country Neighbors for allowing them to be a part of such a wonderful event.

If you know anyone who is interested in joining the Rains 4-H Club, please contact us for more information at the AgriLife Extension Office at 903-473-4580 or visit us at [rains.agrilife.org](http://rains.agrilife.org). We are also on Facebook at [facebook.com/Rains4HClub](https://facebook.com/Rains4HClub). Go and “Like” our page to keep up with the latest news, events, and programs offered by the Rains 4-H Club in Rains County.