



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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AUGUST 4-H CLUB MEETING

The August 4-H Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brian and Angela Franks. We will have a brief business meeting and then enjoy a swimming party. You will need your swimsuit, towel, and lawn chairs. Each family whose last name begins with A - M, please bring a bag of chips and those from N - Z, bring a dessert. Each family needs to bring their own water, soft drinks, or tea. RSVP to our office if you plan on attending. Maps are available at our office.

RAINS 4-H CLUB AWARDS BANQUET

The Rains 4-H Club Awards Banquet will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at the AgriLife Extension Service Building in Emory.

All 4-H'ers and parents are invited to attend. Please bring a dessert.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY AUGUST 3, 2012 TO 903/473-4580.

2012-2013 Rains County 4-H Club Officers

The following Rains 4-H Club Officers and Council Delegates were elected to serve the 2012-2013 4-H year at the May 4-H Club Meeting. A special congratulations to our newly-elected officers!

Council Delegates

Taylor Young
Jena McCall

Junior Officers

President - Aubrey Gowin
Vice-President - Judd McCall
Secretary - Colton Franks
Reporter - Trent Jennings
Recreation Chairman - Ashley Jennings

Senior Officers

President - Taylor Young
Vice-President - Jena McCall
Secretary - Chance Cobb
Reporter - Amy Hooker

FAIR PARADE

Fair Parade is Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. Line up at 9:00 a.m. at the lot behind Alco. Watch your email for more details.

RAINS COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

Creative Arts Entries

4-H members, parents and family members please remember to take your Creative Arts entries to the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 4, or Wednesday, September 5 from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. Baked goods and horticulture will be entered from 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 5.

You may get your Rains County Fair Creative Arts Rules and Regulations at: Potts Feed Store, First National Bank, Austin Bank, Hall's Pharmacy, or the Texas AgriLife Extension Office.

Tips to Make Sale Photographs Better

Swine exhibitors will need to feed and water pigs before 2:00 P.M. If pigs are a little hungry, they will stand at the feed trough and eat while pictures are being taken.

We need to keep the sale moving along so that we do not lose any of our buyers. We are trying to make an effort to streamline the arena to make the sale run smoother.

Exhibitors should NOT bring a pig into the sale that is full. You can feed them after the sale.

4-H Concession Booth

You will receive a work schedule for the 4-H Concession Booth soon. **We need additional help on Friday and Saturday of the Rains County Fair!**

If you cannot work your shift, please contact Donna Robbins, Rains 4-H Club Leader, at 903/473-3021.

Livestock Award Changes

All livestock awards will be given out during the Livestock Show on Friday. This will make the sale start a little earlier, which will in turn be more convenient for our buyers. If you win an award, you may include your award in your picture with your buyer on Saturday evening.

Hog Class Changes

Due to the large number of youth that are showing swine again this year at the Rains County Fair, we will once again be adding a fourth class. This will greatly assist in the manageability of the number of swine in the show ring at one time.

News Briefs

Success Stories

State Roundup Results

Three Rains 4-H Club members, along with approximately 3,000 other 4-H members, parents, and volunteers from across the State of Texas, recently attended the 2012 Texas 4-H Roundup at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Kelsey and Chance Cobb and Taylor Young all competed in the Educational Presentations Contest. They all did an outstanding job representing Rains County. Along with their competitions, they were treated to a dance one night and an Aaron Watson concert on the closing night of Roundup. They had a blast and look forward to qualifying to go again next year and hopefully take several other Rains 4-H members with them.

Congratulations!

Major Livestock Shows

See attachment for all Major Livestock Show Information. Questions, call the Extension Office.

Officers

Summer Planning

The Senior and Junior Officers have met twice this year to plan the upcoming Rains 4-H Club Calendar. They have really went all out this year and planned some fun and exciting meetings. You will receive a copy of the 2012 - 2013 Calendar at our meeting in August.

They have also designed a new 4-H t-shirt for our members and parents. More details at the August Meeting.

4-H Scholarship Application

All high school 4-H members need to pick up your Scholarship Points Sheet for the 2012 - 2013 school year. They are available at the Extension Office.

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