



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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WELCOME 2019!

Once again we welcome a new year. With that always comes a sense of renewal for the upcoming year. We are very proud of the success our club has achieved since we started the new 4-H year in August, but there is still a great deal to accomplish in 2019. We highly encourage our members and parents to get involved in our club! This means attending the monthly meetings, reading the 4-H Times and participating in the projects and activities. For Senior 4-H members, this means scholarship points!

We need parent volunteers and members who want to get involved. Please remember, our club is only as strong as its members.

We look forward to working with all of you as the Rains 4-H Club continues to grow and prosper in our county.

Denita and Stephen

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at **6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

We will be showing a 2018 Rains 4-H Club Year-End Review Video. This will highlight our members and various projects that occurred this past year. We will also have a Question/Answer time for those interested in participating in our different projects this year.

All 4-H members are urged to plan to attend our first meeting of the new year. Bring a friend and join us for a great meeting!

PROJECT NEWS

Educational Presentations

It is time to sign up to participate in the Educational Presentations Contest. Please contact the office by **February 1, 2019** with your topic. If this is your first year and you would like to visit with Denita or Stephen for help choosing a topic or with questions, call the office and make an appointment. We look forward to a record number of members participating this year!

Rains 4-H Club County Roundup

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 30, 2019** for the Rains 4-H Club County Roundup. This is the qualifying contest to try and make it to the District Roundup, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 3-4, 2019 in Gainesville.

Poinsettia Sales Update

A special thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser benefitting the 4-H Scholarship Fund. There were 312 poinsettias sold, with a profit of \$1,326.00 for our Scholarship Fund. First Place prize winner of \$50.00 was Blake Alexander who sold 59 plants.

Bell Ringer Project

Thank you to Mrs. Sustaire and Mrs. Cook for chairing the Good Samaritans Bell Ringer Project. We appreciate all their hard work on the project. Also, thank you to the 4-H members and their parents for participating in the project. You all did a wonderful job representing the Rains 4-H Club during the holiday season.

Archery Project

Anyone wishing to sign up for Archery should call the office by **January 31st**.

PROJECT NEWS (Continued)

Operation Christmas Soldier Project

What a blessing! There were 17 Rains 4-H Club members and parents that traveled to the Bull Creek Baptist Church in Lone Oak to participate with the Lone Oak 4-H Club in the Operation Christmas Soldier Project. Both clubs worked together to stuff 500 Christmas Box gifts to be sent overseas to the soldiers serving our country. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship and dinner with the other club. We look forward to partnering with them again next year with a goal of sending 1,000 boxes. Thank you to all those who donated items and helped stuff the boxes.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Upcoming Livestock Shows

Jan. 18 - Feb. 9 - Fort Worth Livestock Show - Will Rogers Coliseum - Fort Worth, TX

Jan. 12 - Cass County Cattleman's Association Winter Show - Cass Co. Expo Center - Atlanta, TX

Feb. 1 - 17 - San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - San Angelo, TX

Feb. 7 - 24 - San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo - San Antonio, TX

Feb. 26 - Mar. 17 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - NRG Park, Houston TX

Mar. 16 - 30 - Rodeo Austin, Austin, TX

For additional information regarding any of these shows, please contact our office. You may also visit the following website for upcoming shows: www.area6ffa.org.

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