



"To Make The Best Better"

RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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WELCOME 2020!

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 2020. 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.

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, January 23, 2020** at **6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

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 Contest

It is time to sign up to participate in the Educational Presentations Contest. Please contact the office by **January 31, 2020** with your topic. If this is your first year and you would like to visit with 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 28, 2020** 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 1-2, 2020 in Commerce.

Poinsettia Sales Update

A special thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser benefitting the 4-H Scholarship Fund. There were 352 poinsettias sold, with a profit of \$1,402.50 for our Scholarship Fund. Presli and Jed Harden, who sold 53 plants, were the First Place prize winners of \$50.00. Congratulations!

Bell Ringer Project

A special thank you to Mrs. Sustaire and Mrs. Cook for chairing the Good Samaritans Bell Ringer Project again this year. We appreciate all their hard work on the project. Also, thank you to the 4-H members and their parents who participated 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 15th**.

Shotgun Project

Anyone wishing to sign up for Shotgun Project should call the office by **January 15th**.

PROJECT NEWS (Continued)

Operation Christmas Soldier Project

What a blessing! There were 21 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 565 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.

District IV Photography Contest Results

Congratulations to the following participants in the District IV Photography Contest.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Categories</u>	<u>Ribbon</u>
Maxton Moore	Junior	Animals-Domestic	White
John McAllister	Intermediate	Animals-Wildlife	White
		Enhanced	White
		Landscape & Nature	White
Mason Moore	Intermediate	Catch-All	White
		Details & Macro	White
		Landscape & Nature	White
Blake Alexander	Senior	Elements of Design	White
		Enhanced	Red
		Landscape & Nature	White
		Night	White
Avery Gowin	Senior	Animals-Domestic	Red
Madison Moore	Senior	Landscape & Nature	White
		People	Red

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Upcoming Livestock Shows

Jan. 11 - Cass County Cattleman's Association Winter Show - Cass Co. Expo Center - Atlanta, TX

Jan. 17 - Feb. 8 - Fort Worth Livestock Show - Will Rogers Coliseum - Fort Worth, TX

Jan. 31 - Feb. 16 - San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo - San Angelo, TX

Feb. 6 - 23 - San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo - San Antonio, TX

Mar. 3 - 22 - Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo - NRG Park, Houston TX

Mar. 14 - 28 - 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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