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THE TIMES

RAINS 4-H CLUB

JANUARY 2021

WELCOME 2021

Once again we welcome a new year. As you are well aware, we have all experienced many challenges this past year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to hold many meetings and projects virtually. This may need to be the “norm” for some time to come. 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 2021. We strongly 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 various projects and activities.

We need parent volunteers and members who want to get involved. 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.

4-H CLUB JANUARY MEETING

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and our inability to hold an in-person event for several attendees according to A&M guidelines, the 4-H Meeting will be held (Virtual) on **Thursday, January 21, 2021** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

GOOD SAMARITANS BELL RINGERS

A special thank you to Maria Cook and Jayde Sustaire for chairing the Good Samaritans Bell Ringer Project again this year. We appreciate all their hard work and time spent on the project. Thanks to all who participated in this venture. You did a wonderful job representing our Club during the holiday season.

PAPERLESS INITIATIVE

In an effort to support conservation and decrease postage, we will be making every effort possible to go “paperless”. The 4-H Times, and any correspondence and forms that require completion, will be sent via e-mail. You will have the capability of completing forms and returning them via e-mail, or you may print and return them in person.

FOOD SHOW DATES

Following are the dates and times for the Food & Nutrition Project Meetings. The 1st Tuesday Meeting will be via Zoom; the 3rd Tuesday Meeting will be in person.



January 5	5:30 P.M.
January 19	5:30 P.M. *
February 2	5:30 P.M.
February 16	5:30 P.M. *
County Food Show	January 30, 2021 (Tentative)
District Food Show	February 20, 2021 (Tentative)

* Indicates in-person Meeting at 5:30 P.M. at the Extension Office

POINSETTIA SALES - 4-H CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

The Poinsettia Sales Fundraiser was very successful again this year. There were 344 plants ordered and sold for a profit of \$1,343.20. Blake Alexander sold 54 poinsettias and received a \$ 50.00. A special thanks to all the 4-H families who participated in this effort. You are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We participated with the Lone Oak 4-H Club in collecting board/card games for Children's Hospital. Several donations were received. Thank you to all 4-H families who generously donated to this worthwhile cause. Some unfortunate children will be able to have games to play with while they are being treated at the hospital. Thanks again.

DISTRICT IV 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Attached is a flyer regarding the 2020-2021 District IV 4-H Photography Contest.

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