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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 2, 2015

Cakes, Cakes, Cakes

We will provide the cakes for the Fire Department Chicken Roast. If you have not already signed up, please call the office by **APRIL 28** and let us know if you can help. This is one of our Community Service Projects, so we encourage everyone to participate. The cakes need to be delivered to the Fire Station by 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 2nd.



RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

Officer Elections: Please sign up at the April 4-H Meeting if you are interested in running for an Officer position.

After the meeting, we will hold a Swine & Lamb Project Clinic.

HAPPY EASTER!

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Show Animal Feeding Clinic

We have set the date of the Swine and Lamb Clinic for **APRIL 23, 2015** immediately following the 4-H Meeting.

Whether you are new to livestock projects or have vast experience, please mark your calendar for this camp. We will be discussing the following: Show Rules, Breeder Information, Facilities, Feeding Program, Health Care and Recordkeeping.

District IV - 4-H Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 15-17, 2015 in Athens**. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the office by **May 1st**.

You must also validate your horses prior to May 1, 2015 to be eligible for this show.

4-H Horse Validation Process - May 1 Deadline

May 1st has and still continues to be the deadline for a 4-H'er to certify a horse.

Beginning in 2009, the term "**validation**" was used for this process, which certifies that the project is owned by the 4-H'er or their sibling, parent, grandparent, or legal guardian. The process validates that the horse is owned and not leased or borrowed.

Horses that are not validated on or before May 1st are **INELIGIBLE** for District and State 4-H Horse Shows!

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2015 Rains County Fair will be held from **September 15-19, 2015**.

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheets mailed to you, you will need to turn them in immediately! We must have them in our possession before you show!

Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES (Continued)

Heifer Validation

As most of you are aware, we began heifer validation for any heifer that you might take to any major show in Texas last fall. We will validate heifers twice per year; once in the Fall and once in the Spring. However, if a heifer is validated once, then they will not have to go through the process again. The spring validations must be completed by the end of June. Validation date will be announced later. Original registration papers will be uploaded to a database by the Validation Committee. Please e-mail scanned originals of Beef Heifer papers to Stephen Gowin by June 1, 2015 or bring original papers to the office by then for us to scan. Once the heifer is purchased, you must register the animal **immediately** in order to have the papers on hand by the end of June. The cost of validation is \$10.00 per heifer.

PROJECT NEWS/UPDATES

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo will be held in Golden, Texas on **April 24, 2015**. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, please contact Sue at the Extension Office, 903-473-4580.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 8, 2015**. Do not forget to have the High School Principal and Counselor fill out their parts.

Attention High School Freshmen to Juniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 8, 2015**.

AgriLife Website

Please visit our Texas A&M AgriLife Extension website at: rains-tx.tamu.edu. There is information regarding 4-H, i.e., next meeting, 4-H Times and calendar, 4-H enrollment forms, etc.

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