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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 7, 2016

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 29** 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 NETO Building located in Heritage Park by 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 7th.

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center. Chance Cobb will lead the program.

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

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheets mailed to you, you will need to turn them in immediately! They were due on April 1, 2016.

Tag-in for steers will be on Sunday, April 17 from 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. at Mike Willis' Farm. Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

District IV - 4-H Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 13-15, 2016 in Athens**. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the office by **April 29, 2016**.

You must also validate your horses prior to **April 29, 2016** 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 not validated on or before May 1st are **INELIGIBLE** for District and State 4-H Horse Shows!

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. 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, 2016** 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. Please let Stephen know how many possible heifers you will have so he can order enough validation materials.

PROJECT NEWS/UPDATES

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo will be held in Golden, Texas on **April 29, 2016**. 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 6, 2016**. 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 6, 2016**.

Educational Presentations

The District IV Educational Presentations Contest will be held on Friday, April 15 at Texas A&M - Commerce. Good luck to: Blake Alexander, Chance Cobb, Colton Franks, Aubrey Gowin, Avery Gowin, Savannah Holley, Ashley Jennings, Trent Jennings, and Chloe Miller.

District Food Show

Aubrey and Avery Gowin will be representing Rains County at the District Food Show on April 15th. Good luck, girls!

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