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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 6, 2017

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 29th** 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 Emory Fire Department by 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 6th.

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

Officer Elections: Anyone interested in running for an Officer position should sign up by April 14. Officer Elections will be held at the April 27th 4-H Club Meeting.



LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2017 Rains County Fair will be held from **September 12-16, 2017**.

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 3, 2017.

Tag-in for steers will be on **Sunday, April 23** 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 3rd** from **8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.** at the **Rains County Fairgrounds**.

Major Steer Show & State Fair of Texas Tags

LAST CALL - Major Steer Show AND State Fair of Texas (Swine, Lamb and Goat) Tag Orders are due no later than **April 7th** with \$15.00 payment to the Extension Office.

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, 2017** 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 **\$15.00** 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 **May 19, 2017**. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, please contact Sue at the Extension Office, 903-473-4580. In order to participate, helpers need to be in high school.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 5, 2017**. 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 5, 2017**.

District Food Show - District IV Roundup Results

The District IV Food Show was held on Friday, March 31st at North Central Texas College in Gainesville. The results are:

Junior Division:

- Emily Cryer - 2nd Place - Grains Category
- Jaycee Ivie - 2nd Place - Dairy
- Caleb Koster - 3rd Place - Protein
- Addyson Ivie - 4th Place - Fruit and Vegetable

Intermediate Division

- Avery Gowin - 1st Place - Fruit and Vegetable
- Sarah Koster - 3rd Place - Grains

Senior Division

- Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place - Grains
- Matthew Koster - 3rd Place - Protein

Congratulations to all participants!

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Educational Presentations Contest - District IV Roundup Results

The Educational Presentations Contest was held on Friday, March 31st at North Central Texas College in Gainesville. The results are:

Junior Division:

Savannah Holley - 4th Place - Open General Category
Emily Cryer - 2nd Place - Open General
Caleb Koster - 1st Place - Open Ag & Natural Resources

Intermediate Division

Armando Ayala - 1st Place - Open General
Avery Gowin - 1st Place - Open FCS
Sarah Koster - 1st Place - Horse
Katie Morrow - 2nd Place - Health
Blake Alexander - 2nd Place - Open Ag & Natural Resources

Senior Division

Colton Franks - 1st Place - Beef
Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place - Health
Trent Jennings - 4th Place - Open Ag & Natural Resources
Ashley Jennings - 5th Place - Open

Congratulations to all participants!

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