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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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FOUNDERS DAY NEWS - MAY 5, 2012

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 **MAY 1st** and let us know if you can help. This is one of our Community Service Projects, so we encourage everyone to participate. They need to be delivered to the Fire Station by 10:00 A.M.

Parade

We need a volunteer to provide a truck and trailer and also people to decorate. If you are able to provide assistance with this project, please call our office.

Fundraiser

We are receiving proceeds from the Rains Founders' Day event. In exchange for the money, we have been asked to help with the Bling on the Cure 5K event. Please call the office and let us know if you can help. We need everyone to work a shift that will be from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

ARCHERY COACH NEEDED

If you know of anyone who is interested in coaching the Archery Club, please call the office immediately.

RAINS 4-H MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on Thursday, **April 26, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. at the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Office on Highway 276 in Emory.

Some of our 4-H members will be doing their presentations for the Educational Presentations Contest. Please come and support them. We will also be discussing the Rains County Fair Livestock Projects.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

4-H Livestock Quality Day Camp

We have **tentatively** set the date of the Quality Counts/Livestock 101 Camp for June 5, 2012. Stephen Gowin is still trying to work out some of the plans, so please stay tuned next month for more details.

Whether you are new to livestock projects or have vast experience, please mark your calendar for this camp. We are holding a show clinic and a Quality Counts training.

District IV - 4-H Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 19 and 20, 2012** in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

If you are interested in attending, please come by the office and sign up by **May 15th**.

You must also validate your horses prior to May 1, 2012 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 4-H Club Member Achievement Records

Houston:

Breeding Beef:

Colton Franks - 1st Place

Jena McCall - 2nd Place

Judd McCall - 2nd Place

Emmaly Fisher - 3rd Place

Bailey Hawkins - 7th Place

Pigs:

Skyler White - 2nd Place

LIVESTOCK UPDATES (Continued)

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2012 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 11-15, 2012**.

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

Steer weigh-in is set for April 15 from 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. at Mike Willis' Farm in Emory.

There is a minimum weight requirement of 500 pounds for steers at initial weigh-in. Steers must show a 2 pound per day weight gain from beginning weigh-in on September 12.

Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

UPDATES

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Tuesday, May 1, 2012**. 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 **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**.

Rains County Kids Fishin' Fair

The Rains County Kids Fishin' Fair (formerly known as Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs) will be held on **MAY 19, 2012** AT 8:00 A.M. at Thousand Trails/South Park on Lake Tawakoni.

This tournament is open to all children 16 years old and younger.

PROJECT NEWS

District IV Photography Contest

The following are the results for the 2012 District IV Photography Contest:

Judd McCall

Animals - Blue

Animals - Red

People - Blue & Best in Class

Jena McCall

Animals - Blue

People - Blue

Nature/Landscape - Red

Chance Cobb

Animals - Blue

Kelsey Cobb

Animals - Blue

Catch-All - Blue

Taylor Young

People - Blue

Catch-All - Blue

Animals - Blue

Plant - Flora

Meagan Anderson

Catch-All - Red

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on **May 4, 2012**.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, please contact Sue at the Extension Office, 903-473-4580, to sign up.

In order to participate, helpers need to be in high school.

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