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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 4, 2013

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. The cakes need to be delivered to the Fire Station by 10:00 A.M.

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.

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

Show Animal Feeding Clinic

We have **tentatively** set the date of the Show Animal Feeding Clinic for **JUNE 8, 2013**. We are planning this following the tag in, so please make arrangements to stay or come back after dropping off your animal.

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. Stephen Gowin is still trying to work out some of the plans, so please stay tuned next month for more details.

District IV - 4-H Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 18 and 19, 2013**. If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the office by **May 3rd**.

You must also validate your horses prior to May 1, 2013 to be eligible for this show.

Rains 4-H Club Member Achievement Records

Check us out on Facebook for a complete list of Major Livestock Award Winners -
Facebook.com/Rains4HClub

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!

LIVESTOCK UPDATES (Continued)

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2013 Rains County Fair will be held from **September 10-14, 2013**.

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

Steer weigh-in is set for April 21 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 11.

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

UPDATES

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 10, 2013**. 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 10, 2013**.

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 18, 2013** 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.

2013 4-H Multi-County Camp

"Cloverology - The Science of 4-H" is this year's theme. Campers will experience 4-H projects and how they relate to science. Camp will be held at Lakeview Baptist Encampment in Lone Star TX on **July 8-10, 2013**. A \$100.00 (non-refundable) registration fee and your camp forms are due to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office by **Friday, May 17, 2013**. Forms are available at our office.

PROJECT NEWS

District IV Photography Contest

The following are the results for the 2013 District IV Photography Contest. Congratulations to our participants.

Amy Hooker

Animals - Domestic - Blue
Animals - Wildlife - Blue (Class Winner)
Details & Macro - Blue (Class Winner)
Digital Darkroom - White
Dominant Color - Blue
Food - Blue
Nature & Landscape - Red
People - Blue
Plant - Flora - Blue

Taylor Young

Details & Macro - Blue
Nature & Landscape - White
Plant/Flora - Red

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held in Golden, Texas on **May 2, 2013**. 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.

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 date, 4-H Times, 4-H calendar, etc.

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