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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 3, 2014

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 3rd** 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 24, 2014 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.

Chance Cobb will be presenting a program on Entomology.



LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Show Animal Feeding Clinic

We have **tentatively** set the date of the Swine and Lamb Clinic for **JUNE 7, 2014**. 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. 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 16-18, 2014 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, 2014 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 2014 Rains County Fair will be held from **September 9-13, 2014**.

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 7th from 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

UPDATES

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 9, 2014**. 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 9, 2014** .

2014 4-H Multi-County Camp

“The Great Outdoors” is this year’s theme. Campers will experience 4-H projects and how they relate to the outdoors. Camp will be held at Lakeview Baptist Encampment in Lone Star ,TX on **July 7-9, 2014**. A \$115.00 (non-refundable) registration fee and your camp forms are due to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office by **Friday, May 16, 2014**. Forms are available at our office.

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, 4-H calendar, 4-H enrollment forms, etc.

PROJECT NEWS

District IV Photography Contest

The following are the results for the 2014 District IV Photography Contest. Congratulations to our participants.

Aubrey Gowin

4-H Projects - Red
Farm & Ranch - Red
Fashion - White

Avery Gowin

4-H Projects - White
Farm & Ranch - White

Judd McCall

4-H Projects - Red
Farm & Ranch - Red
Leading Line - Blue
Shadow - White
Water - White

Jena McCall

4-H Projects - Blue (Class Winner)
Farm & Ranch - Red
Leading Line - White
Shadow - Red
Silhouette - White
Water - Red

Taylor Young

4-H Projects - Red
Farm & Ranch - Blue (Class Winner)

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held in Golden, Texas on **April 25, 2014**. 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.

PROJECT NEWS

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Educational Presentation Winners

Junior Division

Avery Gowin - Open FCS, 2nd Place

Intermediate Division

Aubrey Gowin - Health, 1st Place

Colton Franks - Beef, 1st Place

Trent Jennings - Open Agriculture, 1st Place

Chloe Miller - Open, 1st Place

Senior Division

Chance Cobb - Open Agriculture, 2nd Place

Jena McCall - Beef, 2nd Place

Trevor Miller - Open, 3rd Place

Taylor Young - Open FCS, 1st Place

All of our Senior Division winners will advance on to the Texas 4-H Roundup in June that will be held in College Station. We wish them luck as they represent Rains County!

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