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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FEBRUARY 4-H CLUB MEETING

The February 4-H Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 25, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

Our program will be presented by the East Texas Gator and Wildlife Refuge. Don't miss this great program!

Educational Presentations

If you are interested in participating in the District Roundup Educational Presentations, you will need to have your topic ready to turn in at our February meeting. If you need help selecting a topic, please contact Stephen or Denita prior to the meeting.

COUNTY FOOD SHOW March 15, 2016

Call the Extension Office by **March 4, 2016** to sign up for the County Food Show. If you need help choosing a recipe or have questions, please contact Denita.



LIVESTOCK UPDATES

State Fair of Texas Swine/Lamb/Goat Tags

Swine/Lamb/Goat Tag Orders for the State Fair of Texas are due by **APRIL 1, 2016**. If you plan on showing at the State Fair, you must order a Tag for each animal that you plan on showing. Tags cost **\$10.00 each**.

Major Show Steer Tag Orders

If you are interested in showing steers at any major shows for next year's Show season, you must order and pay for all Tags before **APRIL 1, 2016**. The cost for the Tags is **\$10.00 each**.

SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to our 4-H members who participated in the Fort Worth Livestock Show to date:

Trent Jennings - Class Winner

Ashley Jennings - Champion Sr. Cow And Jr. Showmanship

Colton Franks - 6th Place Simmental Heifer

Dalton Redmon - 4th Place Hereford Heifer

Dana Willis - 5th Place Simmental Heifer

Judd McCall - 13th Place Pulled Hereford Heifer

The following 4-H members are showing market swine and/or market lambs at the Fort Worth Livestock Show the first week of February:

Colby and Kaylee McAree

Hunter Brumit

Chloe Miller

Best of luck to all of them!

UPDATES/PROJECT NEWS

Rains Fair Association Scholarship and Howard Emig Memorial Scholarship Award

Any graduating Senior interested in applying for the Rains County Fair Association Scholarship Award **OR** the Howard Emig Scholarship Award needs to obtain an application through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office or the High School Counselor.

Applications are due **March 25, 2016**.

The Rains Fair Association will award one (1) \$ 500.00 scholarship and the Howard Emig Memorial will award one (1) \$ 1,000.00 scholarship.

Rains 4-H Archery Project Club

The 4-H Archery Project Club will hold its first session on **Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center. The Club will meet on consecutive Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. (weather permitting) through April 20, 2016. An information letter is being mailed to everyone who has previously signed up.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 903-473-4580.

RAINS COUNTY FAIR

It seems like just yesterday, but it is once again time to start thinking about the Rains County Fair. Families need to be making breeder contacts right now. Please do not wait until the last minute.

You will be receiving 4-H Member Enrollment Forms and Rules and Regulations soon.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBER ENROLLMENT FORMS AND SIGN-UP SHEETS WHICH ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2016 FOR THOSE MEMBERS SHOWING AT THE RAINS COUNTY FAIR.

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