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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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MARCH 4-H CLUB MEETING

The March 4-H Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 26, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

Educational Presentations Practice

There will be an Educational Presentations Meeting on **Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 3:45 P.M.** Be prepared to demonstrate your presentation for critiques and feedback. Topics must be turned in to the Extension Office by **March 20.**

Success Stories

Congratulations to our 4-H members who participated in the County Food Show. They will be advancing to the District Food Show on March 6, 2015 at Texas A&M - Commerce.

Those who participated were: Chance Cobb - 1st Place (Senior Protein); Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place (Senior Grains); Haylee Chester - 1st Place (Intermediate Grains); Avery Gowin - 1st Place (Intermediate Fruit and Vegetable); Kaylee McAree - 1st Place (Intermediate Dairy); and Cole Couch - 1st Place (Junior Grains).

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2015 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 15-19, 2015**.

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! They are due by April 1, 2015.

Steer weigh in is set for **Sunday, April 19 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 until ending weigh-in on September 16.

Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

Major Show Steer Tag Orders

If you are planning to carry any steers to any of the major shows next year, you need to purchase ear tags for them. Ear tag orders and the money are due by **April 1st** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office. **The cost of ear tags will be \$10.00 each.**

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!

State Fair of Texas, Swine, Lamb, and Goat Tags

If you are taking any animals to the State Fair of Texas, you must order tags by **April 1st**. **The cost of the tags is \$10.00 each.**

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

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Upcoming Livestock Shows

The 2nd Annual Red River Valley Fair Spring Classic will be held on March 21st at the Lamar County Fairgrounds, Paris. Check in is at 7:30 A.M. Show Time: 10:00 A.M. Entry fee per head is \$20.00. For more information, contact 903-737-2815 **OR** Tracy Denny - tdenny@chisumisd.org.

The 20th Annual Lamar County Preview Show will be held on March 28th at the Lamar County Fairgrounds Paris. Check in is at 7:30 A.M. Show Time: 10:00 A.M. Entry fee: \$20.00. Contact 903-737-2815 **OR** Tracy Denny - tdenny@chisumisd.org or Steve Monkres - smonkres@chisumisd.org.

UPDATES/PROJECT NEWS

Rains Fair Association and Howard Emig Scholarships

Any graduating senior interested in applying for either the Rains Fair Association (\$500) or the Howard Emig Memorial Scholarship (\$500) will need to obtain an application through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office or the High School Counselor. Applications must be turned in by **MARCH 20, 2015**.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 8, 2015**. 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 8, 2015**.

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on **April 24, 2015** in Golden.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, please contact Sue at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office (903-473-4580) to sign up. In order to participate, helpers need to be in high school.

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