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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 24, 2016** at **6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter-themed games. Bring a basket or sack for the Easter Egg Hunt.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

The deadline to sign up for the Educational Presentations Contest is **Friday, March 18**. Please call the office before this date with your topic. Please do not assume we know you are planning on competing. If you have not contacted us with a topic, **you are not officially signed up.**

The contest will be held on **Friday, April 15, 2016** at 4:00 P.M. at Texas A&M University - Commerce.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2016 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 13-17, 2016**.

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheet mailed to you, you will need to turn that in by April 1, 2016. We must have that in our possession before you show!

Steer weigh in is set for **Sunday, April 17 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 14.

Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 4 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** to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office. **The cost of ear tags will be \$10.00.**

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!

LIVESTOCK UPDATES (Continued)

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.

UPDATES/PROJECT NEWS

Rains Fair Association and Howard Emig Scholarships

Any graduating senior interested in applying for either the Rains Fair Association (\$500.00) or the Howard Emig Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000.00) 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 25, 2016**.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 6, 2016**. 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 6, 2016**.

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on **April 29, 2016** 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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