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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 23, 2017** at **6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

OFFICER ELECTIONS - 2017 - 2018

Please sign up by **Friday, April 14** if you are interested in running for an Officer position.

Officers for the 2017 - 2018 Rains 4-H Club will be elected at the April 27, 2017 4-H Meeting. There will be two sets of Officers elected - **SENIOR** and **JUNIOR** Officers. If you are interested in running for Office, you **must** have attended a **minimum** of **3** 4-H Meetings between August 2016 and April 2017.

LCN MARDI GRAS MADNESS SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

A special thank you to the following 4-H members who volunteered at this event on March 4th. The assistance you provided was very much appreciated.

Kasey Cochran
Aubrey Gowin
Ashley Jennings

Kendall Cochran
Avery Gowin
Trent Jennings

Colton Franks
Katie Hooten
Kash Sisk

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2016 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 12-16, 2017**.

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheet mailed to you, you will need to turn that in by April 3, 2017. We must have that in our possession before you show!

Steer weigh in is set for **Sunday, April 23 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 3 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 3rd** to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office. **The cost of ear tags will be \$15.00.**

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 3rd**. The cost of the tags is **\$15.00** 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 24, 2017**.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 5, 2017**. 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 5, 2017**.

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