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# RAINS 4-H CLUB

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# THE 4-H TIMES



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## MARCH 4-H CLUB MEETING

The March 4-H Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, **March 27, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

Our Educational Presentations contestants will be presenting their programs for you. Please come support them as they practice for the District Roundup Contest that will be held at Texas A&M University - Commerce.

### Educational Presentations Practice

Don't forget the Educational Presentations Meeting on **Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 3:45 P.M.** Be prepared to demonstrate your presentation for critiques and feedback.

## Success Stories

Congratulations to our 4-H members who participated in the District Food Show at Texas A&M - Commerce. They did an outstanding job representing our club.

Those who participated were: Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place (Intermediate Grains) and Chance Cobb - 3rd Place (Senior Dairy).

# LIVESTOCK UPDATES

## Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2014 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 9-13, 2014**.

**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, 2014.**

Steer weigh in is set for **Sunday, April 13** 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 10.

**Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 7 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 19th Annual Lamar County Preview Show will be held on March 29th 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 or Steve Monkres - smonkres@chisumisd.org.

The Mineola Junior Livestock Show will be held on April 5, 2014 at the Mineola Meredith Arenas, 1050 West Loop 564, Mineola. Registration: 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Judging begins at 10:00 A.M.

## 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 28, 2014**.

### Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

**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**.

### Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on **April 25, 2014** 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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