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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

**WE WILL NOT HOLD A MEETING IN MARCH DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS.**

The next 4-H Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 26, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

### 4-H REGISTRATION FEE

Per a Directive from the Office of the Director of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, members of Texas 4-H Clubs will continue paying an annual membership fee effective for the 2012-2013 4-H year.

Each 4-H and Youth Development Program year, all youth who register for 4-H membership will be assessed an annual participation fee, which is \$25 per member or an early sign-up rate of \$20 if paid between September 3 and October 31, 2012.

**However, for those who plan on showing at the Rains County Fair, your dues must be paid at least 2 weeks prior to tag-in day, as you must be a registered member of the 4-H Club before we can let you participate in this project. If your dues are not paid, you will not be allowed to tag-in your animal.**

# LIVESTOCK UPDATES

## Rains County Junior Livestock Show Information

The 2012 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 11-15, 2012**.

**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!**

**Steer weigh in is set for April 15 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 on September 12.

**Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 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 2** at the County Extension Office. **The cost of ear tags will be \$8.00 each.**

## 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 2**. **The cost of the tags is \$8.00.**

## 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 that are not validated on or before May 1st are **INELIGIBLE** for District and State 4-H Horse Shows!

# LIVESTOCK UPDATES (Continued)

## Upcoming Livestock Shows

The 17th Annual Lamar County Preview Show will be held on March 24th at the Lamar County Fairgrounds, Paris, TX. Check-in is at 7:30 A.M. Show Time: 10:00 A.M. Entry fee per head is \$15. For more information, contact 903-737-2815 or Tracy Denny (tdenny@chisumisd.org **OR** Steve Monkres (smonkres@chisumisd.org.)

The 1st Annual Four-States 4-H Timed Event Championships will be held on April 27th - 7:00 P.M. at the 4-States Fairgrounds, Texarkana, TX. Entry Fees: \$40 per event and one-time \$10 office fee (cash only). Entry fees will be collected the day of the event. For more information, contact Jimmy Driggers, County Extension Agent, Garland County, at 501-623-6841 or jdriggers@uaex.edu.

The Mineola Livestock Show will be held on **April 7, 2012** at the Mineola Meredith Arenas, 1050 West Loop 565, Mineola. Registration: 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. Showing starts at 10:00 A.M.

## Rains 4-H Club Member Achievement Records

### San Antonio:

Jake Hooten - 4th Place - Swine  
Kash Sisk - 10th Place - Swine  
Skyler White - 10th Place - Swine

### San Angelo:

Colton Franks - 3rd Place - Heifer Futurity  
Emily Hooten - 1st Place - Swine  
Jena McCall - 4th Place - Heifer  
Jena McCall - 5th Place - Heifer  
Judd McCall - 3rd Place - Heifer Futurity  
Judd McCall - 4th Place - Heifer

# PROJECT NEWS

## Educational Presentations

It is time to sign up for the Educational Presentations Contest at Texas A&M - Commerce. We have information packets in the office. The contest will be held on Saturday, April 28 and deadline for

## Founders Day

Please mark Saturday, May 5 on your calendar for Founders Day. Each family needs to donate a cake for the Fire Department Chicken Roast. This is a community service project for our club.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the April 26th 4-H Meeting.

## Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on May 4, 2012 in Golden.

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

## Founders Day Parade

We need a volunteer to provide a truck and trailer and also people to decorate. If you are able to provide assistance with this project, please call our office.

## Fashion Show Contest

If you are interested in entering the Fashion Show Contest at District Roundup, please call and let Denita know by **Friday, March 9, 2012.**

# UPDATES

## Rains Fair Association & 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 Extension Office or the High School Counselor. They must be turned in by **MARCH 23, 2012**.

## Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

**Attention High School Seniors** - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Tuesday, May 1, 2012**. 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 **Tuesday, June 5, 2012**.

# Success Stories

## Food Show Results

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: Avery Gowin - 4th Place; Taylor Young - 3rd Place; Meagan Anderson - 2nd Place, and Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place. Great job!

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