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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 28, 2013** at 6:30 P.M. at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

Chance Cobb will be doing a hands-on demonstration on how to make Fly Fishing Ties. Please bring a pair of needle-nose pliers with you.

Fashion Show Project Meeting

Do you love clothes? Do you love fashion? Then you need to come to the Fashion Show Project Meeting on Thursday, **March 21, 2013** at **5:30 p.m.**

We will discuss the latest trends in fashion and clothing buying. If you are interested in competing in the District Fashion Show Contest, you will also receive information on that event.

Call the office and let us know if you plan on attending.

Educational Presentations Practice

Don't forget the Educational Presentations Meeting on Thursday, **March 21, 2013** at **3:45 p.m.** Be prepared to demonstrate your presentation for critiques and feedback.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2013 Rains County Fair will be held the week of **September 10-14, 2013.**

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, 2013.

Steer weigh in is set for April 21 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 11.

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

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 1** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office. **The cost of ear tags will be \$9.00 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 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 18th Annual Lamar County Preview Show will be held on March 23rd at the Lamar County Fairgrounds, Paris, Texas. 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 **March 30, 2013** 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.

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 1**. The cost of the tags is **\$9.00 each**.

UPDATES

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 Extension Office or the High School Counselor. They must be turned in by **MARCH 29, 2013**.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 10, 2013**. 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 10, 2013**.

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: Avery Gowin - 1st Place; Aubrey Gowin - 1st Place; Chance Cobb - 1st Place. Chance will advance to the State 4-H Roundup at College Station in June.

PROJECT NEWS

Founders Day

Please mark **Saturday, May 4, 2013** on your calendar for Founders Day. Each family needs to donate a cake for the Fire Department Chicken Roast. This a community service project for our club. We will have a sign-up sheet at the April 25th 4-H Meeting.

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup will be held on **May 2, 2013** 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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