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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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THE 4-H TIMES



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RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, **May 24, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

We will be holding Officer elections at this meeting, so please plan to attend.

OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2012-2013

Officers for the 2012-2013 Rains 4-H Club will be elected during the May 24, 2012 4-H Club Meeting. Two sets of Officers will be elected - Senior and Junior Officers.

Senior Officers must be at least 14 years old by August 31, 2012. Junior Officers will be younger than 14 as of August 31, 2012. The following Officers will be elected: (A Senior and a Junior set): President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter and Recreation Chairman.

If you would like to be considered for an Officer, you must sign up by **May 18, 2012**.

ARCHERY COACH NEEDED

If you know of anyone who is interested in coaching the Archery Club, please call the office immediately.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.

Market hogs must weigh 220 to 270 pounds with a 5-pound allowance at ending weigh-in on September 12.

District IV 4-H Horse Show

The District IV 4-H Horse Show will be held on **June 19 and 20, 2012** in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the office by **May 15th**.

You must also validate your horses prior to May 1, 2012 to be eligible for this show.

Hog and Lamb Scales

The 4-H hog and lamb scales are kept at the Extension Office on Highway 276 in Emory. These scales are for your use. If anything breaks on the scales, please be sure to tell Stephen Gowin, so that they can be repaired.

The scales will be on a trailer from now on and they will be locked at all times. You must call the office to check them out.

If you check out the scales from the Extension Office, please be sure to return them **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

PROJECT NEWS

Project Visits

If you would like Stephen Gowin, or the Ag Science teachers, to come out and look at your projects during the summer months, please contact our office at 903-473-4580.

Stephen plans to visit each 4-H member. However, if he does not know where you live, he will be unable to visit. If you are a new member, please call the office to provide directions to your home.

Summer Project Camps

June 5, 2012 - Livestock 101 Camp will be held. Registration will start at 8:30 A.M and program will begin at 9:00 A.M. We will tour the Whispering Pines Processing Facility and then tour a local livestock operation. We will return to the Extension Office for lunch and then adjourn by 12:30 P.M.

July 16, 2012 - "Quilt Block" Project Day. 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Cost: \$5.00.

July 23, 2012 - Sewing Community Service Project. Members will make house shoes for residents at Senior Suites Nursing Home for Grandparents Day. 9:00 A.M. - TBA. Cost: \$5.00.

Items from both projects will be entered in the Creative Arts Contest at the Rains County Fair.

Educational Presentations Results

Six Rains 4-H Club members participated in the District IV Educational Presentations on Saturday, April 28 at Texas A&M - Commerce. This was the first time for some of these 4-H'ers to ever compete in this contest and they all did an outstanding job!

Kelsey Cobb - 1st Place - Safety & Injury Prevention

Colton Franks - 1st Place - Beef

Trent Jennings - 1st Place - Open Ag & Natural Resources

Taylor Young - 1st Place - Open FCS

Chance Cobb - 3rd Place - Open Natural Resources

Jena McCall - 3rd Place - Beef

Fashion Show Results

Ashley Jennings - 2nd Place - Buying Specialty

Jena McCall - 2nd Place - Buying Specialty

Updates

4-H Awards Banquet

Please mark your calendar for the 4-H Awards Banquet which will be held on **Thursday, August 9, 2012** at 7:00 P.M. at the AgriLife Extension and Conference Center. Invitations will be mailed at a later date.

2012 4-H Multi-County Camp

The 2012 4-H Multi-County Camp will be held at Lakeview Baptist Encampment in Lone Star, TX on **July 9-11, 2012**. A \$100.00 (non-refundable) registration fee and camp forms are due to the County Extension Office by **May 20, 2012**. This camp is open to all 4-H members.

Rains County Kids Fishin' Fair

The Rains County Kids Fishin' Fair (formerly known as Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs) will be held on **MAY 19, 2012** at 8:00 A.M. at Thousand Trails/South Park on Lake Tawakoni.

This tournament is open to all children 16 years old and younger.

Rains 4-H Club Awards Applications

Awards applications may be picked up at the Extension Office for the Gold Star, Junior Bronze Star, Intermediate Silver Star, Rookie of the Year, and the Danforth "I Dare You" Awards. Applications must be turned in to the Extension Office by **Friday, May 18, 2012**. **No exceptions!**

Success Stories

State Qualifiers

Congratulations to Kelsey Cobb, Chance Cobb, Jena McCall and Taylor Young for qualifying to advance to State Roundup in Lubbock in the Educational Presentations Category. Good Luck!

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