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THE 4-H TIMES



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FEBRUARY 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 23, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. at the AgriLife Extension Service Office.

Fashion Show Project Meeting

Are you interested in shopping? Do you love fashion? If so, mark your calendar to be at the AgriLife Extension Service on **Monday, February 27, 2012** at 6:30 P.M. We are holding a Fashion Show Project Meeting. We will have some fun activities that will teach you knowledge about fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, good grooming, understanding of styles, poise in front of others and personal presentation skills. Please call the office at 903-473-4580 and RSVP.

WELCOME

It seems like just yesterday, but it is once again time to start thinking about the Rains County Fair. You will find the dates and times of all the livestock tag-ins in this newsletter, as well as the livestock show rules. Families need to be making breeder contacts right now; please do not wait until the last minute.

In this newsletter, we will provide several upcoming programs. Please pay attention to the calendar attached.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

State Fair of Texas Swine/Lamb/Goat Tags

Swine/Lamb/Goat Tag Orders for the State Fair of Texas are due by **APRIL 2, 2012**. If you plan on showing at the State Fair, you must order a Tag for each animal that you plan on showing. Tags cost **\$8.00 each**.

Tag-in for the State Fair will be sometime in June.

Major Show Steer Tag Orders

If you are interested in showing steers at any major shows for next year's Show Season, you must order and pay for all Tags before **APRIL 2, 2012**. The cost for the Tags is **\$8.00 each**.

You must validate steers for the State Fair of Texas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, etc.

Rains County Junior Livestock Show Information

STEER TAG-IN

Sunday, April 15, 2012

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Mike Willis' Farm

LAMB AND HOG TAG-IN

Saturday, June 9, 2012

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Rains County Fairgrounds

You will be receiving sign-up forms and rules and regulations within the next two weeks.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS OUR 4-H MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK AND RECUPERATING: BRETT ROBBINS, ASHLEY JENNINGS, TRENT JENNINGS, AND DENITA YOUNG.

WE WISH YOU ALL A SPEEDY RECOVERY.

PROJECT NEWS

Educational Presentations

If you are interested in participating in the District Roundup Educational Presentations, please contact our office for more information. The contest will be held on **Saturday, April 28, 2012** at Texas A&M - Commerce.

District IV Photography Contest

All entries for the District IV Photography Contest are to be received in the Extension Office by **February 13, 2012**. Please stop by the office and pick up the paperwork.

Rains Fair Association Scholarship & Howard Emig Memorial Scholarship Award

Any graduating Senior interested in applying for the Rains County Fair Association Scholarship Award or the Howard Emig Scholarship Award needs to obtain an application through the Extension Office or the High School Counselor. Applications are due **March 30, 2012**.

The Rains Fair Association will award one (1) \$ 500.00 scholarship and the Howard Emig Memorial will award one (1) \$ 500.00 scholarship.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Success Stories

Fort Worth Livestock Show Results

Congratulations to all the youth that participated at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo.

DAIRY

Trent Jennings	Fort Worth Dairy Show Jr. Calf Champ
Ashley Jennings	Fort Worth Dairy Show Jr. Reserve Calf Champ

HEIFER

Bailey Hawkins	3rd	Shorthorn
Emmaly Fisher	7th	Maine Anjou
Colton Franks	2nd	Simmental
Jena McCall	2nd	Polled Hereford (2nd in Showmanship) AND Calf Scramble Winner
Judd McCall	2nd	Polled Hereford
Dalton Redmon	20th	Beefmaster

There are still a few 4-H members that will be showing market or breeding animals over the next few weeks, so wish them luck!

County Food Show Results

Congratulations to all our 1st Place Food Show winners!

SENIOR DIVISION

Meagan Anderson	Nutritious Snacks
Taylor Young	Fruit and Vegetable

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

Aubrey Gowin	Main Dish
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JUNIOR DIVISION

Avery Gowin	Nutritious Snacks
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