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RAINS 4-H CLUB

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FOUNDERS DAY - MAY 4, 2019

CAKES, CAKES, CAKES

We will provide the cakes for the Fire Department Chicken Roast. If you have not already signed up, please call the office by **APRIL 26th** and let us know if you can help. This is one of our Community Service Projects, so we encourage everyone to participate. The cakes need to be delivered to the Emory Fire Department by 10:00 A.M. on **Saturday, May 4th**.

RAINS 4-H CLUB MEETING

The Rains 4-H Club will meet on **Thursday, April 25, 2019** at **6:00 PM** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center.

Officer Elections: Anyone interested in running for an Officer position should sign up by **April 5**. Officer Elections will be held at the April 25th 4-H Club Meeting.



SAVOR THE FLAVOR EVENT

Volunteers are needed for the LCN Savor the Flavor event. Junior High and Senior High School Volunteers (Grades 6-12) are needed to help at this event on **Thursday, May 2nd** at the Emory Center. Please call the office and sign up by **Friday, April 26th**. Time is 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Please wear black or khaki slacks and a white shirt. Denita will be there to help you.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2019 Rains County Fair will be held from **September 10-14, 2019**.

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheets mailed to you, you will need to turn them in immediately! They are due on April 5, 2019.

Tag-in for steers will be on **Sunday, April 14** from **2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.** at **Mike Willis' Farm**. Tag-in for pigs and lambs will be held on **Saturday, June 8th** from **8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.** at the **Rains County Fairgrounds**.

Major Steer Show & State Fair of Texas Tags

LAST CALL - Major Steer Show AND State Fair of Texas (Swine, Lamb and Goat) Tag Orders are due no later than **April 5th** with \$15.00 payment to the Extension Office.

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.

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

If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office.

Heifer Validation

As most of you are aware, we began heifer validation for any heifer that you might take to any major show in Texas. We will validate heifers twice per year; once in the Fall and once in the Spring. However, if a heifer is validated once, then they will not have to go through the process again. The spring validations must be completed by the end of June. Validation date will be announced later. Original registration papers will be uploaded to a database by the Validation Committee. Please e-mail scanned originals of Beef Heifer papers to Stephen Gowin by **June 3, 2019** or bring original papers to the office by then for us to scan. Once the heifer is purchased, you must register the animal **immediately** in order to have the papers on hand by the end of June. The cost of validation is **\$15.00** per heifer. Please let Stephen know how many possible heifers you will have so he can order enough validation materials.

PROJECT NEWS/UPDATES

Special Needs Kids Rodeo Roundup

The Special Needs Kids Rodeo will be held in Golden, Texas on **April 26, 2019**. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful project, please contact Sue at the Extension Office, 903-473-4580. In order to participate, helpers need to be in high school.

Rains 4-H Club Scholarship Point Reminder

Attention High School Seniors - Scholarship Points Sheet is due **Friday, May 3, 2019**. 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 3, 2019**.

County Food Show Results

The County Food Show was held on Saturday, March 31st. The participants will now advance to District Roundup on May 3, 2019 at Texas A&M - Commerce. The results are:

Junior Division:

Jason Wilson - 1st Place - Main Dish

Hagen Gowin - 2nd Place - Main Dish

Jack Miller - 3rd Place - Main Dish

Gunner Cook - 1st Place - Bread & Cereal

Aeva Anderson - 1st Place - Fruit & Vegetable

John McAllister - 2nd Place - Fruit & Vegetable

Gage Cook - 1st Place - Nutritious Snacks

Greenlee Moore - 2nd Place - Nutritious Snacks

Intermediate Division

Justin Wilson - 1st Place - Main Dish

Wyatt Cook - 1st Place - Bread & Cereal

Emily Northcutt - 1st Place - Nutritious Snacks

Congratulations to all participants!

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Educational Presentations Contest - County Roundup Results

The Educational Presentations Contest was held at the County Roundup on Saturday, March 30th.

Congratulations to the following members who will advance to the District Roundup in May at Texas A&M - Commerce:

Name	Topic
John McAllister	Animal Tracks
Hagen Gowin	Gun Safety
Allison Wallace	Sharks and Our Ocean
Sawyer Smith	First Aid of Injuries to Arteries
Jack Miller	First Aid
Gage Cook	Fly Tying
Gunner Cook	How to Rig a Fishing Lure
Wyatt Cook	How to Play a Percussion Instrument
Armando Ayala	Raising Ball Pythons
Sheldon Smith	Importance of CPR
Emily Northcutt	Texting and Driving
Madison Moczygamba	Foster Care/Adoption
Avery Gowin	Etiquette
Blake Alexander	Identifying Duck Species

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