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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 26, 2020** at **6:00 P.M**. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Conference Center on Highway 276 in Emory.

OFFICER ELECTIONS - 2020 - 2021

Please sign up by **March 27, 2020** if you are interested in running for an Officer position.

Officers for the 2020 - 2021 Rains 4-H Club will be elected at the April 23, 2020 4-H Meeting. There will be two sets of Officers elected - **SENIOR** and **JUNIOR** Officers. If you are interested in running for Office, you **must** have attended a **minimum** of **3** 4-H Meetings between August 2019 and April 2020.

4-H Member Enrollment Forms - 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 Enrollment Forms have been mailed. If you are showing an animal at the Rains County Junior Livestock Show, you are requested to complete the entire (two-sided) enrollment form, which must all be signed by the 4-H member and the parent/guardian. Also, please complete the Sign-Up form provided and return all forms and \$25.00 membership dues (per child) to our office by **APRIL 3, 2020**. If you have not received them within the next couple of days, please contact our office.

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LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Rains County Junior Livestock Show

The 2020 Rains County Fair will be held the week of September 15-19, 2020.

If you have not filled out the Exhibitor Sign-Up Sheet mailed to you, you will need to turn that in by April 3, 2020. We must have that in our possession before you show!

Steer weigh-in is set for <u>Sunday, April 19 from 2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.</u> 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 16.

<u>Tag-in for pigs, lambs, and goats will be held on Saturday, June 13 from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Fairgrounds.</u>

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 <u>April 3rd</u> to the Extension Office. **The** cost of ear tags will be \$15.00.

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.

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

State Fair of Texas Swine, Lamb & Goat Tags

If you are taking any animals to the State Fair of Texas, you must order tags by **April 3rd. The** cost of tags is \$15.00 each.

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UPDATES/PROJECT NEWS

Rains County Roundup

The Rains 4-H Club County Roundup will be held on **Saturday**, **March 28**, **2020** at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension & Conference Center.

The Food Show will be held at 9:00 A.M. Educational Presentations will begin at 11:00 A.M.

Those interested in competing in these contests should sign up by Friday, March 6, 2020.

Shooting Sports Project

For those members who signed up for the Shooting Sports Project, a **mandatory** meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension & Conference Center. Topic is Gun and Range Safety. **Please note**: **All members who signed up for this project must attend this meeting in order to participate in the project.**

Sewing Project

A Sewing Project will be held at the Extension Office from 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. on the fourth Thursday of the month, prior to the monthly 4-H Meeting. The first project meeting will be on March 26th. No machine is required. Please call the office to sign up if you have not done so yet.

Archery Project

The first Archery Project session will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 3:45 P.M. The Archery Project will meet on consecutive Wednesdays from 3:45 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. (weather permitting) through April 29, 2020, **except March 11**, which is Spring Break.

Parents are requested to pick their children up promptly at 5:00 P.M.

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