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NEWS RELEASE

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58th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair Results

Enthusiasm and excitement filled the air as the 58th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair got underway with more than 200 entries. The activity, held at the Rockwall ISD Ag Complex on Riding Club Road, took place from Wednesday, March 30 to Saturday April 02, 2011. It was dedicated in memory of Jim Wood, long time supporter and a Past President of the Rockwall Youth Fair Board.

The activity was held as an achievement event for all youth involved in agriculture livestock projects, Ag. mechanics projects, and clothing and textiles. Youth from across the county exhibited skills and knowledge including skills of goal setting, project preparation and exhibition. Youth participating in the Shop Divisions demonstrated skills welding as well as creative design techniques. Clothing and textile participants demonstrated skills in sewing as well as color and texture combinations, and composition. Other youth in the animal divisions demonstrated skills of teamwork, character, and critical thinking. Most importantly the young people showed skills of good sportsmanship. Families shared valuable quality time together and friendships were made and nurtured.

Following the Livestock Show on Saturday, the Market Sale was held and market animals were sold to the highest bidder. Funds received from the sales assist the young people in further development of their agriculture interests or are often put aside to help pay for college. Buyers participating in this year's event include:

Grand Champion Market Steer - Circle M Farms

Grand Champion Market Hog - Zanata Restaurant

Grand Champion Market Lamb - Farmers Electric Cooperative

Grand Champion Market Goat - Endeavor General Agency

Grand Champion Pen of Market Rabbits - H2O Water Services

Grand Champion Shop Project - Heritage Land Bank

Reserve Champion Market Steer - Heritage Land Bank

Reserve Champion Market Hog - Farmers Electric Cooperative

Reserve Champion Market Lamb - Gordon Walsh

Reserve Champion Market Goat - Circle M Farms

Reserve Champion Pen of Market Rabbits - Dwight Lindop

Additional buyers included:

Alliance Bank, Blackland Railroad, Brookshires, Community Bank, Double R Utilities, Hatfield Acoustical, The Hughes Family, Jackson Automotive, Lakeside National Bank, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, The Pullen & Rogers Families, Quail Creek, Rockwall County Farm Bureau, Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, Service Electric and Springer Shorthorns. The Rockwall Youth Fair Board and exhibitors appreciate all of the buyers for their support as many purchased more than one lot. Also recognition is given to the many individuals who made up the "Buyers Pool" contributing to many of the lots.

Special contributors to the success of the 2011 Rockwall Youth Fair include; Mr. Corky Randolph and Alliance Bank for the donation Belt Buckles provided for the Champion and Reserve Champion Market Animal exhibitors, as well as, belt buckles for the Showmanship winners. Also recognition is given to Zanata Restaruant for donating the High Point Buckle for Thursday night's Junior Livestock Judging Contest. Appreciation also goes to Chick-Fil-A for providing hot chicken breakfast sandwiches for the exhibitors and volunteers, as well as, Heritage Land Bank for providing pizza and sodas for the workers at the Agriculture Awareness Day on Friday.

The show was sponsored by the Rockwall Youth Fair Board. Members include Travis Reynolds - President, Ron Evans - Vice President, Michelle Morris - Secretary, and Cindy Knochel - Treasurer. Other board members include Robert Adams, Mike Donegan, Cindy Knochel, Craig Merritt, Paul Montgomery, Jackie Pullen, Oliver Spiller, Stanley Springer and Honorary Director Odis Lowe. Advisors to the board are Rockwall Agricultural Science Instructors - Casey Jones and Bobby Fowler and Rockwall County Extension Agent - Todd K. Williams.

The Youth Fair Board presented a special award to Robyn Bailey for her continued support of the Rockwall Youth Fair.

Reported Awards for the achievement event are listed below.

Ag. Mechanics Show

Judges - David Burton – Ag. Science Instructor, Boles High School

Glen Sesco – Ag Science Instructor, Garland High School

Grand Champion - Hayden Ferguson – 24 ft Lowboy Gooseneck
Reserve Champion – Zane Knochel – 18 ft. Utility Trailer

Agriculture Equipment Division – Ryan Ullom – Fire Pit

Clothing Show

Judges –Johanna Hicks &LinsleySrygley

Best of Show:

Junior – Haley Sachse

Intermediate – Shelby Rowe

Senior – Samantha Sneed

Class Winners:

Sarah DiGirolamo, Christy Gersch, Melissa Hamrick, Emily Ullom, Kaitlyn Walker, Cynthia Lopez,&Katie Callaghan

Livestock Show

- Judge of Breeding Animals, and Market Rabbits, and Market Lambs
Loyd Nations, Van ISD Ag. Science Instructor
- Judge of Market Goats, Hogs and Steers
Steve Bradshaw, Paradise ISD Ag. Science Instructor

Swine Show

Junior Showmanship: Emily Ullom

Senior Showmanship: Cale Merritt

MARKET SWINE

Light Weight:

1st Will Morris

2nd Sam Crowell

3rd Cameron Defebaugh

4th Jacob Hillman

5th Wyatt Richards

Medium Weight:

- 1st Callie Merritt
- 2nd Ted Gates
- 3rd Zane Knochel
- 4th Colt Carson
- 5th Cameron Cook
- 6th Mackenzie Crowell

Heavy Weight:

- 1st
- 2nd Cale Merritt
- 3rd Emily Ullom
- 4th Trevor McKenzie
- 5th Sam Evans
- 6th Carson Pittman
- 7th Allen Bornemann

Grand Champion: Callie Merritt
Reserve Champion: Luke Termin

BREEDING HOGS

Class 1

- 1st Ryan Ullom

Class 2

- 1st Luke Termin

Class 3

- 1st Cale Merritt
- 2nd Callie Merritt

Grand Champion Cale Merritt
Reserve Champion Jake Termin

Beef Show

Junior Showmanship: Tanner Howey
Senior Showmanship: Will Morris

MARKET STEERS

Light Weight

1st Sydney Garber

Medium Weight

1st Zoey Ford

Heavy Weight

1st Blake Adams

2nd Will Morris

3rd Tanner Howey

Grand Champion: Blake Adams

Reserve Champion: Zoey Ford

Breeding Beef Heifers

Junior Heifer Calves

1st Tanner Howey

Senior Heifer Calves

1st Tanner Howey

Grand Champion: Tanner Howey

Reserve Champion: Tanner Howey

Goat Show

Junior Showmanship: Brian Callaghan

Senior Showmanship: Katie Callaghan

MARKET GOATS

Light Weight

1st Reese Simpson

2nd Bradley Simpson

3rd AshlynStembridge

4th Trevor Rowe

Medium Weight

1st Anna Schieberle

2nd Bailey Pennington

3rd Carson Pennington

4th Raena Eldridge

Heavy Weight

1st Brian Callaghan

2nd Katie Callaghan

3rd Alyssa Adams

Grand Champion: Anna Schieberle

Reserve Champion: Brian Callaghan

BREEDING GOATS

Junior Does (13-24 months)

1st Brian Callaghan

2nd Heather Rowe

Senior Does (25 months and older)

1st Katie Callaghan

Grand Champion: Katie Callaghan

Reserve Champion: Brian Callaghan

MARKET LAMBS

Light Weight

1st Heather Rowe

Heavy Weight

1st Molly Kate Evans

Grand Champion: Molly Kate Evans

Reserve Champion: Heather Rowe

Rabbit Show

MARKET RABBITS

Junior Showmanship

Emily Bainbridge

Senior Showmanship

Samantha Cox

Grand Champion Pen:

Samantha Cox

Reserve Champion Pen:

Bobbie Carr

3rd Kate Pierce

4th Alexa Cox

5th Kylee Adams

6th Jacquelyn Cox

7th Sierra Jordan

8th Kelsi Henderson

9th Shannon Taylor

10th Katie Hyland

11th Tyler Sepelak

12th Austin Taylor
13th Shelbi York
14th Nicole Smith
15th Sarah Harper
16th ToriTuttle
17th Maggie Hannon
18th Sarah Spencer
19th Emily Bainbridge
20th Marshall Bohlen
21st Zachary Bohlen

BREEDING RABBITS

Californian

Best of Breed –Corinne Moody

Best Opposite – Kylee Adams

1st Jr. Doe – Kaelyn Lawson

1st Sr. Doe – Corinne Moody

1st Jr. Buck – Kylee Adams

Holland Lop

Best of Breed – Elizabeth Gersch

Netherland Dwarf

Best of Breed – Heather Rowe

Grand Champion/ Best In Show – Corinne Moody

Reserve Champion / Best Opposite of Show – Elizabeth Gersch