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NEWS RELEASE

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59th Annual Rockwall Youth Fair Results

Enthusiasm and excitement filled the air as the 59th 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 21 through March 24, 2012.

The activity was held as an achievement event for all youth involved in agriculture livestock projects, Ag. Mechanics projects, as well as, 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 – Eldorado Chemical

Grand Champion Market Lamb – The Fatted Calf

Grand Champion Market Goat – Circle M Farms

Grand Champion Pen of Market Rabbits – Farmers Electric Cooperative

Grand Champion Pen of Broilers – Dwight Lindop

Reserve Champion Market Steer – Endevour General Agency

Reserve Champion Market Hog - Farmers Electric Cooperative

Reserve Champion Pen of Market Rabbits – Birdsong Electric

Reserve Champion Pen of Broilers – Dwight Lindop

Additional buyers included:

Jeff Adams, Robert & Stephanie Adams, Alliance Bank, American National Bank, Blackland Railroad, Blasé Family Farms, Brookshires, Community Bank, Don Gage, Skip Goodwin Cattle Company, Heath Lawn & Tree Care, Heritage Land Bank, JJJ Ranch, Lakeside Chevrolet, Lakeside National Bank, Ralph Parman, James Patrick, Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall, Restaurant AVA, Rockwall County Farm Bureau, Rockwall Veterinary Hospital, Service Electric, Bob & Mary Sue Smith, Southwest Ford of Greenville. 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 Poole” contributing to many of the lots.

Special contributors to the success of the 2012 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 The Fatted Calf 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 Ron Evans - President, Robert Adams - Vice President, Michelle Morris - Secretary, and Cindy Knochel - Treasurer. Other board members include Mike Donegan, Kevin Fowler, Paul Montgomery, Jackie Pullen, Travis Reynolds, Randy Schieberle, 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 Don Gage for his 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
Kevin Dillard – Ag Science, Savoy High School

Grand Champion - Tucker Doughty
Reserve Champion – Callie Merritt

Showmanship – Ryan Ullom

Clothing Show

Best of Show Clothing Junior – Jordan Huff
Best of Show Clothing Intermediate – Sarah DiGirolamo

Best of Show Non-Clothing Junior – Corinne Moody
Best of Show Non-Clothing Intermediate – Victoria Reynolds

Livestock Show

- Judge of Breeding Animals, and Market Broilers, lambs & Rabbits
Loyd Nations, Van ISD Ag. Science Instructor
- Judge of Market Goats, Hogs and Steers
Stu Dildine, Bullard ISD Ag. Science Instructor

Swine Show

Junior Showmanship: Allen Bornemann
Senior Showmanship: Cale Merritt

MARKET SWINE

Light Weight:
1st Jacob Hillman
2nd Callie Merritt

3rd Cody Miller
4th Alyssa Adams

Medium Weight:

1st Cale Merritt
2nd Ben Adams
3rd Jacob Robinson
4th Sam Crowell
5th Brook Peters
6th Ryan Ullom
7th Cade Miller

Heavy Weight:

1st Mackenzie Crowell
2nd Carson Pittman
3rd Chandler Houser
4th Cameron Defebaugh
5th Luke Termin

Grand Champion: Callie Merritt
Reserve Champion: Mackenzie Crowell

BREEDING HOGS

Class 1

1st Allen Bornemann

Class 2

1st Callie Merritt

Class 3

1st Cale Merritt
2nd Callie Merritt
3rd Callie Merritt

Grand Champion Cale Merritt
Reserve Champion Callie Merritt

Beef Show

Junior Showmanship: Kirsten Miller
Senior Showmanship: Will Morris

MARKET STEERS

Light Weight

1st Elliot Dewire

Light Medium Weight

- 1st Kirsten Miller
- 2nd Zoey Ford
- 3rd Sydney Garber

Medium Weight

- 1st Blake Adams
- 2nd Will Morris

Heavy Weight

- 1st Tanner Howey
- 2nd Joshua Born

Grand Champion: Blake Adams

Reserve Champion: Will Morris

Breeding Beef Heifers

Junior Heifer Calves

- 1st Tanner Howey

Senior Heifer Calves

- 1st Ethan Spearman

Grand Champion: Tanner Howey

Reserve Champion: Ethan Spearman

Goat Show

Junior Showmanship: Ashlyn Stembridge

Senior Showmanship: Laura Donaldson

MARKET GOATS

Light Weight

- 1st Ashlyn Stembridge
- 2nd Gage Mitchell

Light Medium Weight

- 1st Anna Schieberle
- 2nd Ashlyn Stembridge
- 3rd Laura Donaldson
- 4th Cole Donaldson
- 5th Olivia Donaldson

Heavy Medium Weight

1st Carson Glasscock
2nd Trevor Rowe
3rd Kaitlyn Rothbauer

Heavy Weight

1st Ashlyn Stembridge
2nd Kylee Adams
3rd Reece Simpson
4th Bradley Simpson

Grand Champion: Ashlyn Stembridge
Reserve Champion: Ashlyn Stembridge

BREEDING GOATS

Doe Kids (0-6 months)

1st Ashlyn Stembridge

Junior Does (6-12 months)

1st Bailey Pennington
2nd Carson Pennington

Grand Champion: Ashlyn Stembridge
Reserve Champion: Bailey Pennington

Lamb Show

Grand Champion: Emily Ullom

Broiler Show

Grand Champion: Shelby Rowe
Reserve Champion: Noah Ford
3rd place: Erin Self

Rabbit Show

MARKET RABBITS

Junior Showmanship Sarah Harper
Senior Showmanship Samantha Cox

Grand Champion Pen: Samantha Cox
Reserve Champion Pen: Bobbie Carr

3rd Kate Pierce
4th Olivia Born
5th Kylee Adams

6th Jacquelyn Cox
7th Haley Sachse
8th Mckenzie Hale
9th Sarah Harper
10th Grace Marcantel
11th Sydney Schuyler
12th Katie Marcantel
13th Kaelyn Lawson
14th Sam Kazlow
15th Jade Washington
16th Alexa Cox
17th Sarah Kazlow
18th Emily Guthrie

BREEDING RABBITS

Californian
Best of Breed – Corinne Moody