



2025 Creative Arts Winners

**BEST OF SHOW
GRAND CHAMPION**
Stacy Irish-Nehl

RESERVE CHAMPION
Tom Nehl
Antiques

Grand Champion – Linda Rimby
Reserve Champion – Brian Vann
Ceramics – 1st Wanda Parrish, 2nd Linda Rimby, 3rd Kaye Pressley
Clothing/Accessories – 1st Mona Collins
Glassware – 1st Amy Kennemer
Home & Household – 1st Linda Rimby
Jewelry – 1st Linda Rimby
Toys – 1st Mona Collins
Open – 1st Brian Vann, 2nd Linda Rimby, 3rd Jim Callentine

Canned Foods
Grand Champion – Gail Garmon
Reserve Champion – Melissa Spangler
Canned Fruit – 1st Pattie Lennon, 1st Teri Horne, 2nd Gail Garmon
Canned Vegetables – 1st Don Burgins, 2nd

Pattie Lennon, 3rd Robbie/Sheryl Wade
Tomatoes – 1st Terisa Burgins, 2nd Gail Garmon
Meat Mixtures/Soups – 1st Pattie Lennon, 2nd Pattie Lennon
Pickled Foods – 1st Robbie/Sheryl Wade, 1st Don Burgins, 1st Sue Medders, 2nd Sue Medders, 2nd Teri Horne
Relishes – 1st Terisa Burgins, 1st Gail Garmon, 2nd Sue Medders
Salsas – 1st Shawna Bishop, 2nd Terisa Burgins, 3rd Teri Horne
Sauces – 1st Robbie/Sheryl Wade, 2nd Shawna Bishop
Jellies – 1st Teresa Burgins, 1st Teri Horne, 2nd Mistie Roberson
Jams – 1st Melissa Spangler, 1st Melanie Stroschein, 1st Lowell Chalk, 2nd Don Burgins, 2nd Gail Garmon, 2nd Teri Horne, 3rd Pattie Lennon
Preserves – 1st Robbie/Sheryl Wade, 2nd Pattie Lennon, 2nd Teri Horne, 2nd Pattie Lennon
Butters and Soft Spreads – 1st Teri Horne, 2nd Amber Ladymon, 3rd Pattie

Lennon, 4th Amber Ladymon
Other – 1st Pattie Lennon
Collections
Grand Champion – Linda Rimby
Reserve Champion – Mona Collins
Birds – 1st Kaye Pressley
Books – 1st Gwendolyn Lawe
Documents – 1st Mona Collins
Dolls – 1st Gwendolyn Lawe
Housewares/Kitchen – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Open – 1st Linda Rimby, 2nd Gwendolyn Lawe, 3rd Jim Callentine

Fine Arts
Grand Champion – Stacy Irish-Nehl
Reserve Champion – Brenda Knight Styron
Oil, Acrylic & Watercolor
Animals, Critters, Wildlife – 1st Brenda Knight Styron
Character – 1st Brenda Knight Styron
Landscape/Seascape – 1st Brenda Knight Styron, 1st Mary Marshall
Portrait – 1st John Floyd

Still Life – 1st Brenda Knight Styron
Pastels, Pencils, Charcoal, Pen & Ink
Animals, Critters, Wildlife – 1st Kaye Pressley
Still Life – 1st Judy Hamm
Open – 1st Mary Marshall
Miscellaneous Mediums
Animals, Critters, Wildlife – 1st Brenda Knight Styron
Sculptures
Animals, Critters, Wildlife – 1st Stacy Irish-Nehl
Portrait – 1st William Wheeler, 2nd Bo Snowden
Open – 1st Stacy Irish-Nehl

Handcrafts
Grand Champion – Tom Nehl
Reserve Champion – William Wheeler
Beads & Stones – 1st Kristin Henderson
Carving (Not Wood) – 1st Stacy Irish-Nehl
Clothing Art – 1st Linda McKinney
Diamond Dots – 1st Sarah Latham
Holiday – 1st Cindy Callentine
Jewelry – 1st Kara Covey
Paper Art & Quilling – 1st Beth Redman, 2nd Mona Collins, 3rd Wanda Parrish
Recyclables – 1st Wanda Parrish, 2nd Linda McKinney, 3rd Kristin Henderson
Woodworking – 1st William Wheeler, 2nd Jim Ryan
Woodworking (Professional) – 1st Tom Nehl, 2nd James Tripp
Open – 1st William Wheeler, 2nd Lisa Bandy, 3rd Sue Caruana
Open (Professional) – 1st Tom Nehl, 2nd James Tripp

Horticulture
Grand Champion – Shawna Bishop
Reserve Champion – Mike Sharpe
Potted Plants without Flowers – 1st Shawna Bishop, 2nd Mike Sharpe
Succulents/Cactus – 1st Mike Sharpe, 2nd

Shawna Bishop, 3rd Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Needlework
Grand Champion – Beth Redmon
Reserve Champion – Beth Redmon
Crochet Large Items – 1st Beth Redmon, 2nd Jeanne Quesienberry, 3rd Grinsela Chalk
Crochet Small Items – 1st Beth Redmon, 2nd Jeanne McAfoos
Embroidery by Machine – 1st Cindy Callentine
Knitting Large Items – 1st Macy Marshall
Open – 1st Macy Marshall

Photography
Grand Champion – Debra Legate
Reserve Champion – Laura Rose
Black & White
Animals – 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Building/Architecture – 1st Ashley Holman, 2nd Rhonda McCoy, 3rd Linda McKinney
Critters – 1st Rhonda McCoy, 5th Laurie Rose
Flowers and Trees – 1st Rhonda McCoy, 3rd Laura Rose
Historical Sites – 1st Debra Legate, 3rd Rhonda McCoy
Humorous – 1st Rhonda McCoy
Landscape – 1st Debra Legate, 2nd Mona Collins, 3rd Rhonda McCoy, 4th Linda McKinney
Portraits – 1st Tasha Walker-Carroll
Skies and Weather – 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Still Life – 1st Teresa Aguilar, 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Open – 1st Laurie Rose, 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Story – 1st Megan Collins

Color
Action – 1st Bobby Rose, 2nd Amber Ladymon
Animals – 1st Bobby Rose, 2nd Ashley Holman, 3rd Linda McKinney, 4th Rhonda McCoy, 5th Vincent Collins
Buildings/Architecture – 1st Bobby Rose, 2nd Rhonda McCoy,

3rd Ashley Holman, 4th Amber Ladymon, 5th Laurie Rose
Critters – 1st Laura Rose, 2nd Bobby Rose, 3rd Rhonda McCoy, 4th Amy Kennemer, 5th Vincent Collins
Flowers and Trees – 1st Linda McKinney, 2nd Debra Legate, 3rd Ashley Holman, 4th Rhonda McCoy, 5th Laura Rose
Historical Sites/Events – 1st Debra Legate, 2nd Amber Ladymon, 3rd Ashley Holman, 4th Rhonda McCoy
Humorous – 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Landscape – 1st Amy Kennemer, 2nd Vincent Collins, 3rd Rhonda McCoy
People – 1st Linda McKinney, 2nd Amber Ladymon, 3rd Megan Collins
Portraits – 2nd Amber Ladymon, 3rd Mona Collins
Seascapes – 2nd Rhonda McCoy
Skies & Weather – 2nd Vincent Colllins, 3rd Mona Collins, 4th Linda McKinney
Still Life – 2nd Teresa Aguilar, 3rd Ashley Holman, 4th Rhonda McCoy
Story – 1st Amy Kennemer, 2nd Mona Collins, 3rd Rhonda McCoy, 4th Megan Collins
Sunsets/Sunrise – 1st Bobby Rose, 2nd Rhonda McCoy, 3rd Debra Legate, 4th Vincent Collins, 5th Ashley Holman
Open – 2nd Laurie Rose, 3rd Amber Ladymon, 4th Teresa Aguilar, 5th Ashley Holman
Quilting
Grand Champion – Stacy Hilliard
Reserve Champion – Rachelle Sherrin
Machine Quilted
Pieced – 1st Rachelle Sherrin
Open – 1st Joy Beggs
Co-Entered
Applique – 1st Stacy Hilliard
Combination – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Stacy Hilliard, 3rd Joy

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Congratulations, Miss Rains County



MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Miss Rains County 2025, Miss Personality and Miss Photogenic is Shaylee Stracener (center); first runner-up and Miss Congeniality is Aurora Barrow (left); second runner-up is Libby Smith (right).

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Congratulations Junior Miss Winners



JUNIOR MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Junior Miss Rains County 2025 is Lillian Brimer (center); first runner-up and Junior Miss Personality is Kyleigh Cantu (left); second runner-up is Baylie Noble (right); Junior Miss Congeniality is Ashlyn Hampton (not pictured); Junior Miss Photogenic is Aubrey Balentine (not pictured).

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Congratulations Little Miss Winners



LITTLE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Little Miss Rains County 2025, Little Miss Photogenic, Little Miss Sportswear and Little Miss Personality is Lilly Brimer (center); first runner-up is Ainsley Thompson (left); second runner-up is Kyndlee Wright (right).

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Beggs
Pieced – 1st Stacy Hilliard, 2nd Stacy Hilliard

Professional
Pieced – 1st Debbie Allen, 2nd Debbie Allen

Miscellaneous
Crib/Lap Quilt – 1st Rachelle Sherrin
Table Runner – 1st Kaye Pressley
Wall Hanging – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Kaye Pressley

Youth Up to 7 Years Old
Grand Champion – Lane Marshall
Reserve Champion – Layna Schroeder
Antiques – 1st Carter Cox
Handcraft – 1st Carter Cox, 1st Carter Cox, 2nd Meryn Rasbury
Needlework – 1st Carter Cox
Paintings/Drawings

– 1st Cater Cox, Layna Schroeder, Meryn Rasbury, Decklyn Thomas, Sophia Diaz, Aurora Davis, Kyler Trieb, 2nd Kaisley Prock, Carter Diaz, Brantley Hays, Saylen Emig, Christian Diaz, Lyney Lowther, Luke Groves, Geneveve Herbert, Lynnl Deaver, Lynnl Deaver, 3rd Jett Simmons, Layton Hos-teen
Photography – 1st Layna Schroeder, Meryn Rasbury
Lego Creations – 1st Carter Cox

Youth 8-13 Years Old
Grand Champion – Gracie Atterberry
Reserve Champion – Dylen McAfoos
Antiques – 1st Xia Vieira, Yahna Vierira, 2nd Lexton Smith, Colton Cox
Canned Food – 1st Lucy Mereness, 2nd Huck Atterberry
Collections – 1st Yahna Vierira

Handcraft – 1st Xia Vierira, Yahna Vierira, Lexton Smith, Shelby Hessbrook, Henry Slaton, Lexton Smith, Jacolin McAfoos, Dylen McAfoos, Lilly McGrew, Emma Daves, Bailey Atterberry, Gra-cie Atterberry, 2nd Aylah Mulkey, Timothy McGrew, Sutton Daves, Lexton Smith, 3rd Rebekah McGrew, Emma Daves
Lego Creations – 1st Brody Christian, Dylen McAfoos, Adelyn Haygood, Micah Haygood, Sydnee Sword, 2nd Dylan McAfoos, Eli Haygood
Needlecraft – 1st Lilly Brimer, Rebekah McGrew, Lexton Smith, Bailey Atter-berry, 2nd Lexton Smith, Aylah Mulkey, 3rd Dylen McAfoos
Paintings/Drawing – 1st Gracie Marshall, Blakely Marshall, Rae-lyran G, Lydia G, Kate-lynn B, Shelby Hessbrook, Case Parrish, Jacolin McAfoos, Dylen

McAfoos; 2nd Sydnee Sword, Blakely Mar-shall, Hadley B, Juliette R, Kaylea B, Josue M, Riah M, Eli OP1, Kennedy W, Penelope G, Timoth McGrew, Rebekah McGrew, Dylin Henderson, 3rd Flint Holman, Lilly McGrew, Sydnee Sword, Sydnee Sword, Landrie H, Emma V, Jacolin McAfoos, Timo-thy McGrew, Emma Daves
Photography – 1st Sutton Daves, Aeva Anderson, Addyson Ivie, Owen Lilley, Jacob Green, Cadence Lee, 2nd Emma Daves, Sut-ton Daves, Emma Daves, Addyson Ivie, Lucas Lilley, Addyson Ivie, 3rd Jacob Green
Lego Creations – 1st Bailey Atterberry, Syd-nee Sword, Aiden Hol-land, Madison Ken-nemer, Bailey Atte-berry, Timothy McGrew, Tyler Hessbrook, Flint Hollman, 2nd Colton Cox, Timo-thy McGrew

Youth 14-17 Years Old
Grand Champion – Amery Prinz
Reserve Champion – Amery Prinz
Antiques – 1st Ansen Hiser
Collections – 1st Ansen Hiser
Photographs – 1st Amery Prinz, Ansen Hiser, 2nd Amery Prinz, Ansen Hiser, 3rd Ansen Hiser
Baking Contest Adult Winners
Grand Champion – Suzy Kile – Chocolate Cake Cupcakes
Reserve Champion – Shawna Bishop – Pista-chio Cranberry Cookies
Breads
1st LaVerne Cozakovs – Lemon Zucchini Bread
2nd Megan Petitt – Lemon Blueberry Focaccia Bread
3rd Mark Sharpe – Fresh Herb Bread
4th Megan Collins – Cranberry Lemon Glaze Scones
5th Mary Anne Proctor – Sour Dough

Discard Cinnamon Rolls
5th Shawna Bishop – Cranberry & Rosemary Bread
Cakes
1st Suzy Kile – Chocolate Cake Cup-cakes
2nd Kaylee Hurley – Mini Pumpkin Cake
3rd Mona Collins – Red Velvet Cake With Beets
4th Shawna Bishop – Apple Cream Cheese Bundt Cake
Cookies
1st Shawna Bishop – Pistachio Cranberry Cookies
2nd LaVerne Coza-kos – Christmas Cran-berly Orange Cookies
3rd Kaylee Hurley – Fruity Pebble Cookies
4th Suzy Kile – Lemon Blueberry Mac-arons
Pies
1st Mary Anne Proc-tor – Topsy Turvey Apple Pie
2nd Shawna Bishop – Spaghetti Squash Pie
3rd Teri Horne – Rhubarb Berry Pie

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Reserve Champion, \$3,000.00, Taylor Bail Bonds
Cole Couch – Min-eral Feeder, \$950.00, Kirk Wade
Gage Cook and Gun-ner Cook – Smoker, \$3,500.00, James Scott
Jared Bagley – Fire Pit, \$650.00, Ray Daughety
John Michael McAl-lister – Wood Rack, \$700.00, Tony Smith
Justin Castleberry – Fire Pit, \$500.00, Jacobed Torres
Turner Latham – Wine Rack, \$503.00, Douglas Latham.
The ag mech sale netted \$11,803.00.
Floral Design
Jaycee Ivey, **Grand**

Champion, \$700.00, Emory Automotive, LLC
Averie Romines, **Reserve Champion**, \$550.00, Wills Point Ford
Karson Wallace, \$850.00, Triple E Elec-tric
Brooklyn Jennings, \$450.00, Wade Farms
Jason Wilson, \$450.00, Kearney Trail-ers
Landrie Hampton, \$210.00, Wade Farms
Delana Ray, \$300.00, Justin & Mackenzi Construction
Jared Bagley, \$250.00, City National Bank
Matthew Couch, \$175.00, Sisk Boring & Tunneling
Lauren Foster, \$400.00, 4Winds Farm

Justin Wilson, \$300.00, Stracener Underground
Lillian Moczygemba, \$130.00, KD Equip-ment and Krazy Heifer Designs
Addyson Ivie, \$750.00, Rachel's Cat-tle
Cole Couch, \$1,000.00, City National Bank
John Michael McAl-lister, \$500.00, Sustaire Plumbing
Gracie Williams, \$350.00, Kearney Trail-ers
Courtney Vinson, \$250.00, Kearney Trail-ers.
The floral design sale netted \$7,615.00.



Congratulations! MARKET HOG WINNERS



THE GRAND CHAMPION HOG was shown by Skylar Conner and bought by Max Fletcher Estate.



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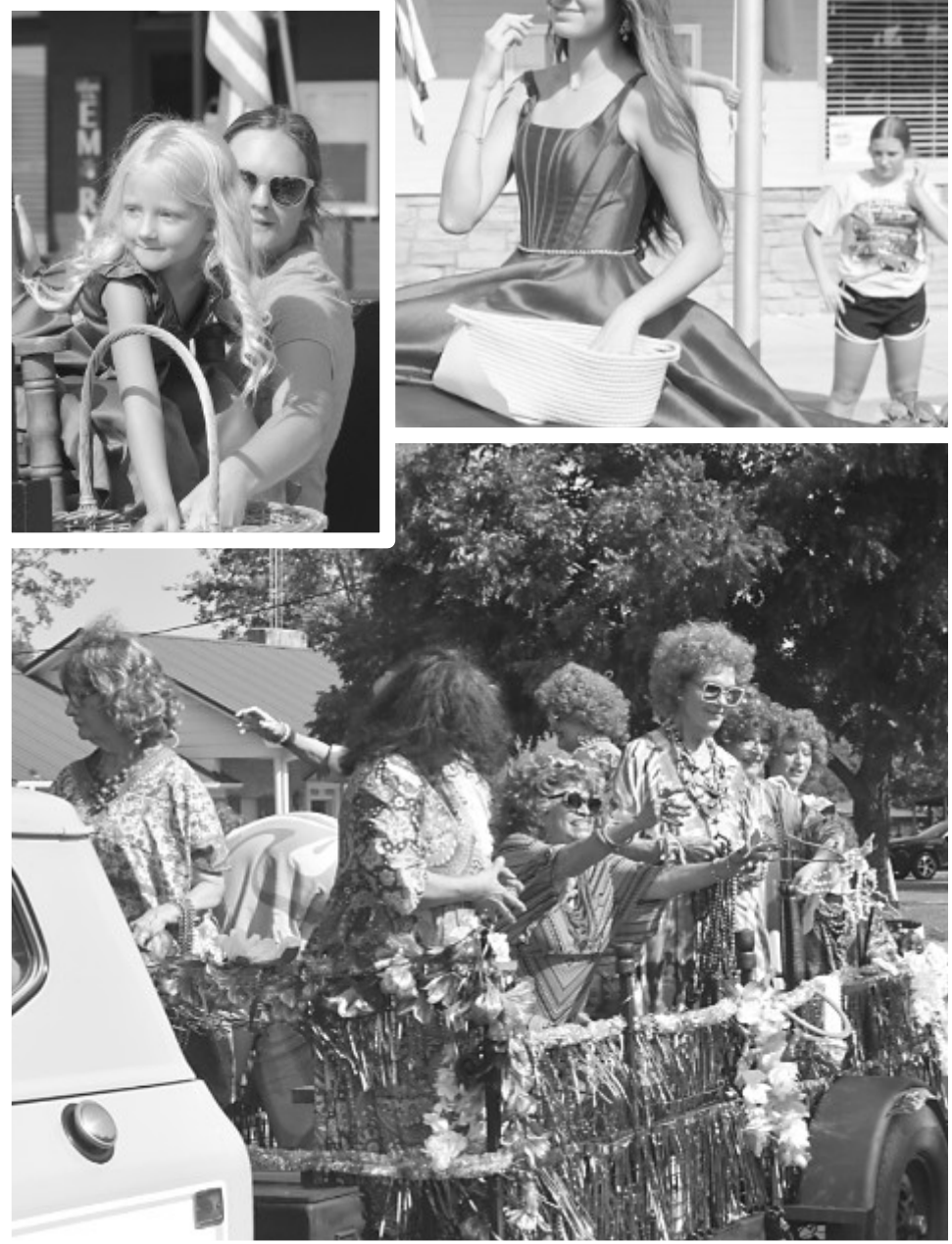
Petite Miss Winners

PETITE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Petite Miss Rains County 2025 and Petite Miss Personality is Berkleigh Dockery (center); first runner-up is Charlie Hollon (left); second runner-up and Petite Miss Sportswear is Blakelyn Banta (right); Petite Miss Photogenic is Hartlee Beasley (not pictured).

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Tiny Miss Winners

TINY MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Tiny Miss Rains County 2025 is Lillyana Chavira (center); first runner-up is Aislynn Gordon (left); second runner-up is Kensley Grell (right). Tiny Miss Photogenic is Berkleigh Hurst (not pictured).

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Wee Miss Winners

WEE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS – Wee Miss Rains County 2025, Wee Miss Sportswear, Wee Miss Photogenic and Wee Miss Personality is Dacey Duncan (center); first runner-up is Pearsyn Potts (left); second runner-up is Carter Cox (right).

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A collage of 11 black and white photographs capturing various moments from a fair. The top row shows a woman and child in a truck bed, a boy on a horse, and children in a go-kart. The middle row features a sheep penning event, two girls walking, and a girl in a parade float. The bottom row includes a girl bending over, a child in a helmet, and a girl on a sheep. A large text box at the bottom right reads "Congratulations! MARKET LAMB WINNERS".

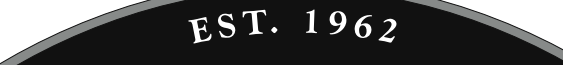
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2025 Rains County Fair Chili Cook-off

First Place



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
The Your Favorite Place team won First Place in this years’ contest. Members include Chris Adolf and Ryan Armstrong.

Peoples’ Choice Award



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
Team Blue Line Chili won the Peoples’ Choice Award and Third Place. Members are Wes Garrett, Chris Cox and Lucas Edwards.

Second Place



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
The Jailhouse Chili team of Pryor Gowin won Second Place.

Best Campsite



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
The South Birch Creek Chili team won Best Campsite. Members are Ty Holland, Toby Holland, Nigel Wilcox and Dan Lynn.

Mutton Bustin’ Winners



2025 MUTTON BUSTIN – Front row (l-r) Miss Rains County Shaylee Stracener, 2nd place JJ Greene , 1st place Jade Allen, 3rd place Lettie Lively, and Junior Miss Rains County Lillian Brimer; back row: awesome rodeo clowns PJ Daniels, Kyndlee Wright and Brantley Lewis. Great job to the riders and the clowns!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our sponsors for making this such a great event – • Jim Mac Taylor with Austin Bank • Mikaela Williams with City Nat’l Bank • Dan Brown & Resistol Hat Co • Dane Gowin (our local bull rider) • U S Helicals, Lonnie Hume • Blazin Pizza Co, Mike and Karen Davis • Rains Co. Fair Assoc. • Pete Brown Rodeo Co.

We would also like to say THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who help work this night to make it all run so smoothly. We couldn’t do this without you!

Thank you for all the support over the years and making Friday night at the fair a blast!!!

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Presentation of Portrait



Leader photo by TREY HILL
Miss Rains County 2019, Katie Catlin (Thurman) (left) was presented her portrait, which was on display in the Rains County Courthouse Annex, during the Miss and Junior Miss Pageant on Wednesday evening, September 10. Making the presentation was Mistress of Ceremony, Denita Young.

Fair, pageant, livestock, and parade photos by Trey Hill, Chuck Fitts and Kevin Reed.

Congratulations!

MARKET GOAT WINNERS



THE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT was shown by John Salem and bought by KD Equipment.



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Congratulations to all the participants in this year’s Rains County Fair. We look forward to seeing you at next year’s fair.

Rains County Leader