

2024 Real County Junior Livestock Show

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The 75th Anniversary of the Real County Junior Livestock Show is “almost a Wrap”. The parents, exhibitors, and animals are exhausted. There were many spectators and we are so happy that the buyers joined us for the BBQ lunch prepared by The Bear’s Den and served by several Real County employees and elected officials. The buyers opened up their hearts at the auction to help out all the dedicated, young 4-H and FFA members. Real County is blessed by their generosity.

Special thanks are in order for several of the Real Count Livestock Association members and other volunteers:

Heather Wheatley – She volunteered her time to learn Showworks, helped us on quickbooks online service, repaired printers, and kept us organized in the office.

Marc Delgado – I can’t say enough. From making flyers, learning Showworks, planning awards, and helping to put all entries and sales into the computer to spending countless hours organizing the new office.

Steve Davis – Spent numerous hours running errands, preparing the new office for our arrival, and loaned and manned the generator with fuel so that we had electricity and heat during the nights of preparing for the show.

Alberto Gonzales – As barn superintendent, he had a huge responsibility. He handled it with ease and was always available if the show crew needed his help. He always assisted with a smile.

Terrie Pendley – Did a great job helping man the buyers table and get them all registered and helped with the sales sheets.

Rainy Bingham, Jason and Carrie Fleming – Thank you for being such great help in the show ring.

Aby Rubio – For checking all the lights in the barn and giving advice on the wiring of the new office.

Jerry Bates and Mark Petrovics -- Mowing and weed eating around the grounds as well as Jerry presiding over the event.

Glenn Ivy – Special thanks to Mr. Ivy for manning the microphone and making announcements.

The American Legion – They selflessly answered our call to raise the flags and lead the pledges during the opening ceremonies.

Uri Lockette – Sang the Star Spangled Banner with such heartfelt talent.

John Hutchins – Provided extra portable restroom facilities.

Kelly Berry – Worked the ring by checking in exhibitors and entering winnings in the iPad most of Thursday.

County Wide AC – Reinstalled our AC Split Units in the new Office.

I certainly don’t want to overlook Brandi Parks of Brandiloo Photography -- She donated her time for two entire days to make sure there is a photo record of each exhibitor and awards. There was a link provided so that everyone who wants a top quality photo without a water mark can contact them.

And although they don’t want any recognition, I would like to recognize our association secretary Reashell Davis and association treasurer Randy Ward. This was their first year and they committed to make the show a success. It was a pleasure to work with them as they made preparations and dedicated oh so many hours and are still working to finalize all the sale financials.

I know there are many others that chipped in wherever they could. I am sorry if I missed you but know that you are much appreciated. Thank you all for working as cohesive communities for the benefit of our youth.