

Junior livestock show held

The Tillman County Junior Livestock show was Feb. 27-28 at the Tillman County Fair Grounds. Participants showed pigs, goats, sheep, chickens and cattle.

The swine show was at 1 p.m. Feb. 27.

Kelton Tatum won grand champion with his Gilt Cross, reserve grand champion for his Cross Barrow and senior showmanship. Matti Clemmer won reserve grand champion with her Gilt Spot and Taw Clemmer won bronze champion for his Gilt York. Amy White won grand champion with her Hemp Barrow and Ian Hinkle won bronze champion for his York Barrow. Talon Tyler won junior showmanship and Tarrin Tyler won intermediate showmanship.

The poultry show was at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27. This was the third year for showing poultry in the Tillman County Junior Livestock show. The judge for the poultry was Michael Schoppa out of Vernon, Texas. He teaches agriculture at Vernon College and has been a livestock judge for more than 30 years. While he was judging the birds, Schoppa included the participants so that he could show them the differences between the birds and what makes them winners.

"I hope you'll bear with me," Schoppa said. "I always like to bring the young people out and involve them in the judging part of it too. I want them to see how they end up where they are because I think it's important. When I was a young 4-H member, I can remember taking a steer out in the show ring and showing that thing and placing third and the judge never told me why. I think it's important that they know why they place where they do."

Camee Witt won grand reserve, Ryan Ard won reserve grand champion and C.J. Johnston won bronze champion in the poultry category.

The dairy cow category began at 10 a.m. Feb. 28. Hunter Elliott won grand champion, Amy White won reserve grand champion and senior showmanship. Kara Elliot won bronze champion and junior showmanship. Leá Fernandez won intermediate showmanship.

The beef category began at noon. Tenley Mefford won grand champion and junior showmanship. Alyssa Worthington won reserve grand champion. Camee Witt won bronze champion and intermediate showmanship. Mallory Geis won senior showmanship.

Mefford said that she was excited to win.

"I was so excited when the judge chose my animals for the champion heifer and steer. I knew that my friends, Alyssa, Case and my sister, Timber, that were in junior showmanship with me do a great job showing their animals and that any one of us could have been chosen," Mefford said. "All of us work very hard working with our animals and preparing for shows so I was very grateful when I was picked for junior showmanship. I couldn't have been as successful without Colby and Shellie Collins, Brelan Brookshire, Brett Hanza, my mom, dad and little sister. It takes all of us to succeed."

The goat show began at 3:30. Kaisen Walker won grand champion wether and senior showmanship. Sadie Heap won reserve grand champion wether, bronze grand champion wether and intermediate showmanship. Elena Santiago won grand champion doe and reserve grand champion doe and Madison Petty won bronze champion and junior showmanship.

The sheep category began at 5 p.m. Kaisen Walker won grand champion wether and senior showmanship. Jake Spradlin won reserve grand champion wether. Maci Dunham won bronze champion wether and intermediate showmanship. Hunter Elliot won grand champion ewe. Danyelle Chavez won reserve grand champion ewe and junior showmanship. Kenzi Krasser won bronze champion.

The Tillman County Junior Livestock Show awards banquet was scheduled for 7 p.m. March 7.

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