FARM & RANCH CLUB FLASH

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Nan Wardlaw Fidler

Randy Watson's March program was very informative and very encouraging for the 4H and FFA youth. What a great facility the youth of Tarrant County now have on Las Vegas Trail to raise their animals. It will be wonderful for the FFA classes at Arlington Heights High School. It is my hope that some year soon the Grand Champion at the Fort Worth Stock Show will come from Tarrant County. As Mr. Watson stated, "after all, this is cowtown".

The 56th annual Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show was a great success. About 500 competed in the show. The kids received over $200,000.00 in premiums for everything from a cake, pie, cookies, plant, pigs, rabbits, chickens, sheep, goats, and cattle. Also shown were photography, sewing, handwork, metal work, and leatherwork. It was wonderful to see the presence of Randy Watson, Jamey Morgan, Ed Bass, Rep. Charlie Geren, Commissioner, J. D. Johnson along with Marcus Hill, Jim Bradbury, and Butch Beardsley in the Premium Arena. It made me very optimistic for a bright future for these Tarrant County youth. Breinn Richter, Bryan Vasseur, along with Chief Ralph Mendoza and Kevin Hamilton interviewed and selected the scholarship winners on Wednesday before the show. Thank you to Sue Ann Claudon, Darla Crouch-Reynolds, R. L. Feldt, Bobby Helms, Ken Johnson, Pam Wright, and Shanna Weaver for all of their help and to all of you who helped but were not named.

My sincere thanks to each of you for your confidence in electing me as your president this year. It has been a great growing year for me. I have met many new friends. This is such a wonderful organization with so many good members. Ask your friends to become a part of us.

See you at TCU, March 21th.

Nan Fidler

MARCH MEETING:

Hugh Ross

Tuesday, March 21, 2006
DJ Kelley Alumni Center
TCU Campus
2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth
Chicken Fried Steak - $10

Free Parking in the Visitor Lot just North of TCU Stadium

Bryan Vasseur, Director of TCU Ranch Management Program will introduce us to the current class members and tell of their activities. This is one of the top ranching programs in the country that teaches the management of soils, water, plants and animals as well as livestock marketing and finance. The graduates of this program are highly skilled ranching professionals, capable of making significant contributions to the industry.

CLUB NOTES:

2006 Scholarship Winners

Don't forget to mark April12thon your calendar for the TCJLS Gala. The tickets are $65.00each or $500.00 for a table of eight. This event supports the scholarship program each year.

Also mark May 3rdand4thfor Pizza Ranch at the Watt Arena. Come out and help. There is a job for everyone.

36 MEMBERS AND GUESTS

CALL TO ORDER: President Nan Fidler

INVOCATION: Ken Leiber

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Paul Burrough reminded us of the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show Gala on April 20th at River Ranch. Tables and individual tickets are available and the auction proceeds will benefit the TCJLS Scholarship Fund.
- Darla Crouch-Reynolds gave everyone a personal invitation to come out to the Tarrant County Junior Livestock Show as VIP's and enjoy a BBQ lunch while watching the Show.
- Treasurer's Report and Minutes were approved at written. Motion by Paul Burrough. Second by Pam Wright. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve new members Bradford Barnes, Jim Bradbury, Bill Hays, Todd McCartney, Patricia Stults, Tommy Turner, Bryan Vasseur, and Randall Ward by Buddy Almy. Second by Ken Leiber. Motion Passed.
- Motion to approve new officers Hugh Ross, President, Breinn Richter, Vice President, Bryan Vasseur, Secretary, and Rosalind Sullivan, Treasurer by Pam Wright. Second by Robbie Robertson. Motion passed.
- Motion to approve the 2006-2008 Directors Jim Bradbury, Bobby Helms, Patrick Murray and Julie Porter by Buddy Almy. Second by Dick Falck. Motion passed.
- Board voted on TCJLS Scholarship Board – Bobby Helms, Shanna Weaver and Pam Wright, TCJLS Board – RL Feldt, Breinn Richter, Sue Ann Claudon, Buster Williams and Darla Reynolds, and donations to Pizza Ranch - $1000 and the TCJLS - $1000 and medals to the 2007 Range and Pasture Identification at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

PROGRAM:

It all started when Randy Watson was standing in the arena at Will Rogers as member of the Calf Scramble Committee, when he looked over at Charlie Geren and said "why aren't any of these kids from Fort Worth?" After investigating, Mr. Watson found that the Fort Worth ISD did not have an ag program on any campus. With a little convincing, the vocational director of Tarrant County gave her permission for Mr. Watson and supporting members of the community to approach the district and ask to hire a vocational agriculture science teacher. The district hired Cody Davenport, and three and a half years later, due to the charity of others, the Arlington Heights FFA Chapter erected a $450,000 building on land donated by the city to house the Chapter's livestock projects. The building is located near I30W and 820N, off of Las Vegas Trail.

DOOR PRIZES:

Guest Drawing – Amy Mullins, Free Lunch
Member Drawing – Patrick Murray, Pair of FFA Chukkas donated by Randy Watson
Every Member receives Bluebonnet Seeds from Ag Workers and Calendars from Albert Ross

ADJOURNED: Nan Fidler adjourned our meeting at 1:05PM