

2017 RCFA Schedule

Tuesday, February 28	All Entries Due March 1 Entries accepted at Fairgrounds
Wednesday, March 1 Saturday, March 4	Entries accepted at Franklin & Bremond Fairgrounds Cleanup and Setup
Saturday, March 25 6:00 pm	Queen Coronation <i>(Fireman's Hall)</i>
Monday, March 27 4:00 – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Check-in <i>(Multi-Use Building)</i>
Wednesday, March 29 4:00-7:00 pm 5:00-7:00	Ag Mechanics Check-in <i>(East End of Livestock Barn)</i> Science Fair Check-in <i>(Fireman's Hall)</i>
Thursday, March 30 9:00 am – 5:00 pm 3:00 – 6:00 4:00 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 7:30 pm 5:00 – 7: 00 pm 6:00-7:30 6:00-7:30	Commercial Heifer Record Book Judging/Interviews/Presentations <i>(Franklin Church of Christ)</i> Science Fair Judging <i>(Fireman's Hall)</i> Breeding Swine Check-in <i>(Main Arena)</i> Market Steer Check-in & Classifying <i>(Main Arena)</i> Commercial Heifer Check-in <i>(Heifer Barn)</i> Creative Arts Gala-Fundraiser Creative Arts Winners and Open House <i>(Multi-Use Building)</i>
Friday, March 31 8:00 – 9:30 am 8:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 – 11:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 – 11:30 am 10:00-7:00 pm 12 noon 3:30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00- pm 7:30 pm	Market Lamb and Goat check-in <i>(Main Arena)</i> Commercial Heifer Judging <i>(closed to public viewing) (Heifer Barn)</i> Academic Rodeo Begins <i>(Fireman's Hall)</i> Poultry Show Check-in Market Lamb and Goat Weight Cards Due Ag Mechanics Show <i>(East End of Livestock Barn)</i> Creative Arts Show Viewing <i>(Multi-Use Building)</i> Breeding Swine and Pee Wee Swine Show <i>(Hog Arena)</i> Poultry Show <i>(Main Arena)</i> Market Rabbit Check-in <i>(Main Arena)</i> Science Fair Awards <i>(Fireman's Hall)</i> Commercial Heifer Awards Program <i>(Main Arena)</i> Market Steer Show <i>(Main Arena)</i>

Saturday, April 1

6:00 – 8:00 am	Market Hog Check-in (<i>Hog Arena</i>)
7:00 – 8:00 am	Single Fryer & Breeding Rabbit Check-in
8:00 am	Market Rabbit Show and Breeding Rabbit Show (<i>Main Arena</i>)
9:00 – 11:00 am	Breeding Sheep Check-in (<i>Main Arena</i>)
10:00 am	Market Hog Weight Cards Due (<i>Hog Arena</i>)
10:00 am	Commercial Heifer Sale (<i>Heifer Barn</i>)
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Food Project Check-in (<i>Fireman's Hall</i>)
10:00 am-7:00 pm	Creative Arts Show Viewing
10:00am-1:00pm	Creative Arts Demonstrations & Hands-on Activities (<i>Multi-Use Building</i>)
1:00 pm	Food Project Judging (<i>Fireman's Hall</i>)
1:30 pm	Pig Scrambles Begin (<i>Scramble Arena</i>)
2:30 pm	Breeding Sheep Show (<i>Main Arena</i>)
4:00 pm	Market Goat Show (<i>Main Arena</i>)
6:00 pm	Market Lamb Show (<i>Main Arena</i>)
6:00-6:30	Food Project Pickup

Sunday, April 2

11:00 am	Domino Tournament (<i>Annex</i>)
12:30 pm	Pig Scrambles Begin (<i>Scramble Arena</i>)
	Pee Wee Sheep Show follows Completion of Pig Scrambles (<i>Main Arena</i>)
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Sign-up for Children's Activities (<i>Main Arena</i>)
1:00-3:00 pm	Creative Arts Show Viewing (<i>Multi-Use Building</i>)
1:30 pm	Children's Activities – Chicken Chase, Goat Scramble, Stick Horse Races, & Pet Show (<i>Main Arena</i>)
3:00-5:00	Creative Arts Entry Pick Up (<i>Multi-Use Building</i>)
4:00 pm	Market Hog Show (<i>Hog Arena</i>)

Monday, April 3

8:30am	Cleanup/setup (<i>Main Arena</i>)
4:30 pm	Buyer's Meal (<i>Fireman's Hall</i>)
7:00 pm	Youth Auction Sale (<i>Main Arena</i>)

Gate Entry Fees

Day Passes - \$8.00 per day
 Armbands (entrance into all days of the fair) - \$15.00
 Children in second grade or younger – no charge to attend the fair

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Catalog Ad Costs:

Full Page - \$175.00

Half Page - \$100.00

Quarter Page - \$50.00

Robertson County Fair Association

Officers

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Robert White.....	Vice President
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Brandi Liere.....	Treasurer

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Standing Committees

Building, Grounds, and Cleanup

Ken Elliott, Supt.

Buyers

Sharon Elliott, Supt

Parking and Gates

Scott Squiers – Supt.

Carnival

Tim Felder, Supt.

Children's Events

Robertson County Cowboy Church

Catalog

Steve Cox

Ribbons, Trophies, and Awards

Stephanie Sanders

Scholarships

Jimmie McCullough, Supt.

All committee members must be in good standing of the RCFA

Queen's Contest

Supts. – Rhonda Payne & Christy Cornelius

2017 will be the thirtieth year for the Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA) Queens's Contest. Queen contestants are residents of Robertson County and sponsored by local organizations. The sponsors and contestants sell raffle tickets, the proceeds from which cover scholarships and incurred expenses of the RCFA. Each contestant meeting the raffle ticket sales quota will be judged in five categories: personality, poise, appearance, fair participation, and general knowledge of the RCFA. The contestant selected as Queen will reign over the Fair.

The Queen's Committee and the RCFA give a special "Thank you" to each of these lovely young ladies. Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to all contestants.

Queen's Rules

1. The Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. The RCFA, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or therefrom or any cause whatsoever!
2. Contestant must be a single high school girl living in Robertson County or enrolled in a Robertson County high school, sponsored by a local organization, and academically qualified according to House Bill "72". If a contestant marries and/or becomes pregnant before the coronation, she must relinquish her position to participate in the contest.
3. Each sponsoring non-profit organization may have a substitute contestant. Should the need arise for a substitute; they must also meet the rules, requirements, and responsibilities as outlined in these Rules. Due to advertising constraints, deadline for substitutes to be able to participate is February 5, 2017. If a substitute is needed and there is not one available, the organization will not be represented.
4. Any girl, other than a previous Fair Queen, is eligible to participate as a candidate provided she meets the other qualifications.
5. Each contestant must participate in the Robertson County Fair by having an entry in at least one division of the fair (Livestock, Homemaking, or Shop Division). All entry fees and /or late fees must be paid by the deadline set forth by the RCFA or the contestant will be disqualified from the Queen's contest.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of FFA, FCCLA, or 4H prior to January 1, 2017.
7. Contestants must sell a minimum of \$600.00 of raffle tickets prior to participating in the Queen's contest. If for any reason a contestant drops out or is excused from the contest, the contestant/sponsor will be responsible for the \$600.00 in raffle ticket sales.
8. Each contestant will be responsible for turning in the designated amount of sold tickets and money on the dates designated in Queen Candidate packets.

Each contestant is responsible for being at each of the ticket turn-in meetings. Additional tickets can be obtained from any committee member. Any unsold tickets must be turned in at the final ticket turn-in. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$1000 in raffle ticket sales will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$1500 in raffle ticket sales will receive a \$100 gift certificate. Each contestant who reaches a goal of \$2000 in raffle tickets sales will receive a \$200 gift certificate.

9. All contestants must attend a “meet & greet” event on the day of the pageant. Interviews will be done immediately following. Contestants will be judged in appearance, poise, personality, and general knowledge and involvement in the Robertson County Fair.

10. The points you receive for fair participation are based only on the number of years of participation in the Robertson County Fair. Eligibility begins with third grade.

11. Each applicant’s official entry form and essay must be received by the Superintendent of the Queen Committee (not mailed) no later than 5pm on November 11, 2016. Applications must be complete. No late applications will be accepted. All rules will apply as of entry due date.

12. The Fair Queen and the 1st and 2nd runner-up will each receive a token of appreciation.

13. If the Queen marries and/or becomes pregnant during the time of her reign, she must relinquish her title and all that it encompasses. The first runner-up will then become eligible, and if for some reason the first runner-up declines, with committee approval, then the second runner-up will become eligible.

14. All decisions by the Queen contest judges and the Queen’s committee are final.

The 2017 Queen’s Coronation is Saturday, March 25th at 6 p.m. at the Robertson County Fairgrounds in Hearne, Texas.

General Rules

1. The Robertson County Fair Association (RCFA), Inc. reserves for its Officers and Board of Directors the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incidental to the Fair. The Management reserves the right to modify, change or add to these rules as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable. Any person who violates any of the general rules or specific rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums won. The RCFA, Inc. will not be held legally responsible for any damages or injuries to any persons, personal properties, exhibitors, exhibits or livestock while on the grounds or in transit thereto or therefrom or any cause whatsoever!
2. All show exhibitors must have a form from their school prior to the show, signed by their school principal or superintendent, stating that the exhibitor is academically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
3. All entrants in the Youth Division of the Robertson County Fair (RCF) must be a member of a Robertson County FFA Chapter, Robertson County 4-H Club, or Robertson County FCCLA Chapter (FCCLA – Homemaking Division Only). These youth must be in good standing in their chapter or club, 4-H and FFA members must have attended at least one meeting between September 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Eligible youth may participate in only the Robertson County Market Division and not another county's market show. Such participation in the same school year will render the market exhibitor ineligible for the RCF market show. Additionally, all youth exhibitors must satisfy one of the two following requirements: (a) Must be a resident of Robertson County or (b) must attend a public school in Robertson County. All entrants must satisfy one of the two requirements for the duration of the project (from the project validation date until the sale date of the animal). All entrants in the market division must also complete a RCFA eligibility form for each species validated for show at the RCF.
4. All Youth market exhibitors are responsible for getting entry forms filled out and signed by their supervisor (County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Instructor). These forms must be turned in by March 1, 2017. Entries will be collected during two entry nights. Entries will be collected on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at the RCFA grounds in Hearne from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Franklin and Bremond High schools from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A corresponding list based on entries will be given to each division superintendent at the time of the show. Anyone not found on this final list will not be eligible to show. Divisions included in this rule include: market steers, commercial heifers, market lambs, market goats, market hogs, market poultry, market rabbits, visual arts and food. Entries received March 2 through March 7, 2017 will only be accepted with a \$50.00 per entry late fee. Entries received after March 7th will only be accepted until the end of the project check in with a \$250 late fee. **Entry fee will be \$25.00 per head for the market division.**
5. All exhibitors in the market division must provide the primary care of all animals entered in their name from time of tag-in to after the sale date of the animal.
6. All entries in the market steer, market lamb, market goat, and market hog divisions will be charged a \$5.00 per head tag-in fee. Exhibitors of market rabbits will be charged a \$10.00 per family tattooing fee. Commercial heifers will be charged \$10.00 per head for tag-in. Any wing band fees associated with the market poultry show will be added to the cost of poultry and paid by exhibitors at time birds are picked up. All market steers must be nose printed and ear tagged for identification. All market lambs will be nose printed and ear tagged for identification. Additionally, all ewe lambs must have a scrapies tag in place at time of check in. Market goats will be tattooed and ear tagged for identification. Market goat does must have a scrapies tag. Market hogs will be ear tagged for identification. Commercial heifers will be ear tagged and tattooed with a RCFA tattoo, market poultry will be wing banded, and market rabbits will be tattooed for identification. If an animal loses an ear tag, the superintendent must be notified within seven days and a replacement tag requested. All replacement tags must be in place before fair check in of the division.
7. Exhibitors may show in more than one market division but are limited to one entry per division and may only sell one entry through the fair auction, whether Silent Auction or Premium Sale, with the exception of the Commercial Replacement Heifer Sale.
8. Market animals may be entered in the immediate family name or individual name. The immediate family is defined as a whole blood, half blood, stepbrothers and sisters, and legally adopted. A decree of adoption, birth certificate, and certificate of marriage may be required to verification. Failure to supply these documents may result

in disqualification. All exhibitors must complete the exhibitor eligibility form for each market division entered as outlined in General Rule #3 of the Livestock Division. **Quality Counts training must be completed by all exhibitors entering the market division prior to entering the RCFA market show and proof of completion of the Quality Counts training (individual completion number) must be included with market division entries.**

9. The Grand Champions and Reserve Champions in each division except Homemaking must sell. The sale will be limited as explained in each division. If an exhibitor has the Grand Champion in one division and the Reserve Champion in another division, then he or she must sell the Grand Champion animal. If an exhibitor has two Grand Champions or two Reserve Champions, then the exhibitor must pick which animal to sell.

10. All market animals will remain within the fenced area of the fairgrounds from the time of check in until released by the division superintendent.

11. Market animals must be shown and sold by the FFA or 4-H member who entered the show animal. The only exceptions are: (a) the exhibitor is ill or a death in the immediate family has occurred, (b) the exhibitor has another animal being shown in another division at the same time, or (c) the exhibitor is participating in another approved, school, 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA event. The appropriate division superintendent must approve the use of a substitute showman prior to the show or sale.

12. All entries must be owned by the FFA or 4-H exhibitor according to the length of time determined by the RCFA and the division rules.

13. All checks for livestock listed in the sale order will be payable to the RCFA, Inc. and a commission will be taken by RCFA for payment of ribbons, trophies, facilities, and improvements. All other sales are by private treaty between exhibitor and buyer. The RCFA Sales committee will not be responsible for any private transactions.

14. A change in color pattern by painting or powdering will not be allowed. Any grooming material that allows color to come off an animal will not be allowed. No painting or dyeing of animals will be allowed. Animals found painted, powdered, or dyed may be disqualified from the show.

15. No painting or decorating animals for the sale.

16. Entries in the breeding divisions must be members of FFA or 4-H and attending a public, private, or home-based elementary, junior high or high school. Exception is any Pee Wee classes.

17. All breeding show exhibitors are NOT allowed to use a substitute showman in cases of ineligibility due to failing grades.

18. Ribbons will be awarded in all divisions and belt buckles will be awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market show. RCFA will also award showmanship awards in the steer, lamb, goat, hog, poultry, and rabbit divisions. All exhibitors participating in showmanship will be required to show the animal, entered and exhibited under their name, in their respective divisions (no exceptions). Showmanship classes for steers and poultry will be broken down as follows: Juniors (grades 3-8) and Seniors (grades 9-12). The showmanship age classes for sheep, swine, and goats will be: Junior (grades 3-5), Intermediate (grades 6-8), and Senior (grades 9-12).

19. Diseased animals will not be allowed to show and all other Texas Animal Health Commission rules will be followed in each division of livestock and poultry. Market animals will be subject to drug testing and any animal testing positive will be disqualified and all money and prizes will be forfeited. The use by non-veterinarians of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accordance with the FDA-approved label is a violation of federal law.

20. Each livestock committee will hold one or more mandatory project clinics. Dates, times, and number of clinics will be determined by each committee and approved by the board of directors. Participation in clinics will be required for all exhibitors entering their first, second, or third year of showing within a particular species. All other exhibitors are encouraged but not required to attend these clinics. Participation in the Holiday Classic and/or the Southern Classic clinics will count toward meeting the clinic participation requirement. Each committee will hold a makeup clinic. Participation in other events to meet the clinic requirement may be determined by the committee.

21. **All Exhibitors with sale items are expected to be at the fairgrounds in the main arena stands on Monday, April 3rd by 8:30 a.m. and assist with set-up and clean-up for the auction. Those unable to attend on Monday will be given an alternate day that week.** All schools will be contacted on Monday to verify attendance in school. Students not at the fairgrounds all day on Monday will not receive an excuse for school absence from the county Extension Agent, Agricultural Science instructor, or Home Economics teacher. Any exhibitor that makes the silent auction or premium sale that does not attend Monday's set-up and cleanup day will

have their auction check held until the exhibitor makes up for the missed set-up/clean up day. Exhibitors are expected to verbally thank the buyer upon sale of animal on Sales night. Exhibitors are also required to prepare and mail all thank you notes (addressed to your buyer and postage already affixed) to Melanie Stellbauer 102 S. Magnolia Street Hearne, TX 77859. She will keep a master list of all thank you notes received. Failure to mail thank notes to Melanie Stellbauer by April 15, 2017 will result in a \$25.00 deduction from your sales check. All sales checks and pictures from the fair will be held until thank you notes have been received by Melanie Stellbauer. If appropriate funds have been collected to clear sales checks, exhibitor checks and pictures will be distributed at the RCFA annual meeting to be held at Fireman's Hall on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Those exhibitors receiving buyer's pictures at the annual meeting are required to delivery these pictures to the appropriate buyer.

22. Buyer disposition forms will be furnished during the sale to each buyer. Exhibitors must check with the appropriate division superintendent at the end of the auction and before leaving the fairgrounds on Sale night to receive disposition instructors for their animal. All disposition instructions must be followed. All resale animals shall become the property of the RCFA. The exhibitor that just sold the animal has first choice in buying the animal back. Any animals bought back from RCFA will be sold based on the established floor price and an additional \$25.00 processing fee. Such transactions must be approved by the division superintendent and the animal paid for prior to leaving the fairgrounds on the night of the auction. All animals must be removed from the fairgrounds on the night of the auction. **Exhibitors who choose to sell non-sale animals on the floor truck will be accessed a \$5.00 processing fee by RCFA. The RCFA reserves the right to reweigh any floor animal.**

23. **Drug Use:** The use by non-veterinarians* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that: (1) they are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, (2) the Robertson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify an exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug, (3) the drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the Robertson County Fair Association shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor.

24. **Certification Forms:** Junior Show exhibitors are required to have a drug certification form signed by the following: (a) Junior Exhibitor; (b) Parent or Guardian; and (c) CEA or AST. The Drug Certification Form is on the reverse side of the entry application. No junior animal will be allowed to show without this certification form properly filled out.

25. **Drug Testing:** During the collection of urine and fecal samples, the Exhibitor and designated responsible adult must be present at all times unless a substitute exhibitor is approved by the superintendent. Exhibitors found in violation of this rule are subject to disqualification.

26. **Animal/Exhibitor Disqualification:** To foster fair competition, to provide a level playing field and to protect the safety of food, the showing of unethically fitted livestock, livestock of any ineligible age for exhibition in the class entered, and/or animals being administered unapproved drugs is strictly prohibited.

a. **Unapproved Drug Use:** The showing of any animal that has been administered during its life any quantity of any unapproved drug, chemical or medication is strictly prohibited. Such drugs include, but are not limited to, any diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals including animals that may be destined for human consumption.

b. **Approved Drug Use:** If an animal has been administered a drug that is FDA approved for its species and class, the animal must be at or below FDA approved levels upon arrival at Robertson County Fairgrounds.

c. **Emergency Treatment:**

1. If an animal needs emergency treatment before weigh-in or check-in, the animal may be treated by the official show veterinarian or another individual under the show vet's supervision, provided the RCFA collects a urine sample from the animal before any medical treatment is administered.
2. Emergency Treatment: If an animal requires emergency medical treatment once on the fairgrounds, only a licensed veterinarian will be allowed to administer any drug, chemical, or feed

additive. An exhibitor may choose to use a licensed veterinarian other than the official show veterinarian provided the official show vet is notified in advance of treatment and is present to witness the administration of all treatments.

3. Treatment costs: All treatment costs are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
4. Treated animals/Animal Disposal: If an animal is treated by a licensed veterinarian while at the show and medication administered exceeds the 15 day withdrawal time, the animal (s) will be disqualified and not allowed to be shown. If the disqualified animal is a market animal, the animal must be immediately removed from the show grounds by the exhibitor. Should a placing animal receive treatment requiring a 15-day or less withdrawal period, the RCFA will feed the animal for the duration of the withdrawal period with a charge to the exhibitor for the feed. The exhibitor also hereby releases the RCFA of any damages that may arise from during this 15-day care and feeding period.

27. **Disclaimer of Warranties.** The RCFA expressly disclaims any express or implied warranties (including merchantability), whether the goods or services are provided by the RCFA or by others (such as drug testing). The RCFA does not provide security or guard services and is not responsible for the acts of third parties. Exhibitors and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that the RCFA shall be entitled to disqualify any exhibitor whose animal tests positive for any drug, and even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians are innocent of any wrong doing and had no role in the administration of the drug disclosed by the drug test. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, the RCFA shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor. Disqualification results in forfeiture of all prize money and auction proceeds.

28. **Disqualifications/Condemnation of Animals.** The RCFA reserves the right to condemn and/or disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals, or feed additives as described in general rule #23 and #26 of the Livestock Division and the exhibitor will forfeit all auction sales and/or premium money if the animal is disqualified. If animal is disqualified for testing positive and/or the carcass condemned at slaughter, the class placing will not change. An exhibitor of an animal testing positive for any drug, medication, or unapproved chemical may forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit livestock in **future RCFA shows.**

PREMIUM SALE SHOWS

Market Steer Division

Supts. – John Carl and Jessica Lutz

1. READ LIVESTOCK DIVISION GENERAL RULES
2. Exhibitors must own animal by Saturday, October 22, 2016. Steers and exhibitors will be checked in on this date and steers will be weighed, nose printed, tattooed, and ear tagged at the Robertson County Veterinary Clinic in New Baden beginning at 1 pm. This check-in is required and does not count as a clinic for the 2015 RCFA steer show. A \$5.00 tagging and tattoo fee per head will be assessed at tag-in. Animals not present at the check-in may be allowed to enter at the discretion of the Steer Committee, with approval by the Superintendent prior to the check-in date. Only major/county show validation tags and the RCFA tattoo (county tagged steers only) are allowed in a steer's ears.
3. Every steer exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
4. Entry fee for the steer show is \$25.00 per head and is due March 1, 2017.
5. Minimum weight for steers shall be 1,000 pounds with no upper weight limit.
6. The calves classified in the American-cross breed must exhibit enough breed characteristics to indicate they could have been sired by or out of an animal registered in an American breed association.
7. A committee of three qualified individuals with prior cattle experience will be selected to classify all steers. This committee's decisions will be final.
8. Beginning at 6:30 pm and until 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 30, 2017, exhibitors will turn in their weight cards and present their steers for classification. All steers will be classified as American-cross or European.
9. All market steers must be slicked sheared with no more than one-fourth (1/4) inch length of hair, except for tail switch when steers are checked in for the 2017 RCFA steer show.
10. If there are 35 or less there will be 5 classes of American Cross and/or European breeds.
11. Re-weigh:
 - a. All sale animals automatically qualifying for the sale will be reweighed. A maximum 5% increase or decrease in the official weight as turned in by the exhibitor for each steer will be allowed. Any steer weighing greater than or less than 5% of the official weight will be disqualified. If a steer is disqualified based on this re-weigh rule, the next placing steer will move up and will be subject to this re-weigh rule.
 - b. Exhibitors must re-weigh immediately after leaving the ring following class placement. Exhibitor will be disqualified if he/she goes to their stall prior to official weigh back. Steers will be weighed with Superintendent and Scale Master present. If steer does not meet weigh back criteria the steer will be reweighed one additional time immediately after first weight to verify steers actual weight. Steers placing below sale steers must wait at scales until automatic sale slots are certified.
12. Only the Judge, Ring Stewards, Exhibitors and their steers will be allowed in the show ring during the judging of the classes.
13. Uncontrollable steers will be subject to disqualification by the judge.
14. Twenty steers or calves will be sold.
15. Any exception to these rules must receive approval from the Steer Superintendent.
16. Showmanship will be held at the conclusion of the steer show and will be conducted in accordance of Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules.

Judge: Scott Greiner

Commercial Replacement Heifers

Supt. – Bobby Corn

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. Exhibitors in this show must be residents of Robertson County and 4-H and FFA members of clubs in Robertson County. Exhibitors must be certified by a Robertson County Extension Service Agent or an Agricultural Science Teacher. Exhibitors must also:
 - a. Meet all eligibility requirements at time of show as set forth by the Texas Education Agency and the exhibitor's school district.
 - b. Forfeit the right to exhibit and sell their projects during the heifer show and sale and all required fees for failing to meet eligibility requirements.
3. All Junior Commercial Heifer entries will be tagged and tattooed with a special RCFA tattoo at the Robertson County Veterinary Clinic in New Baden on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. A tagging and tattoo fee of \$10.00 per head will be assessed at tag-in. At tag-in all heifers will be vaccinated/revaccinated for Lepto, Vibrio, IBR complex and 8-way Blackleg at exhibitor's expense.
4. All heifers must be Brucellosis calf hood vaccinated on or before the tag-in date of October 22, 2016. All heifers must have a metal calf hood vaccination tag and/or a vaccination tattoo in their ear.
5. Heifers entries must be open and no more than 13 months old and no less than 8 months of age as certified by the exhibitor at tag-in on October 22, 2016 and not more than 18 months but not less than 13 months on March 30, 2017.
6. All heifers must be naturally polled or dehorned. Heifers must be dehorned on or before the tag-in date.
7. A \$25.00 entry fee per pen of heifers is due on March 1, 2017.
8. Heifers will be checked in at the RCFA fairgrounds on Thursday, March 30, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Two heifers shall constitute a pen of heifers. An exhibitor may enter only one pen of two heifers from the heifers the exhibitor originally tagged-in on October 22, 2016. Exhibitors that have had heifers die during the course of the project will be allowed to show a pen of one.
9. **All heifers must be palpated open no more than 30 days prior to check in, by a licensed veterinarian. A health certificate, signed by veterinarian, guaranteeing heifers to be open must be turned in at check-in. Health certificates can have multiple family members participating in Commercial Heifer Show, but a copy must accompany each pen of heifers. A copy must be placed in the record book.**
10. **All heifers will be toothed/ aged by a licensed veterinarian at the same time the heifers are palpated. Any heifer that has lost a baby tooth and a permanent incisor has broken the skin, will be deemed ineligible for competing for grand or reserve pen. Any pen of heifers that has a heifer that is deemed to be too old will be sold at the end of the sale order.**
11. Heifers will be classified at arrival at the RCFA fairgrounds on March 30, 2017. According to breed characteristics, and will then show in one of three breed divisions as described below. A classifying committee will be designated by the heifer committee to determine breeds of each heifer. Based on decisions of classifiers, heifers will be assigned to one of the following breed divisions:
 - a. Braford Influence – Cattle that exhibit Braford characteristics.
 - b. Other Braham Influence – All other cattle which exhibit Braham characteristics.
 - c. All Other Breeds – Cattle not included in the above divisions (ex. Hereford, Angus, Exotic crosses, etc.)
12. Exhibitors are required to submit a record book for competition using the RCFA Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale record book guidelines. Exhibitors are also required to prepare a sales flyer about their Commercial heifers.
13. The Commercial Heifer committee will hold two educational clinics. All exhibitors are required to attend one of these clinics to be eligible to participate. Clinic dates will be as follows: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm and Sunday, December 11, 2016. A makeup will be held and will be at the discretion of the superintendent as approved by the RCFA board of directors. See Rule # 20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.

14. The record book/interview/presentations portion of the show will have a three age divisions. Juniors will be grades 3, 4,5; Intermediates will be grades 6,7,8; and seniors will be grades 9,10,11,12. This portion of the commercial heifer show will be judged and scored as follows:
 - Juniors – 30% record book and 70% interview
 - Intermediates – 30% record book and 70% interview/poster board interview
 - Seniors – 10% resume/sales flyer, 20% record book, and 70% oral presentation
15. The pen of heifers will be judged on Friday, March 31, 2017 beginning at 8:00 am. Placing will be determined based on quality of the heifers. The heifer judging and the record book/interview/presentation portion of the heifer show will be separate, and therefore, separate awards given for winners in the heifer judging portion and the record book/interview/presentation portion of the commercial heifer show.
16. Any hay fed to heifers during the show Must be fed in a hay net. If contestant does not have a hay net, hay will not be allowed to be fed.
17. The RCFA will present awards to the Grand and Reserve Grand pens and other placing pens and to the Grand and Reserve Grand Junior, Intermediate, and Senior record book/interview/presentation winners and others placing in this portion of the commercial heifer show.
18. Since this is a terminal show, all heifers must sell in the Commercial Heifer sale on Saturday, April 2, 2016. Heifers will be sold as a pen with the number of heifers times the money bid being the amount received. A 10% sales commission will be deducted from each sales lot. Additionally, a \$1.00 Beef Check-off fee will be deducted from the sale of each heifer to comply with the National Beef Check-off Program.
19. All heifers will be released by the commercial heifer committee following the conclusion of the sale and exhibitors are responsible to determine the deposition on their heifers prior to leaving the commercials heifer sale.
20. The Robertson County Youth Commercial Heifer Show and Sale Committee members act as agents only for the exhibitors. All guarantees are between buyers and the sellers.
21. All heifers entered in this program and sold become the property of the buyer and shall remain sold.
22. There will be no harassment of the veterinarians, classifiers, or judges prior to, during, or after the show.
23. This program is designed to be educational and beneficial to the youth of Robertson County.
24. In the event an exhibitor's heifer(s) loses an official RCFA Commercial Heifer tag, it is the responsibility of the exhibitor to notify the Commercial Heifer Committee so that the heifer(s) can be re-tagged.
25. Heifers must be in the possession of the exhibitor on or before the tag-in date of October 22, 2016 and remain in the exhibitor's possession throughout the feed period.
26. Exhibitors participating in the commercial heifer show may also compete in the market animal show and are eligible to sell entries in both the commercial heifer sale and the premium auction (i.e. market steers, lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits, poultry, or baked goods).

Judge: Charles Hope
Bobby Kurten
Tucker Blair

Market Lambs

Supts. – Joey Hogan, Jeff Ripley, Monte Dozier

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. Lambs must be owned by Saturday, December 3, 2016 and on that date all lambs to be shown in the 2017 RCFA market lamb show will be ear tagged and nose printed. A fee of \$5.00 per lamb ear tagged will be assessed and collected at this check in. This check in is required and will not count as a clinic for the 2017 Show. Lambs previously tagged in for major shows are not required to be at county tag in and will not have to be retagged with a RCFA show tag.
3. If an exhibitor's lamb loses an ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Lamb Superintendent and the lamb retagged and re-nose printed.
4. Wether or ewe lambs will be eligible to be shown in the market lamb class.
5. The lamb committee will hold project clinics: Saturday, January 14, 2017, Saturday, February 4, 2017 and Saturday, March 4, 2017. Clinics will be held at the Fairgrounds and Saturday clinics will begin at 10:00 am. Every lamb exhibitor with three or less years experience in the lamb division must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Clinic dates and times are subject to change at the discretion of the lamb committee.
6. Entry fee for the market lamb show is \$25.00 per head and will be due on March 1, 2016.
7. Animals must weigh at least 80 lbs. with no upper limit. A one-pound tolerance will be allowed to account for scale variances.
8. Weigh in for the market lamb show will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 beginning at 8:00 am. Exhibitors will check in and then weigh their own animals and turn in weight cards to the Market Lamb Superintendent by 10:00 am. The lamb committee will divide lambs into five (5) classes with near, as possible, the same number and weight of animals in each class. There must be five (5) lambs to constitute a class. Lambs classes will be broken by weight only and will not be broken into individual breeds.
9. All lambs will be nose printed at check in and prints compared to those taken at the December 5, 2015 check in.
10. All lambs must be slick shorn and may not have more than two weeks growth of wool.
11. Pens will be assigned at check in and no watering or feeding of lambs is allowed in the pens.
12. Ribbons will be awarded to the top fifteen places in each class.
13. Belt Buckles and Rosettes will be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champions of the Show.
14. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship. In addition, a novice showmanship division will be judged. First year market lamb exhibitors (no matter their age) can choose to participate in either (but not both) the novice division or their appropriate age division for showmanship.
15. The top five placing lambs in each class will automatically make the sale. The top six lambs will be reweighed prior to placing. The reweigh tolerance will be +/- 5lbs of the weigh-in weight. Any lamb weighing above or below the 5lb tolerance will be disqualified from the show and barred from the premium auction. In the event a lamb weighs out at the reweigh, the next placing lamb moves up. Any lamb that moves up must be reweighed and meet the reweigh tolerances.
16. Twenty five (25) lambs will sell through the premium auction. The top five placing lambs from each class will automatically make the sale. The judge will select the remaining lambs and alternates for the sale and establish the sale order.
17. All lamb exhibitors and alternates making the premium auction are **required** to assist with the peewee lamb show. Those that fail to assist with the peewee lamb show will be assessed a \$100.00 penalty to be deducted from their sales check unless they have been excused by the lamb superintendent.
18. All market lambs will remain on the fairgrounds from time of check in until released by the Market Lamb Superintendent.

Judge: Scott Greiner

Market Goats

Supts – Joey Hogan, Jeff Ripley, Monte Dozier

1. Read the Livestock Division General Rules
2. Goats must be owned by tag in. Tag in will be held at the Robertson County Fairgrounds on December 3, 2016. Goats will be tattooed and tagged at tag in and a \$5.00 per head tagging fee will be assessed and collected that day. This check in is required and will not count as a clinic for the 2017 show. Goats previously tagged in for major shows are not required to be at county tag in and will not have to be retagged with an RCFA show tag.
3. Every goat exhibitor with three or less years experience in the goat division must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Events that will count toward a clinic will be: January 14, 2017; February 4, 2017; March 4, 2017 at the Robertson County Fairgrounds, the Holiday Classic held in Belton, TX. in November, the Southern Classic, held in Bryan at the Expo Center in December of each year, or the Texas A&M Aggieland Goat Camp held during the summer, July 2016. Show proof of attendance for these events and it will count as your clinic.
4. Entry fee for the market goat show will be \$25.00 per head due on March 1, 2017.
5. Wethers or Doe kids are eligible for the show. Additionally, any breed or crosses of meat type goats will be eligible to show.
6. Animals must weigh at least 60 lbs on day of check-in to be eligible to show. There is no upper weight limit.
7. Check in for goats will be from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on Friday, March 31, 2017 at the fairgrounds. Exhibitors must complete and turn in their own weight cards by 10:00 am that same day.
8. Market goats must be slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less over the entire body above the knee and hocks (with the exception of the tail) at the time of the show.
9. Pens will be assigned at check in and no watering or feeding of goats is allowed in the pens.
10. Any heat lamps or fans that are used must be securely fastened and must be out of reach of all animals. If an exhibitor fails to follow this rule, they will be asked to remove light or fan.
11. The Goat Committee will determine weight classes once the weight cards are turned in. There will be four classes of goats.
12. All first place goats will compete for Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion is selected, all remaining first place goats and the second place goat from the class where the Grand Champion came will be eligible for Reserve Champion. Belt buckles will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion goats. Ribbons will be awarded to every exhibitor.
13. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship.
14. Twenty (20) goats will sell in the premium auction. The top five (5) place goats from each class will automatically make the sale. The judge will select the remaining goats and alternates for the sale and establish the sale order.
15. Re-weigh: All sale animals automatically qualifying for the sale will be reweighed. A 4 pound tolerance above or below the official weigh-in weight will be allowed. Any goat weighing more or less than 4 pounds of the official weigh-in weight will be disqualified from the show and not allowed to sell in the premium auction. In the event a goat weighs out at the reweigh, the next placing goat will move up for consideration of any additional placing.
16. All exhibitors will remain with their goat until the sale order is finalized.
17. Goats not making the auction must be removed from the fairgrounds the night of the show.
18. After the premium auction concludes, all exhibitors that sold a goat in the premium auction must report to the Goat Superintendent for the buyer's instructions regarding disposition of the animal. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to complete the buyer's instructions regarding disposition of the animal.
19. All goats will remain on the fairgrounds from time of check in until released by the Goat Superintendent.

Judge: Scott Greiner

Poultry- Broilers

Supts. – Jane Schneider and Debbie Vajdak

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules
2. The Poultry Committee will hold two clinics and all exhibitors are encouraged to attend. Every broiler exhibitor with three or less years experience in the broiler division must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
3. All broilers will be the same variety and 3 birds will constitute an entry regardless of sex. Pullets and/or roosters may be shown. The birds will be wing banded.
4. All birds must be purchased from the same hatchery as determined by the Poultry Superintendent. Orders are to be placed through the County Extension Agent's Office.
5. Entry fee for the broiler show is \$25.00 per pen and is due on March 1, 2017.
6. Broilers will be ordered in multiples of 25 birds. Minimum order of 25 birds per family.
7. There will be a Sift Judge appointed by the Poultry Superintendents to sift birds at check-in. Birds may be sifted for the following reasons: external parasites, disease, bruises, and blisters. If an Exhibitor has a bird that has been sifted, the Exhibitor may use an alternate bird to complete his/her pen. Broilers losing their wing bands for any reason will not be eligible to show. If a wing band is lost, an alternate bird may be used to complete an Exhibitor's pen.
8. There is no weight limit.
9. Portable, self-contained, and battery-powered fans may be attached to pens by exhibitors to cool birds.
10. Only feed supplied by the RCFA will be allowed. No feed additives or "wet-mashing" will be allowed. Exhibitors may supply their own water. Electrolytes may be added to the water.
11. Shavings are provided by the RCFA. Exhibitors may bring additional shaving to add to their pens.
12. Exhibitors are responsible feeding and watering their birds.
13. Exhibitors may have two holders to assist them in the show ring. All holders must be a student in Robertson County. No adults are allowed in the show ring as holders. Committee members shall be available to assist exhibitors as needed.
14. Ribbons will be awarded through 20 places, and belt buckles and banners presented to the Grand and Reserve Champion pens of chickens. Awards will also be presented for showmanship.
15. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
16. The top 20 pens of broilers (top 15 places and next 5 placings as alternates) will have their wing bands checked immediately following the conclusion of the broiler show for Premium Auction purposes. Exhibitors not making the sale must immediately remove their birds from the fairgrounds.
17. The top 20 pens of broilers (top 15 places and next 5 placings as alternates) will have their wing bands checked immediately following the conclusion of the broiler show for Premium Auction purposes. Exhibitors not making the sale must immediately remove their birds from the fairgrounds.
18. Pens placing one through fifteen will be left in the show barn until the Premium Auction. It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitors of the top 15 pens to feed and water these birds and to ensure that shavings are changed as needed.
19. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Poultry Superintendents regarding disposition of sale birds. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold birds to the Buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the Buyer.
20. At the conclusion of the poultry sale, Exhibitors making the sale are responsible for helping with the tear-down and clean-up of the poultry area.

Judge: Jason Lee

Poultry – Turkeys

Supts. – Jane Schneider and Debbie Vajdak

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules
2. The Poultry Committee will hold two clinics and all exhibitors are encouraged to attend. Every turkey exhibitor with three or less years experience in the turkey division must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
3. Turkey orders must be placed with either your Animal Science Teacher (FFA orders) or the County Extension Agent (4-H orders).
4. All turkeys shown in the Robertson County Fair must be hens. Only one turkey per exhibitor may be entered. The birds will be marked and sexed by the hatchery. Turkeys will be ordered in multiples of 5 birds. Minimum order of 5 birds per family.
5. Entry fee for the turkey show is \$25.00 per bird and is due March 1, 2017.
6. There will be a Sift Judge appointed by the Poultry Superintendents to sift birds at check-in. Birds may be sifted for the following reasons: external parasites, disease, bruises, blisters, and sex of the bird. If an Exhibitor has a bird that has been sifted, the Exhibitor may use an alternate bird. Turkeys losing their wing bands for any reason will not be eligible to show. If a wing band is lost, an alternate bird may also be used.
7. Portable, self-contained, and battery-powered fans may be attached to pens by exhibitors to cool birds.
8. Only feed supplied by the RCFA will be allowed. No feed additives or “wet-mashing” will be allowed. Exhibitors may supply their own water. Electrolytes may be added to the water.
9. Shavings are provided by the RCFA. Exhibitors may bring additional shavings to add to their pens.
10. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their birds.
11. Exhibitors may have one holder to assist them in the show ring. All holders must be a student in Robertson County. No adults are allowed in the show ring as holders. Committee members shall be available to assist exhibitors as needed.
12. Ribbons will be awarded through 10 places, and belt buckles and banners presented to the Grand and Reserve Champion turkeys. Awards will also be presented for showmanship.
13. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
14. Top six turkeys will sell.
15. The top 10 turkeys (top 6 places and next 4 placings as alternates) will have their wing bands checked immediately after the conclusion of the turkey show for Premium Auction purposes. Exhibitors not making the sale must immediately remove their birds from the fairgrounds.
16. Turkeys placing one through six will be left in the show barn until the Premium Auction. It will be the responsibility of the Exhibitors of the top 6 turkeys to feed and water these birds and to ensure the shavings are changed as needed.
17. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Poultry Superintendents regarding disposition of sale birds. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold birds to the Buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the Buyer.
18. At the conclusion of the poultry sale, Exhibitors making the sale are responsible for helping with the tear-down and clean-up of the poultry area.

Judge: Jason Lee

Market Rabbits

Supts. – Jerry Pacey

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules
2. An entry shall consist of a pen of three (3) rabbits individually weighing between 3.5 to 5.5 pounds each with a scale tolerance of 2 ounces per rabbit.
3. Only one alternate rabbit can be used as a substitute. Substitutions may be made for only the following reasons:
 - a) At the weigh-in, one of the rabbits in the pen of three does not meet the weight requirements, or
 - b) If after weigh-in and sifting, a rabbit becomes sick or injured. The substitute rabbit must pass the same weigh-in and sift requirements.
4. The exhibitor must own the breeding doe on or before December 1, 2016. The Rabbit Committee reserves the right to inspect all does and bunnies on the exhibitor's premise to verify doe ownership. Only Californian and New Zealand breeds will be allowed to enter the market rabbit show.
5. Exhibitors must inform the Rabbit Committee prior to the December 1, 2016 deadline verifying the exhibitor's intention to show rabbits in the 2017 Robertson County Fair and the location of their does for inspection and verification by the Rabbit Committee.
6. All entries must have a special RCFA-approved tattoo in the right ear. Tattoos will be applied by the Rabbit Committee on the rabbit validation day as set by the Rabbit Committee. A tattooing fee of \$10.00 per family will be assessed during this validation day.
7. Entry fee for the market rabbit show will be \$25.00 per pen and is due March 1, 2017.
8. Check-in will be on Friday, March 31, 2017 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Pens will be furnished for the rabbits. Rabbits will be checked, weighed, and sifted at this time. The exhibitor will be responsible for feeding and watering their own rabbits during the show. The Show will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The breeding show and fryer rabbit will follow the market show and these two shows shall be a carrying cage only show.
9. Every rabbit exhibitor with three or less years experience in the rabbit division must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
10. The tattooing and validation day shall not count as a clinic.
11. Once weighed and sifted, rabbits must remain in the designated rabbit section of the barn.
12. During judging, if one rabbit in the pen is eliminated, the entire pen shall be eliminated. All rabbits eliminated due to disease must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately by the exhibitor. The Rabbit Superintendents and the Rabbit Committee retain the right to remove any sick, diseased, or unhealthy rabbits from the fairgrounds.
13. A belt buckle and rosette will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion pen of rabbits.
14. The top 10 pens of rabbits shall make the Premium Auction. Five (5) additional alternate pens will be selected.
15. All rabbits making the sale will be left in the show barn through the Premium Auction and the exhibitor must ensure rabbits are properly fed and watered. Rabbits not making the sale must be removed from the barn immediately.
16. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with the Rabbit Superintendent regarding disposition of sale rabbits. The exhibitor shall be responsible for delivering sold rabbits to the buyer dressed, packaged, or alive as instructed by the buyer.

Judge: Lloyd Morgan

Market Hogs

Supt. – Robert White

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules
2. Tag in day for the market hogs will be Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Robertson County Fairgrounds. A \$5.00 per head tag-in fee will be assessed and collected at tag-in.
3. Barrows or gilts are eligible to be tagged in and to enter the market hog show.
4. Hogs must be owned before December 10, 2016.
5. Entry fee for the market hog show will be \$25.00 per head and is due March 1, 2017.
6. To be eligible to show, market hogs must weigh between 220 lbs and 280 lbs. All exhibitors will be allowed to use official scales. Due to injury or weight problems, one substitution will be allowed between 7:30 am and 9:30 am on market hog weigh in day. Any substitutions must be cleared with the Swine Superintendent before the substitute pig may be unloaded.
7. Every hog exhibitor must meet the clinic participation rule as outlined in rule #20 of the Livestock Division General Rules.
8. Each exhibitor may turn in the weight of only one market hog. Official weight cards must be turned into the Swine Superintendent before 10:00 am on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The official weight turned in on the weight cards must be no lighter than 220 lbs. and no heavier than 280 lbs. or the hog will be disqualified.
9. A minimum of 10 pigs will be penned for weigh back and placing (at the judge's discretion, more than 10 pigs may be penned for weigh back). Only exhibitors of the pigs being reweighed will be allowed in the weigh back area. During the reweigh, a 5% change in the official weight above or below will be allowed. For example:

Official Weight Card Weight	Total allowable 5% weight change	Minimum Pig Weight at reweigh	Maximum Pig weight at reweigh
250 lbs	$250 \text{ lb} \times 0.05 = 12.5 \text{ lbs}$	$250 \text{ lbs} - 13 \text{ lbs} = 237 \text{ lbs}$	$250 \text{ lbs} + 13 \text{ lbs} = 263 \text{ lbs}$

Weights will be rounded up or down depending on which whole number the calculated reweight value decimal is closest to. In the above example, the 5% allowable weight change was 12.5 lbs so the allowable reweight amount rounded up to +/- 13 lbs. If the calculated reweigh value had been 12.45 lbs, the decimal would round down and the allowable reweight value would have been +/- 12 lbs.

10. Belt buckles or plaques and rosettes will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champion. Rosettes will be awarded to class winners. Ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor.
11. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship.
12. Thirty pigs will be sold. All pigs which place in the top six (6) of their class will automatically make the premium auction. The remaining sale order will be selected by the judge.
13. No feeding or watering of animals in the exercise pen. No exercising of pigs in the show ring. All alleyways must remain cleared at all times.
14. Livestock Division General Rule #14 regarding the use of oil, paint, dyes, powder, etc will be strictly enforced. Any animals found in violation of General Rule #14 will be disqualified from the show.
15. The show identification number will be the exhibitor's number assigned by the Swine Committee.
16. All hogs that are selected for the premium auction will remain on the fairgrounds after the sale is completed unless otherwise instructed by the RCFA.
17. No painting or decorating of pigs for the auction is permitted.
18. Exhibitors may not assemble on the fairgrounds the night before market hog check in. Pens will be pre-assigned as determined by the Swine Committee.

Judge:

Junior Breeding Shows

Single Fryer Rabbit Show

Supts. – Jerry Pacey

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. An entry shall consist of a single fryer rabbit weighing not less than 3.5 and not more than 5.5 pounds with a scale tolerance of 2 ounces.
3. No rabbit entered in the single fryer show may be entered in the market rabbit show.
4. Californian and New Zealand breeds only will be allowed to show.
5. All entries must have a validated tattoo administered by the rabbit committee at an assigned date and time to be announced.
6. Single fryer rabbit check-in will be held on day of the show between 7:00 and 8:00 am on Saturday April 1, 2017 before the start of the market rabbit show.
7. Belt buckles and rosettes will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Fryer rabbit.
8. Ribbons will be awarded for third through tenth place.
9. The single fryer rabbit show will begin immediately following the market rabbit show.
10. This will be a carrying case only show. All cages must have bottoms.
11. The exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cases and all supplies for their rabbits. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting their rabbits to the judging table.
12. Any diseased rabbit will be disqualified immediately and must be removed from the fairgrounds. No substitutions will be allowed.

Judge: Lloyd Morgan

Breeding Rabbits

Supts. – Jerry Pacey

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. All rabbits must be owned by the exhibitor at least two months prior to the show.
3. There is a 2 Buck/Doe limit per exhibitor.
4. This will be a carrying case only show. All cages must have bottoms.
5. All rabbits will be checked in by the Rabbit Superintendent or a rabbit committee member. Any diseased rabbit will be disqualified and must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
6. The entries will be checked in on the day of the show (Saturday, April 1, 2017) and released at the conclusion of the breeding rabbit show.
7. The exhibitors will furnish their own carrying cases and all supplies for their rabbits. Exhibitors will be responsible for getting their rabbits to the judging table.
8. All classes will be set by the Superintendent and the committee.
9. No Fur Class.
10. No rabbit entered in the breeding show may be entered in the market rabbit show.
11. The RCFA, Inc. will not be responsible for any loss or damage to the rabbits entered in the show.
12. Exhibitors will be expected to clean his/her rabbit area at the close of the show.
13. No mixed breed rabbits will be allowed to show. Show will begin immediately following the single fryer rabbit show.
14. There will be two classes:
 - a. Bucks
 - b. Does

Prizes will be awarded to the Grand Champion of each class and all entries will be placed and ribbons presented to the first five places.

Judge: Lloyd Morgan

Breeding Sheep

Supts - Joey Hogan, Jeff Ripley, Monte Dozier

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. All ewes are required to be presented to the superintendent at the county sheep validation day on Saturday, December 3, 2016 to be eligible for the 2017 RCFA breeding sheep show. All ewes must have a scrapies tag from the breeder prior to validation and all ewes will be nosed printed.
3. Entry fee for the breeding sheep show will be \$20.00 per head and is due on March 1, 2017.
4. On Saturday, April 2, 2017 all breeding sheep will be checked in for the show. Check in will be from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Ages of ewes will be verified by tooting the animal at check in by a qualified individual appointed by the Sheep Superintendent. Ages will be used to determine classes.
5. The Breeding Sheep Show Classes will be as follows:
 - a. Class 1 – Ewe lambs with all milk teeth
 - b. Class 2 – Older ewes without milk teeth
6. Other classes may be added if needed at the discretion of the Sheep Superintendent.
7. Each entry must be slick shorn with no more than two weeks wool regrowth and must have a scrapies tag.
8. Cash prizes will be awarded in each class as follows:
 - First Place - \$20.00
 - Second Place – \$15.00
 - Third Place - \$10.00
9. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 15 places in each class.
10. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship. A Novice showmanship class for first year showmen of any age may be held at the discretion of the lamb committee.
11. A Pee Wee Sheep show will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 following the conclusion of the last pig scramble race. The Pee Wee sheep show is free and open to all exhibitors eight (8) old and under and not yet in the third grade.

Judge: Marty Gibbs

Breeding Swine

Supt. – Robert White

1. Read Livestock Division General Rules.
2. Entry Fee for the breeding swine show will be \$20.00 per head and is due on March 1, 2017.
3. Prize money will be paid in each class as follows:
 - 1st place - \$30.00
 - 2nd place - \$25.00
 - 3rd place - \$20.00
4. Registration papers are not required.
5. Livestock division general rule #14 will be strictly enforced.
6. Breeding Swine Show will be open to all 4-H and FFA members in Robertson County.
7. Breeding swine entries will be weighed and placed into three classes. Check-in will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. Breeding swine show will be held on Friday, April 1, 2017 beginning at 12 noon.
8. Ribbons will be awarded through twenty places.
9. Belt buckles will be awarded to the overall Grand and Reserve Champion gilt.
10. Showmanship age divisions will be followed as outlined in Rule 18 of the Livestock Division General Rules. Prizes will be presented for showmanship.
11. Pee Wee breeding swine show will follow the breeding swine showmanship judging. All pee wee show participants will receive an award.
12. Exhibitors who show in the Breeding Swine Show may leave their pig in the pen assigned to them for the market hog show overnight following the conclusion of the breeding show. If for any reason the exhibitor decides not to show their pig in the breeding swine show, the pig must be removed from the fairgrounds that day.

Judge:

Shop Division

General Rules

Supt. – Darrell Trojacek

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2. All exhibitors must have a form from their school prior to the show, signed by their school principal or superintendent stating the exhibitor is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
3. All exhibitors must be a resident of Robertson County or attend a public, private, or home school in Robertson County. Membership in FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H is not required.
4. All project work must be done solely by the exhibitor.
5. There will be two divisions:
 - a. Individual Division – projects built by an individual
 - b. Group Division – projects built by more than one person
6. There will be two project categories:
 - a. Wood projects
 - b. Metal projects
7. Entry fee for the Shop division will be \$20.00 per project and entries will be due March 1, 2017.
8. Check in for all shop projects will be Wednesday, March 29, 2017 between 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All entries must be accompanied by a working drawing, a bill of materials, or other required materials during check in.
9. All projects must be removed from the fairgrounds Monday, April 3, 2017.
10. Awards: Monetary awards will be distributed at Annual Meeting.
 - a. Individual Division – Grand and Reserve Champion Belt Buckles in each category.
 - b. Group Division – Grand and Reserve Champion Plaques for each category.
11. An overall project grand and reserve champion will be selected from all the categories for both the individual and group divisions. Additional overall third, fourth, and fifth places will be selected and they will receive an award.
12. Students must be present at judging of shop projects at 10:00 am Friday, April 1, 2017.
13. Metal and Wood Projects:
 - a. Workmanship (Quality of work)
 - b. Practical, structurally sound design and balance
 - c. Degree of difficulty and for wood projects must include list of tools and techniques used in construction
 - d. Correct knowledge of processes used (examples):
 - i. Electrode; size and diameter – SMAW or GMAW (stick or mig)
 - ii. Type of shielding gas used
 - iii. Technique employed; push, drag, oscillations, or weave
 - iv. Type of wood joint used
 - v. Type of wood used
 - e. Plans and pictures of project
 - f. Practicality of overall project (functionality) i.e. – does it work as intended
 - g. Originality of design

Judge:

Creative Arts

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Superintendents have the right to remove any show entries viewed as inappropriate.
2. All exhibitors must be a resident of Robertson County or attend a public, private, or home school in Robertson County in these age or grade groups (with age or grade of exhibitor to be determined as of date January 1, 2017)
3. Exhibitors in the Homemaking Department divisions of Needlework and Sewing and Visual Arts are not required to be a member of FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H. However, for the Foods division membership in one of these youth organizations is required and meet all requirements as outlined in general rules.
4. All show exhibitors, except for Adults, must have a form from their school prior to the show, signed by their school principal or superintendent stating that the exhibitor is eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.
5. Entries for Needlework and Sewing and Visual Arts will be accepted between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Monday, March 27, 2017 in the Multi-use building with the judging to be held on or before Thursday, March 30, 2017. No one will be allowed to view the judging.
6. Entries for the Food Department will be accepted on Saturday, April 1, 2017 between 9:00 am and 11:00 am in Fireman's Hall. No one will be allowed to watch the judging of the projects. Entries may be picked up between 6:00 – 6:30 pm. All items not removed by that time will become the property of the RCFA, Inc. All items left will be disposed of at the discretion of the RCFA. **All entries from the Junior and Senior groups that received blue ribbons will become property of RCFA to be displayed during the Fair.**
7. Entry forms will be a two-part form. The top portion of the entry form will be used for pre-entry. The bottom portion of the form **MUST** be attached to the bottom or back of the project entered. Projects will **NOT BE ACCEPTED** without the bottom of the entry form securely attached (excluding foods).
8. The top portion of the completed entry form is to be turned in by March 1, 2017 to the Homemaking Division Superintendent. **No late entries will be accepted in the Homemaking Division.** Addresses for mailing in entries will be printed on the form.
9. **Reminder:** All entries in the Homemaking Division will be charged a \$5.00 entry fee for each item entered. In order to receive a wrist band for unlimited entrance into the fair, an individual's entries in the homemaking division must total a minimum \$20.00. Superintendents and their committees will be responsible for selection of all judges.

Entries

1. Entries may be moved from one category or division to another at discretion of the judges.
2. Items entered as "sets" must be attached to one another and each item of the set must be marked with all entry information. The entry form must specify that a set is being entered and the number of items in the set.
3. Needlework and Sewing entries must be freshly cleaned.
4. Clothing must be on a hanger appropriate for size and weight of garment. Pattern envelope must be attached and all must be covered with a clear plastic bag.

Removal

1. All entries must remain on exhibit from the time of submission until the authorized release time. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

2. Awards must remain with all entries until entries have been released by the superintendent.
3. Entries in the Needlework and Sewing and Visual Arts divisions may be picked up from the exhibit hall beginning Sunday, April 2, 2017 from 3-5 pm . All items not removed by that time will become the property of the RCFA, Inc. and may be disposed of at the discretion of the RCFA, Inc.

Awards

1. Only one First, Second, or Third place may be awarded in each category. The judges may award as many Honorable Mention placings as they deem worthy.
2. If the judges determine that no exhibit is worthy of a First, Second, or Third placing then those placings will not be awarded.
3. If the judges deem an entry is unworthy of an award, then no award will be made.
4. Decisions of the judges will be final.
5. Rosettes will be awarded to the Grand and Reserve Champions in each age group in Needlework and Sewing, and Foods Departments.
6. As available, a cash award will be given to the Grand and Reserve Champions in each of the age groups in the Needlework and Sewing, and Foods Divisions (excluding the Junior and Senior Foods winners since they will be eligible for the premium auction). A Best of Show will be selected from the Grand Champions of each Division. Cash awards will be dispersed prior to May 1, 2017.

Auction

1. The blue ribbon Junior and Senior winners in each of the Foods Division categories (to include Grand and Reserve Champion) will be eligible for the premium auction set for Monday, April 3, 2017 beginning at 6:00 pm. These food items will be sold through a silent auction and winning bids announced during the premium auction. All second place winners from each category will serve as alternates for the silent auction.
2. No Adult or Pee Wee food entries will be eligible for the auction.
3. No entries from the Needlework and Sewing and Visual Arts will be auctioned.
4. Food entries chosen for the Foods Division must be exhibited by a bonafide member of the FFA, FCCLA, or 4-H and meets criteria as outlined in General Rule #3 of the Homemaking Division.
5. EXHIBITOR WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF SELLING EITHER THEIR LIVESTOCK OR FOOD ITEM AT THE PREMIUM AUCTION. IF THE EXHIBITOR HAS A GRAND OR RESERVE CHAMPION IN A LIVESTOCK DIVISION, THE EXHIBITOR MUST SELL THE LIVESTOCK ENTRY.
6. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SILENT AUCTION, ALL FOOD AUCTION QUALIFIERS MUST BE PRESENT WITH THEIR **FRESHLY PREPARED** FOOD AT 5:00 PM ON AUCTION NIGHT (MONDAY, April 3, 2017).

Food Department

Supt. – Lisa White

Read Homemaking Division General Rules.

1. Contest Divisions: (age or grade of exhibitor to be determined as of date January 1, 2017):

PeeWee - second grade and under

Junior – third grade or nine years old (even if in the second grade) to 13 years old

Senior – fourteen years of age and older and still in high school

Adult – not in high school

2. For the purpose of this show the categories are:

- a. Quick Breads/Muffins (at least 6 to an entry)
(rises during baking)
- b. Yeast Products-sweet
(must rise at least once prior to baking)
- c. Yeast Products- plain
(must rise at least once prior to baking)
- d. Iced cakes (not layered)
- e. Chocolate Iced cakes
- f. Un-iced cake (to include pound cakes)
- g. Layered cakes (to include all flavors)
- h. Cupcakes (to include all flavors)(At least 1 dozen)
- i. Miscellaneous Cakes (to include cake balls)
- j. Candy/Fudge (At least 18 pieces)
(Ingredients heated to a certain temperature on a candy thermometer)
- k. Fruit Pie
(Filling must be in between 2 homemade flour-based crusts)
- l. Pecan pie
(Must have 1 homemade flour-based crust)
- m. Misc. pie
(Must have 1 homemade flour-based crust)
- n. Rolled/Dropped cookies (At least a dozen)
- o. Bar cookies/brownies (At least 18 pieces)
- p. Decorated Cakes
(Must be edible. This category for Pee Wee and Adult only)
- q. Mix Trix –Take a cake mix and make your most unusual, creative cake.
(Not part of the silent auction)
- r. Canned Foods
 - a. Pickled Vegetable
 - b. Sauce
 - c. Salsa/ Relish
 - d. Fruit Spreads (jams, jellies, preserves)
 - e. Misc, Canned Foods

3. Entries must be on disposable containers. No glass allowed except in canned goods.

4. Entries (except canned goods) must be covered completely with clear plastic wrap, in a zip lock bags or clear plastic cover.

5. Recipes must be typed or hand written on the recipe form provided AND recipes must be typed in Microsoft Word or Google Docs and sent as an attachment to the following email: rcfafood@gmail.com. No scanned recipes or PDF'. Recipes must include ingredients and methods of preparation. All recipes and entries that receive a blue ribbon or are alternates will be property of the RCFA to be served at the buyer's dinner.

6. All food items will be judged for appearance, texture, and taste.

7. All food items must be made from scratch. No prepared mixes of any kind. No cake mixes (except Mix Trix Category), pudding mix, cool whip, pre-made crusts, etc.
8. No food item requiring refrigeration will be accepted (i.e. whipped cream toppings and meringue topped pies). All entries must maintain their appearance, texture, and taste at room temperature for at least 4 hours.
9. All entries in food show will be tasted by judges. This includes decorated cakes.
10. Decorated cakes categories are only open to Pee Wee and Adult exhibitors. Junior and Senior exhibitors are not eligible for the decorated cakes division.
11. The Mix Trix Category will not be part of the silent auction.
12. Canned foods must be properly sealed (using a water bath or pressure canner) in a pint or quart jar.
13. In order to participate in the silent auction, all food auction qualifiers must be present with their freshly prepared food at 5:00PM on auction night. (Monday, April 3, 2017)
14. Classification of food entries not clearly defined by contestant will be left to the discretion of the food department superintendent
15. If a junior or senior division exhibitor makes the auction with a food item, they will be allowed to compete in the food division and be eligible for any and all awards, given they do not make the exact same food item that they made, placed and sold in the auction the previous year.

Needlework and Sewing Department

Supts. – Janna Price and Patricia Russell

Monday, March 27	4:00 – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Check-in
Thursday, March 30	6:00pm-7:30 pm	Creative Arts GALA- FUNDRAISER (Adults Only)
Friday, March 31	10:00am – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
Saturday, April 1	10:00am – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
Sunday, April 2	1:00am – 3:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
	3:00am – 4:00 pm	Entry pick-up
Monday, April 3	TBA	Creative Arts Winners Pictures

Contest Divisions:

- Peewee** - Second grade and under
- Junior** – Third grade – Eighth grade
- Senior** – Ninth – Twelfth grade
- Adult** – not in high school

READ Creative Arts GENERAL RULES!

1. Entry Fee: Peewee, Junior, Senior, and Adults fees are \$5.00 per entry and entries are due Friday, March 1, 2017.
2. Rosettes and cash awards will be awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each age division. Cash prizes will be based on available funds.
3. A Best of Show Award will be chosen from the four Grand Champion entries. The winner will receive a cash award. Cash prizes will be based on available funds.
4. Additional awards may be given at the judge's discretion. Possible awards (but not limited to) include Most Creative, Best Use of Fabric, Best Use of Color and Design, Judge's Choice. Winners may receive a cash prize based on available funds.
5. Each winner and a parent/guardian will be required to commit to supervising needle/artwork for a 1.5 hour period during the weekend of the fair, Friday, March 31, 2017 through Sunday, April 2, 2017.
6. Categories are as follows:
 - A. Needle Art
 1. Counted Cross Stitch
 2. Printed Cross Stitch
 3. Embroidery
 4. Plastic Canvas
 5. Needlepoint
 6. Other
 - B. Handwork
 1. Knitting - Afghan
 2. Knitting-Clothing or Accessories
 3. Knitting-Other
 4. Crochet-Afghan
 5. Crochet-Clothing or Accessories
 6. Crochet-Other
 7. Latchhook
 8. Punchwork
 9. No-sew -blankets
 10. No-sew- Other
 11. Other- Misc. Handwork – (Beadwork, Felt Craft, Smocking, Lace)
 - C. Machine Sewn Clothing/Accessories

1. Adult Clothes
2. Children's Clothes
3. Baby Clothes
4. Doll/Pet clothes
5. Costumes
6. Other Clothing
7. Scarves, mittens, caps, bonnets
8. Tote bags, handbags, purses
9. Other Accessories
10. Refashioned Items

D. Miscellaneous Sewn Crafts

1. Dolls
2. Stuffed animals
3. Aprons
4. Other

E. Sewn Home Furnishings

1. Patchwork Pillow
2. Embellished Pillow
3. Pillow- Other
4. Pillowcases
5. Hand Quilted Quilt
6. Machine Quilted Quilt
7. Infant/Toddler Quilt
8. Doll Quilt
9. Throw
10. Bedspread
11. Blanket
12. Curtains, drapes, etc.
13. Other Home Furnishings

Visual Arts Department

Coordinator – Kathy Dodd

Entry Fees - \$5.00 per entry and entries are due March 1, 2017.

Visual Arts Schedule (All events at Multi-Use Building)

Monday, March 27	4:00 – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Check-in
Thursday, March 30	6:00pm-7:30 pm	Creative Arts GALA- FUNDRAISER (Adults Only)
Friday, March 31	10:00am – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
Saturday, April 1	10:00am – 7:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
	10:00am - 1:00pm	Creative Arts Demonstrations & Hands-on Activities
Sunday, April 2	1:00am – 3:00 pm	Creative Arts Show viewing
	3:00am – 4:00 pm	Entry pick-up

1. **Winners' Responsibilities:** In order to receive a cash prize, each winner and a parent/guardian (if the winner is an elementary student) will be required to commit to supervising artwork in the Multi-use building for a one (1) hour period during weekend viewing times as listed above. Winners will be contacted by the Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture Committee to secure a time slot to work. Winners will be given the opportunity to schedule a time that does not conflict with their fair schedule.
2. **Creative Arts General Rules:**
 - \$5.00 entry fee (all ages) for each Art, Crafts, Sculpture and Professional Artist entry.
 - There is no limit in the number of entries an individual can enter
 - The Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture superintendents reserve the right to refuse to display any entry that may be deemed inappropriate for child viewers.
 - Student Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture age divisions will be divided by grade: K-12
 - Adult Art, Crafts, and Sculpture will be judged separately from the students.
3. **Judging:** Judges selected to judge the Arts, Crafts, and Sculpture Departments shall be professional artisans and photographers and/or professional art or photography educators. No one will be allowed to watch the judging.
4. **Art, Crafts, and Sculpture Awards:**
 - At the discretion of the judges, a First, Second, or Third level ribbon will be awarded to each piece of student artwork
 - Judges will then select a Grand Champion and a Reserve Grand Champion from each student division and designate the Sponsored award winners.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Art Section.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Crafts Section.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from all the Grand Champions of the Student Sculpture Section.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Art Section.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Crafts Section.
 - A Best of Show will be selected from the Adult Sculpture Section.
 - All Best of Show, ~~and~~ Grand and Reserve Champion winners will receive a rosette ribbon and, if funds are available, a cash prize.
 - Prize Money will be delivered to RCFA School District Representatives on/or Before MAY 1
 - **- Many special sponsored awards are given each year. Check the Visual arts section on the RCFA web page for more information.**
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2-D Art

Superintendent: Lisa L. Miller

1. Two dimensional art entries can include but are not limited to: Acrylic, Batik, Block Prints, Cartoons, or Caricatures, Charcoal, Colored Pencil Mixed Media, Pastel, Pencil, Pen & Ink, Tempera, and Watercolor
2. All entries must be matted or mounted.
3. All artwork must be dry to the touch and Pastels and Charcoals must be fixed and prepared with a cover sheet.
4. Only adult artwork will be accepted framed.

5. All art must be fashioned by the artist. Studies are allowed, **Art from manufactured kits is not allowed.**
6. RCFA Visual Arts offers many different sponsored awards each year, for an updated list for 2017 check the RCFA website.

3-D Craft

Superintendent: Angela Schlieker

1. Three Dimensional Craft entries can include but are not limited to: Clay pot craft, Collage, Decorative Painting, Decoupage, Furniture, Glass craft, Gourd craft, Jewelry, Leather craft, Masks, Metal craft, Models, Mosaics, Other, Tiles/painted, Tile/ glazed, and Wood craft.
2. All projects must be designed by the artist. **No manufactured kits are allowed.**

3-D Sculpture

Superintendent – Verna Nelson

1. Three Dimensional Sculpture entries can include but are not limited to: Clay, Lego, Paper Mache', Relief, Wire, Wood, Metal, Pottery – hand built, Pottery – thrown by a wheel, Tiles/ glazed, and Other.
2. Legos will be a separate sculpture category. **All designs must be original.** One Grand Champion and One Reserve Champion will be chosen from all entries K-12.
3. **3. Metal Yard Art will be a separate sculpture category. One Grand Champion will be chosen from all entries K-12 and a Grand Champion from the Adult entries.**
4. All projects must be designed by the artist. **No manufactured kits are allowed.**

Professional Artists

Superintendent – Lebba Kropp Jentch

Professional artists who live in and/or have studios in Robertson County are invited to submit diverse and exciting art work to be considered for exhibit in the RCFA Professional Artists Show. Art work in this exhibit will not be judged or be eligible to receive prize money. During the exhibit, artists are allowed to attach contact information and prices to their artwork.

2-D Photography

Superintendent – Michelle Chrane

Photography Schedule (All events at Multi-Use Building)

Monday, March 27 4:00 – 7:00 pm Creative Arts Check-in

Thursday, March 30 6:00pm-7:30 pm Creative Arts GALA- FUNDRAISER (Adults Only)

Friday, March 31 10:00am – 7:00 pm Creative Arts Show viewing

Saturday, April 1 10:00am – 7:00 pm Creative Arts Show viewing

10:00am - 1:00pm Creative Arts Demonstrations & Hands-on Activities

Sunday, April 2 1:00am – 3:00 pm Creative Arts Show viewing

3:00am – 4:00 pm Entry pick-up

Read Creative Arts Division General Rules.

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1. Contest Divisions:

PeeWee - Second grade and under

Intermediate- Third grade-Fifth grade

Junior – Sixth grade – Eighth grade

Senior – Ninth – Twelfth grade

Adult – not in high school

Professional- Anyone who teaches photography, sells photos or their services as a photographer.

2. The Photography categories are:

- A. Architecture
- B. Animals – Domestic
- C. Animals – Wildlife
- D. Birds
- E. Botanicals & Flowers
- F. Black and White
- G. Digital Art & Design
- H. Humor
- I. Insects
- J. Landscape
- K. Portraits
- L. Ranch or Farm Activity
- M. Reptiles & Amphibians
- N. Rodeo or County Fair Activity
- O. Still Life (any arranged assemblage of objects)
- P. Sports & Recreation
- Q. Waterscape
- R. Other

Professional categories are:

- A. Portraits
- B. Animal Photography
- C. Nature
- D. Sports
- E. Other

3. Individuals may submit as many entries per category as they choose. Entry fees are \$5.00 per entry due on March 1, 2017.
4. Photographs are to be mounted flush to the edge of a rigid, self-adhesive 8 inch X 10 inch foam board or mat board. Each entry must be submitted in a separate zip-lock bag. Please put your name, grade, and category on back of picture.
5. All entries must be received in the Multi-use building on Monday, March 27, 2017 between 4:00 and 7:00 pm. No late entries will be allowed after check-in.
6. Entries will be judged by professional photographers and no one will be allowed to view the judging.
7. The photography show will be open to the public as outlined above on the Creative Arts Schedule.
8. Entries are to be removed from the multi-use building by 3:00 pm Sunday April 2, 2017.
9. At the discretion of the judges, First, Second, and Third level ribbons will be awarded to each piece of photography submitted. In addition, a division will be selected for each category.
10. Rosettes and cash prizes (if funds are available) will be awarded to the Division, Grand and Reserve Champions, and the Best of Show winners.
11. All cash winners and a parent/guardian (if the winner is a child) will be required to supervise a two (2) hour period in the Multi-use building during viewing hours.
12. Superintendent of show has the right to remove any picture viewed as inappropriate.

2016 Science Fair Rules

Supts. – Jay Davis

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2. All students who reside in Robertson County or attend public school in Robertson County and are enrolled in 3rd through 12th grade may enter a science fair project in the Robertson County Science Fair. All ages for the Science Fair (SF) will be based on entrant's age as of January 1, 2017. Entrants in the SF are not required to be in 4-H, FFA, or FCCLA.
3. Each student may submit only one science project and all projects must be individual. No teams will be allowed.
4. Each project must have been researched, developed, and completed within the last twelve-month period: March 31, 2016 through March 31, 2017.
5. There will be five age divisions, based on the entrant's age on January 1, 2017. The age divisions are:
 - a. 8 – 9 years old
 - b. 10 – 11 years old
 - c. 12 – 13 years old
 - d. 14 – 15 years old
 - e. 16 years old & aboveIn addition, all entrants must be enrolled in the 3rd grade through the 12th grade.
6. There will be a \$20.00 entry fee for each entry in the SF. Application forms and SF rules can be found on the RCFA website (www.rcfatx.org) and the SF website (<http://sites.google.com/site/rcfascience/home>). Completed forms with the \$20.00 entry fee is due on March 1, 2017.
7. The SF application must be signed by the entrant and the parent/guardian and submitted with the 2017 RCFA Entry Form attached which must be signed by the principal verifying student eligibility to participate in the SF.

** Specific Rules will be posted on the RCFA website.**

Pet Show

Superintendents – Robertson County Cowboy Church

1. There will be three (3) age divisions based on age as of January 1, 2017:
 1. Pee Wee: Age 2 to 4
 2. Sub-juniors: Ages 5 – 6
 3. Junior: Ages 7 – 8
2. Trophies will be awarded for the BEST DRESSED and MOST OBEDIENT in each age group.
3. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all other entries.
4. Three (3) residents of Robertson County will serve as judges.

Greased Pig Scramble Rules

Supt. – Terri and Ervin Homann

1. The Robertson County Fair Association, Inc. will not be responsible for any accidents connected with the pig scramble.
2. The Interscholastic League Executive Committee, in cooperation with the State Board of Vocational Education has formulated a plan permitting Greased Pig Scrambles while still protecting a contestant's amateur status. This is done by placing this process under a school's and/or a County 4-H Club supervision and prohibiting participants from receiving anything of cash value from the athletic portion of the school's program.
3. Qualifications for the scramble are: Junior – third grade through 13 years of age and Seniors – 14 through 18 with one year of show eligibility remaining. Ages will be based on student's age as of January 1, 2017. Refer to Livestock Division General Rules. Must be a current member of 4-H and FFA.
4. Contestants must sign up on the Market Entry Form and return form no later than March 1, 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. A \$5.00 non-refundable entry fee will be charged for each person entered in the scramble. Any contestant that has a known conflict on either of the scramble days (i.e. showing at the same time, athletics, school activity, etc.) shall attach a note explaining the conflict to the entry form for review by the Pig Scramble Committee. The committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any and all such requests.
5. The number of heats will be determined by the Pig Scramble Committee.
6. Each contestant will attempt to catch one of the pigs and then pull or carry the pig to the designated pen without assistance. Referees will declare winners and order of finish.
7. All pigs must be carried or pulled across the designated pen threshold.
8. If two or more contestants catch the same pig, they both will be required to release the pig by order of a referee.
9. Poor sportsmanship will disqualify any contestant automatically and undue roughness will not be tolerated by the referees. Any abuse of the pigs will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of Scramble Purchase Certificate.
10. Scrambles will be refereed by a group of not less than four referees and all decisions of referees shall be final.
11. A Scramble Purchase Certificate will be issued to the top three finishers in each scramble heat. The order in which contestants successfully get their pig into the designated pen will determine placings.
12. A Scramble Purchase Certificate must be used for the purchase of an animal project or supplies to be used in the exhibition of their animal, foods or creative arts project for the 2017 Robertson County Fair. The certificate must be redeemed before March 1, 2018 or it will be voided.
13. The entire program, including the selection of the kind of animal project, the care of the animal project, and management of the animal project will be under the supervision of the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher.
14. The Scramble Purchase Certificate must be signed by the County Extension Agent or Agricultural Science Teacher verifying the Certificate was properly used before payment will be made.
15. Thank you notes will be required. Winning scramblers are to prepare Thank you notes for the sponsor(s) of their purchase certificate. Thank you notes must contain the correct donor's name and address and must be placed in an unsealed, stamped envelope addressed to the donor. These Thank you notes and envelopes are required to be mailed to Terri Homann, Pig Scramble Superintendent, for approval and verification to the address provided by Mrs. Homann. All Thank you notes must be received by Mrs. Homann on or before April 15, 2017. Winning scramblers who fail to compile with this Thank you note rule by the April 15, 2017 deadline shall forfeit their scramble purchase certificate.