



HOOF 2009 Recipients

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Save the Date

HOOF 3rd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament

Friday Morning,
August 21, 2009
Rio Brazos
Hunting Preserve
Simonton, TX

Ag Mechanics Students from Livingston FFA

Our 2008 sporting clay tournament was held the day before Hurricane Gustav made landfall in Louisiana. To all participants from Louisiana who immediately headed back East after the shoot, thank you for your attendance. A short month later we in Texas felt your pain as Hurricane Ike ravaged our East Texas coast and inland areas. Ag Mechanic students from the Livingston FFA chapter and their families were also affected by the storm. For many of these families, this was a first time experience.

These young men also experienced various hardships throughout the year, continued to maintain their grades (you must pass to participate in FFA), and were very active in their chapter. All three are seniors. Stephen has been accepted to Sam Houston State University



Stephen Smith, Chris James, and Justin Pulley (L to R) were presented their prizes at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo's Ag Mechanics Awards Presentation by HOOF President Gai-Lynn Marshall, Peyton Benson and Sam Jones, both HOOF Sponsors.

and plans to major in Ag Mech. Chris has been accepted into Tulsa, Oklahoma Welding School. Justin plans to attend the John Deere Tech Program at Navarro Junior College in Corsicana.

We commend these young

men for overcoming their various adversities and wish all of them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations guys and to those on the following pages!

Letter from the Board

Your support and contributions are what makes this organization successful. With the current economic situation, we are grateful to the sponsors who have already agreed to support our upcoming 2009 tourna-

ment. With some of these introductions of our recipients, know that each of these students is thankful for your generosity! In the following pages, we hope you are as proud of these students as we all were in the se-

lection process. Thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who made the 2008-09 season a memorable one. We are looking forward to another year and hope to see you in August.

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Jacob Carr, first year Lexington FFA member, caught a calf in the 2008 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Calf Scramble. Despite his father's three surgeries and his inability to go back to work, the family managed to raise and show Jacob's heifer. In addition, Jason is active in his school's football and baseball programs. He is pictured with Greg Rachal, HOOF Advisor at the 2009 HLSR. When Jacob graduates in 2010, he plans to attend Texas A&M University.

Recipients Not Pictured:

- *Kayla Abel, Alvarado FFA
- *Alyssa Brietzke, East Central FFA
- *Malcolm Brietzke, East Central FFA
- *Daniel Edmonds, Kountze FFA
- *Thomas Frizzell, Kerr County 4-H
- *Haley Primrose, Brown County 4-H
- *Brittany Primrose, Brown County 4-H
- *Emmy Powell, Plainview FFA
- *Bryant Powell, Plainview FFA
- *Jace Powell, Plainview FFA
- *T.J. Warren, Cross Plains FFA



A member of East Central Junior FFA, ten year old Wyatt Blaylock's father was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor which does not allow him to work. He and his father have grown closer showing both hogs and a steer in this year's local county and major livestock shows. The HOOF award allowed them to pay off some of their incurred expenses. Ona Presto and Cathy Carter present Wyatt his award at the HLSR Steer Auction.



Garrett Denson (above) and Becca Biggs (below) represented Lovelady FFA chapter as freshmen. Garrett lost one of his three steers and Becca lost her hogs the past couple of years prior to their local show. They are pictured receiving awards with HOOF Volunteer Ona Presto.



\$29,000 in Awards Granted

2008 2nd Annual Sporting Clay Tournament Sponsors

Huge thank you to our 2008 HOOF sponsors that helped make our second sporting clay tournament a success beyond what we could imagine. Because of their support, we were able to award more financial grants this year. From a broken neck to losing a parent, these students continue to strive to be the best and succeed in school and with their various projects. These students continue to amaze us and deservingly take our admiration!

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Despite her father being diagnosed with Leukemia, Ashlea Brown of Sulphur Springs FFA built a 3-Point Backhoe for her Ag Mech project along with showing a goat. Pictured above on the left is Ashlea receiving her award from Gai-Lynn Marshall, Peyton Benson, and Sam Jones.



Nicholas Avila (pictured above) and Randy Romero, Cameron County 4-H, both participated in the HLSR Ag Mechanics project show with minimal financial support. He is pictured with HOOF Sponsors (L to R): Peyton Benson and Sam Jones.



Jace Orren competed with his Ag Mechanics team from Sulphur Springs FFA despite loosing his grandfather just days prior to the show. He and other Ag Mech students were presented their awards at the HLSR Ag Mechanics Award Presentations.



Carter Sutton was born in the Ukraine then adopted by a family in the U.S. Despite being placed in various foster homes after the adoption, he now succeeds in school along with his 4-H Ag projects living at the Still Creek Boys Ranch near Bryan, TX Carter is pictured with HOOF Volunteers (L to R): Ona Presto and Cathy Carter.

Grants ranged from \$500 - \$2,000

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, HOOF WAS ABLE TO HELP OUT 22 DESERVING STUDENTS WHO OVERCAME VARIOUS HARDSHIPS THIS PAST YEAR.

Special Thanks to our Gun Sponsors Allis Chalmers and Energy XXI, Rancho Caracol for donating the dove hunt for two, gift cards from Academy, Cinco Pipe, Grant Prideco, and Professional Wireline and food providers MI Swaco, Ryan, and NOV!

Special Thanks to Showtime Photography (<http://www.showchampions.com/>) for giving permission to utilize the photos taken at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Steer Auction and Ag Mechanics Show.

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