Once again, I have survived another Rains County Fair. Although it was a tiresome week, it turned out to be very successful. Attendance seemed to be great almost every night and each of the activities went very well.

There are so many people that I need to thank that helped make this year's fair successful. Unfortunately, there is not enough room in my news column to list everyone, but there are a few that I would like to especially mention. I would like to thank Todd Brumit, Kelly Robbins, Donna Robbins and Shawnee Peacock. They all serve as Fair Officers and they worked their tails off all week to make sure that we had a successful Fair.

I would also like to thank the 4-H members and their parents that helped work the 4-H booth. The 4-H concession booth is our only fundraiser for the year and all of their help is greatly appreciated. There are several individuals that worked behind the scenes to make sure that everything was ready for the booth to open each night. I want to thank Donna Robbins and April Emig for their hard work and dedication to the Rains County 4-H members.

Each event this year went off without a hitch and that is due to the hard work and dedication of our event Chairmen. They are as follows:

Inside Commercial Exhibits – Todd and Becky Brumit Outside Commercial Exhibits – Brent Jennings Creative Arts Exhibit – Kay Chastain, Cindy Callentine, Mildred Robbins Mutton Bustin' Contest – Heath Sisk, Kristi Sisk Chili Cook-Off – Kevin Douglas Cutest Babies Contest – Patsy Anderson Wee, Petite, Little Miss Pageants – Karen Young/Kristan McNew Junior and Miss Rains Pageants – Denita Young Parade – Donna Robbins Classic Car Show – Ricky Ratliff Gates – Kelly Robbins Gospel Singing – Amanda Goodman-Pruitt

On behalf of the Rains Fair Association, I would also like to thank Darrin Renshaw and the members of the Emory Volunteer Fire Department for also being there to lend a helping hand. They spend countless hours helping set up and clean up for the fair and for that we truly thank each and every one of you.

Lastly, thank you to the citizens of Rains County for supporting the Rains County Fair, the 4-H and FFA members, and the Extension Office. The local businesses that helped support the kids at the market show should be commended. You have each done your part in giving back to the youth and citizens of Rains County.