

Locals Compete At 2019 National High School Rodeo Finals In Wyoming



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Brewster cowboy, Tye Bass, 50th in the average in the Reined Cow Horse competition.



Cauby Pokorny won the first performance in the steer wrestling and ended the rodeo 11th in the average.

The National High School Rodeo Finals were held July 14 through the 20th in Rock Springs, Wyoming. Nebraska contestants competed in all 15 events. Following are the results for the Nebraska High School Rodeo athletes.

Light Rifle - 35. Andrea Meyer, Stapleton; 52. Jate Saults; 71. Ralph Saults; 91. Sam Florell

Trap Shooting - 64. Keo Wever; 72. Ruger Wells; 73. Thayne Kimbrough; 84. Jack Skavdahl

Barrel Racing

Go 1 - 37. Elle Ravenscroft, Nenzel, 18.047; 61. Jenae Whitaker, Chambers, 18.236; 62. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 18.242; 172. Summer Richardson, Ainsworth, 23.689.

Go 2 - 45. Jenae Whitaker, Chambers, 17.839; 52. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 17.894; 66. Elle Ravenscroft, Nenzel, 18.002; 153. Summer Richardson, Ainsworth, 23.319

Average - 39. Elle Ravenscroft, Nenzel, 36.049; 41. Jenae Whitaker, Chambers, 36.075; 46. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 36.136; 166. Summer Richardson, Ainsworth, 47.008

Bareback Riding

Go 1 - 19. Spencer DeNaeyer, Seneca, 61

Go 2 - 16. Gauge McBride, Kearney, 64

Average - 30. Gauge McBride, Kearney, 64; 33. Spencer DeNaeyer, Seneca, 61

Boy's Cutting

Go 1 - 20. Colten Storer, Arthur, 141.5; 41. Sage Konicek, Ord, 132; 49. Frazier Kaelin, Ansley, 128; 56. Cody Miller, Broken Bow, 125

Go 2 - 12. Colten Storer, Arthur and Kaelin Frazier, Ansley, 142; 24. Cody Miller, Broken Bow, 138

Finals - 9. Colten Storer, Arthur, 138

Average - 8. Colten Storer, Arthur, 421.5; 28. Kaelin Frazier, Ansley, 270; 34. Cody Miller, Broken Bow, 263. Sage Konicek, Ord, 132

Breakaway Roping

Go 1 - 38. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 3.49; 45. Emma Ohm, Hyannis, 3.8; 70. Brooke McCully, Mullen, 12.36

Average - 82. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 3.49; 89. Emma Ohm, Hyannis, 3.8107. 107. Brooke McCully, Mullen, 12.36

Bull Riding

No Qualified Rides For Nebraska Cowboys

Goat Tying



Spencer DeNaeyer rode one bronc at the national finals in Wyoming and ended up 33rd in the average.

Go 1 - 31. Jessica Stevens, Creighton, 8.83; 35. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 9.04; 67. Riata Day, Fleming, CO, 10.43

Go 2 - 25. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 8.11; 48. Riata Day, Fleming, CO, 9.17; 69. Bailey Witt, Valentine, 10.12

Final Go - 7. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 8.39

Average - 9. Wacey Day, Fleming, CO, 25.54; 42. Riata Day, Fleming, CO, 19.6; 117. Jessica Stevens, Creighton, 8.83; 127. Bailey Witt, Valentine, 10.12

Pole Bending

Go 1 - 10. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 20.572; 48. Riata Day, Fleming, Co, 21.145; 168. Halli Haskell, Ainsworth, 32.216; 172. Mataya Eklund, Valentine, 37.904

Go 2 - 13. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 20.507; 157. Riata Day, Fleming, CO, 31.508; 162. Halli Haskell, Ainsworth, 37.147; 163. Mataya Eklund, Valentine, 38.004

Final Go - 6. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 20.409

Average - 5. Madison Mills, Eddyville, 61.488; 133. Riata Day, Fleming, CO, 52.653; 158. Halli Haskell, Ainsworth, 69.363; 160. Mataya Eklund, Valentine, 75.908

Saddle Broncs

Go 1 - 4. Sage Miller, Springview, 73; 9. Jack Skavdahl, Marsland, 70

Final Round - 5. Sage Miller, Springview, 70

Average - 9. Sage Miller, Springview, 143; 19. Jack Skavdahl, 70

Tie Down Roping

Go 1 - 15. Grant Turek, St. Paul, 9.99; 16. Cameron Jensen, Bingham, 10.03; 67. Justin Chasek, Mitchell, 14.47

Go 2 - 61. Justin Chasek, Mitchell, 15.71; 84. Cameron Jensen, Bingham, 23.09

Average - 40. Justin Chasek, Mitchell, 30.18; 51. Cameron Jensen, Bingham, 33.12; 67. Grant Turek, St. Paul, 9.99

Girl's Cutting

Go 1 - 12. Maddie Stump, Elsmere, 144.5; 18. Faith Storer, Sutherland, 143.5; 27. Ashton Troyer, West Point, 141

Go 2 - 13. Concey Bader, Palmer, 143.5; 22. Faith Storer, Sutherland, 141; 27. Maddie Stump, Elsmere, 140; 74. Ashton Troyer, West Point, 127

Final Round - 16. Maddie Stump, Elsmere, 129

Average - 18. Maddie Stump, Elsmere, 413.5; 19. Faith Storer, Sutherland, 410.5; 54. Ashton Troyer, West Point, 268; 80. Concey Bader, Palmer, 143.5

Steer Wrestling

Go 1 - 12. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton, 5.67; 54. Sage Miller, Springview, 10.78

Go 2 - 11. Quade Potter, Cambridge, 5.83; 31. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton, 7.87; 32. Sage Miller, Springview, 7.94

Final Round - 11. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton, 9.11

Average - 11. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton, 22.65; 26. Sage Miller, Springview, 18.72; 63. Quade Potter, Cambridge, 5.83

Team Roping

Go 1 - 44. Cameron Jensen, Bingham & Tanner Whetham, Morrill, 14.28; 45. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara, 14.3

Go 2 - 19. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara, 8.93

Average - 17. Cauby Pokorny, Stapleton & Clay Holz, Niobrara, 23.23; 70. Cameron Jensen, Bingham & Tanner Whetham, Morrill, 14.28

Reined Cow Horse

Go 1 - 28. Colten Storer, Arthur, 282; 33. Tatum Olson, Bloomfield, 281; 54. Cooper Bass, Brewster, 270.5; 74. Hope Brosius, Ashby, 257

Go 2 - 6. Tatum Olson, Bloomfield, 289.5; 46. Colten Storer, Arthur, 278.5; 49. Cooper Bass, Brewster, 274.5; 83. Hope Brosius, Ashby, 248

Final Go - 9. Tatum Olson, Bloomfield, 284

Average - 15. Tatum Olson, Bloomfield, 854.5; 32. Colten Storer, Arthur, 560.5; 50. Cooper Bass, Brewster, 545; 77. Hope Brosius, Ashby, 505

AQHA Girl's Horse Of The Year - 1. Mr. Poco Jack Sprat, Madison Mills, Eddyville

Girl's Team Standings - 15. Nebraska, 1,070.00

Boy's Team Standings - 13. Nebraska, 1,920.00

Team Standings - 12. Nebraska, 2,990.00

Molli Paxton, Mullen, was chosen as third runner-up for the 2019-2020 National High School rodeo queen.

Fall High School rodeo action will get underway on Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11 at the KBR rodeo in Bassett at Promiseland Arena.

Nebraska Needs Our Veterans' Talent

Deb Fischer
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Oftentimes when the leading technology companies recruit new employees, they take a predictable route. Recruiters approach graduates of the top science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs at the most prestigious universities and colleges in the country. I want to shine a light on a group of candidates with real-world experience and exceptional talent that has been ignored for too long: the United States military.

America has the most technologically advanced armed forces the world has ever seen. Our nation's service academies equip our cadets in STEM fields to succeed in the most demanding, high-pressured environment imaginable.

Clinical Laboratory Scientists provide life-saving research of body fluids that can help prevent disease. Cryptologic Linguists identify and transmit critical foreign communication. Combat Officers provide expertise in areas of mobility and counter-mobility on the battlefield. Military Intelligence Officers collect and relay essential intel for soldiers on the front lines.

If our brave men and women of the military can complete their mission in these intense environments, any company will benefit from the set of skills and experiences they have to offer.

More than 1.5 million members of the Armed Forces will leave the military in the next five years. Thousands of our nation's finest will be joining their family and friends once again in the Good Life. In that same time period, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that more than nine million STEM jobs will be available. This is exciting news for our veterans and our economy.

Unfortunately, finding jobs that utilize their incredible skills is often a difficult task for our veterans. By a significant margin, veterans cite finding employment as their primary need when returning home.

This is unacceptable, and I have been working across the aisle to find solutions to this troubling issue.

That's why I am a cosponsor of the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act. Introduced by Senators Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), this bipartisan bill recently passed the Senate Commerce Committee.

The bill would tear

down barriers that are holding back our nation's well-qualified veterans from participating in the STEM workforce. The Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act would direct the federal government to boost its outreach efforts to veterans to provide education on existing career and research opportunities in STEM and computer science fields.

Specifically, this legislation would direct the National Science Foundation (NSF) to expand its efforts in these areas. Within this directive, the bill would require NSF to create and submit a plan to Congress that outlines its current outreach efforts for veterans and identify programs that NSF currently has in place to support veterans in the STEM field.

The Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act would also evaluate the ability of universities and colleges to recruit veterans for the NSF's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and the NSF Masters Teacher Fellowship.

Since 2010, many Nebraska students at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska-Omaha, and Doane University have received awards under these programs. The programs provide stipends and scholarships for STEM majors and support to K-12 STEM teachers with a master's or bachelor's degree in their field.

Military spouses, who carry their own badge of service and sacrifice, will benefit from this legislation too. The legislation directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy to create an interagency working group to coordinate federal programs and policies for transitioning veterans and military spouses for STEM careers.

Our 21st century economy will need to harness the exceptional skills of our veterans more than ever before. The Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act will make this issue a national priority, and I'll be working hard in the Senate to ensure this bill crosses the finish line.

Thank you for participating in the democratic process. I look forward to visiting with you again next week.

School To Get Underway Soon

Classes will be resuming in August for Thedford and Sandhills Public Schools.

All grades at Sandhills elementary and high school will resume classes on Wednesday, August 14.

Thedford 7-12 grades will go back to class on Thursday, August 15 at Thedford High School.

The elementary students will begin class on Wednesday, August 21 at the elementary school in Thedford.

Fall sports practice for volleyball, football and cross country will get underway on Monday, August 12.

Welcome back students!

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