

Locals Take Top Two Spots In Ranch Bronc Riding



LINDA TEAHON PHOTOS

The Blaine County Fair at Dunning was held July 31 through August 2. This year on Thursday, August 1 a new event was added to the line-up. Ranch Bronc Riding was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. The event had a total of 13 entries with two Blaine County cowboys coming out on top. Four riders came back to the short go, and Ty Milleson of Dunning won the event with a score of 78.



JT Bradley of Brewster was second in the Ranch Bronc Riding with a score of 74 points.

New 4-H Livestock Show Arena



The new Thomas County 4-H livestock facility at the fairgrounds near Thedford.

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The Thomas County 4-H Achievers Club boasts several members whom show livestock from hogs to cattle to goats. Showing livestock teaches our youth to become our next generation of livestock producers. They exude

integrity, hard work ethics, and compassion for their animals. The livestock that they show are not just animals. They are pets, next year's bred heifer, and sustenance to feed the world. Our youth learn how to raise their animals as a good steward. They will use this knowledge throughout their lives.

This year the Thomas County 4-H Achievers were able to build an arena to show their livestock. After three years of fundraising and planning, 2019 brought this to fruition. The plan started with the installation of a wash bay at the fairgrounds, which has been

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Blaine & Thomas Co. 4-H'ers Show Off Their Duds



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The Thomas/Blaine County Fashion Revue was held Monday, July 22, at the 4-H Camp at Halsey. Those participating were, l-r: Etta Schneidereit, Terra Shoemaker, Shae Amos, Lola Rowse-Smith, Gussie Schneidereit, Kody Carpenter, Zane Schneidereit, and Dominic Rowse-Smith. Brailyn Patterson in front is a clover kid

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The 2019 Thomas County Fair was the place to be for 4-H youth in Thomas County. Four-H members of the Thomas County Achievers showcased their talents during the week of July 22 through the 25.

To start the Fair Week, 4-H'ers participated in the Blaine-Thomas County Style Revue held at the 4-H lodge located in the Nebraska National Forest in Halsey. Four-Hers presented their sewing projects and presentations and were judged for construction through the interview process. They modeled their creations for fellow members and were judged upon their modeling techniques. To keep young, active minds busy, 4-H'ers then created tile boards with their names, beaded jewelry to match their outfits, designed their own baseball cap and enjoyed friendly team competition on a nature scavenger hunt. Mid-afternoon, parents and grandparents arrived for brunch, which the kids prepared, and were treated to their own style show.

Day two was a full day for the 4-H Horse Show as kids competed in several different events. Each year our entries grow as our local youth show off their horse skills. This is always a great start to fair week as all can come and see the success that the kids achieve after long hours of practice with their horses.

Day three leads into the Livestock Show where local youth show swine, cattle and goats. Swine range from 100 lbs to over 300 lbs. On the Saturday following the show the hogs are auctioned off after the Thomas County Fair BBQ. This is an added incentive for the 4-H youth, as they can earn a little money from their hard work. Cattle range from bucket calves to yearlings. This year was a tremendous year for bucket calves. The Bucket Calf Class had 10 entries this year and we look forward to seeing them back next year! Youth have a choice to enter their calves as well into the auction. To watch our local

youth in the arena showing their livestock, truly hits home where the future livestock producers are - right there in that ring.

Lastly is entry day as youth bring all of their projects that they have worked on from sewing and cooking to science, technology, and conservation. Many of these projects are completed during the year at the club meetings held regularly. Each 4-Her brings their best hoping to achieve the top recognition of Grand Champion. Top entries are chosen to go on to represent Thomas County at the Nebraska State Fair. All exhibits are left out for viewing on Saturday during the Thomas County Fair and BBQ. If you haven't checked them out, be sure to next year!

We want to give a special "thanks!" to Sally Sawyer and Keesha Albrecht of the Central Sandhills Extension Office. All of their time and efforts made this year's Thomas County 4-H Shows a memorable one. We look forward to what the future holds for us! Please contact Sally Sawyer at (308) 645-2267 if you are interested in joining 4-H to "Make the Best, Better."

Following are all the results from the Thomas County 4-H'ers:

2019 Thomas County 4-H Fashion Revue
July 22, 2019
Halsey 4-H Camp, Halsey
Judges: Anita Keys, Courtney Benscoter
STEAM: Embellished Garment with Original Design: Purple- Shaelynn Amos, Lola Rowse-Smith; Blue- Dominic Rowse-Smith.
STEAM: Item constructed from original designed fabric: Blue- Lola Rowse-Smith.
STEAM: Beginning fashion accessory: Blue- Lola Rowse-Smith.
Quilt Quest: Barn Quilts: Purple- Shaelynn Amos.
Fashion Show: Embellished Garment: Purple- Lola Rowse-Smith, Dominic Rowse-Smith; Blue- Shaelynn Amos.
Fashion Show: Constructed garment w/original design: Blue- Lola Rowse-Smith.
2019 Thomas County 4-H Horse Show
July 23, 2019
Thomas County

Fairgrounds, Thedford
Judge: Brook Carr
Senior Showmanship: Blue- Brea Branic; Intermediate Showmanship: 1st purple- Dayle Haake; Purple- Whitley Rasmussen; Blue- Karley Haake, Watson Warren; Red- Sierra Carr, Tate Johnston, Gatlyn Carr; Junior Showmanship: 1st purple- Shaylee Milleson; Blue- Rylan Warren, Brooks Warren; Red- Marvin Koubek.
Halter (Yearling fillies): Purple- Dayle Haake
Halter (Aged Mare): 1st purple- Rylan Warren; Blue- Dayle Haake; Red- Tate Johnston, Karley Haake, Brea Branic.
Halter (Aged Geldings): 1st purple- Dayle Haake; Purple- Shaylee Milleson; Blue- Watson Warren, Tate Johnston.
Halter (Pony Halter): 1st purple- Brea Branic; Purple- Watson Warren.
Western Pleasure (3-4 year old Futurity): 1st purple- Dayle Haake.
Western Pleasure (Sr): Blue- Brea Branic; (Intermediate): Blue- Whitley Rasmussen, Watson Warren, Dayle Haake; Red- Gatlyn Carr, Sierra Carr, Karley Haake, Tate Johnston; (Junior): 1st purple- Shaylee Milleson; Blue- Rylan Warren, Marvin Koubek; Red- Brooks Warren.
Western Horsemanship (Sr.): 1st purple- Brea Branic; (Intermediate): 1st purple- Dayle Haake; Purple- Dayle Haake; Purple- Sierra Carr; Blue- Karley Haake, Gatlyn Carr, Watson Warren; Red- Whitley Rasmussen, Tate Johnston; (Junior): 1st purple- Shaylee Milleson; White- Marvin Koubek, Brooks Warren, Rylan Warren.
Reining (Sr.): 1st purple- Brea Branic; (Intermediate): 1st purple- Tate Johnston; Purple- Dayle Haake; Blue- Karley Haake, Sierra Carr, Watson Warren; White- Whitley Rasmussen, Gatlyn Carr; (Junior): 1st Purple- Shaylee Milleson; White- Marvin Koubek, Brooks Warren, Rylan Warren.
Trail (Sr.): 1st Purple- Brea Branic; (Intermediate): 1st Purple- Tate Johnston; Purple- Dayle Haake, Karley Haake; Blue- Sierra Carr, Gatlyn Carr, Whitley Rasmussen; Red- Watson Warren; (Junior): 1st Purple-

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