

Locals Qualify For J.H. National Finals Rodeo

The 2022 Nebraska Junior High Finals were held Thursday, May 19 and Friday, May 20 at the Trotter Arena in Broken Bow. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders from all over the state gathered to compete in 13 rodeo events as well as Light Rifle.

Two local cowboys and one local cowgirl qualified for the National Junior High Rodeo, which will be held June 19-25, 2022 in Perry, Georgia.

Tate Johnston qualified in the boy's breakaway roping and along with partner, JT Lantis, also qualified for team roping.

Kallan Cox will be going in barrels and she and her partner, Colton Leach, will compete in the ribbon roping event.

Colton Leach also qualified in the boy's goat tying.

Sutton Schrunck & Klaire Ward were alternates in the ribbon roping.

Complete results of the local athletes are:

Round One
Chute Dogging - 5. Tate Johnston, 5.00
Team Roping - 2. Tate Johnston & JT Lantis, 9.22
Ribbon Roping - 1. Sutton Schrunck & Klaire Ward, 10.50; 2. Colton



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Kallan Cox was also a double qualifier headed into Nationals. She and partner Colton Leach are #2 in the state in Ribbon Roping and she is #4 in the State in Barrel Racing. Colton Leach is headed to State in Ribbon Roping. He also qualified for Nationals in Boy's Goat Tying, where he holds the #1 spot in the state.

Pictured above is Leach and Cox competing in the Ribbon Roping event at State.

Leach & Kallan Cox, 12.72
Girls Poles - 10. Kallan Cox, 21.967
Girls Goat Tying - 5. Klaire Ward, 10.55
Boys Goat Tying - 1/2. Colton Leach, 11.61
Girls Barrels - 9. Kallan Cox, 16.461

Round Two
Team Roping - 9. Cotter Johnston & Kooper Schrunck, 38.15
Ribbon Roping - 1. Sutton Schrunck & Klaire

Ward, 20.53; 4. Colton Leach & Kallan Cox, 27.79
Girls Goat Tying - 9. Klaire Ward, 10.65
Boys Goat Tying - 3. Colton Leach, 11.70
Girls Barrels - 3. Kallan Cox, 16.097

Average
Chute Dogging - 7. Tate Johnston, 11.50
Team Roping - 2. Tate

Johnston & JT Lantis, 34.63

Ribbon Roping - 1. Sutton Schrunck & Klaire Ward, 20.53; 2. Colton Leach & Kallan Cox, 27.79
Girls Goat Tying - 7. Klaire Ward, 21.20
Boys Goat Tying - 2. Colton Leach, 23.31
Girls Barrels - 5. Kallan Cox, 32.558.

Sharpshooters 4-H Club To Reorganize

Sandhills/Thedford Sharpshooters will be reorganizing for the Fall 2022/Winter 2023 shooting season to teach and educate youth in archery and BB gun. An enrollment meeting will be announced in early fall of 2022. Sharpshooters will be at the Thomas County Fair on July 30 - 31 where they will have a shooting gallery for kids to enjoy.

Donations to help purchase equipment and supplies are greatly appreciated. The group is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

Donations may be sent to:

Sandhills Thedford Sharpshooters 4-H Club
P.O. 44

Thedford, NE 69166
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For more information please call, text or email to:

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New PTF Clerk begins duties at Stapleton Post Office



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

Connie Garza of Seneca is the new PTF clerk at the Stapleton Post Office. She replaces Holly Georgius who left in December 2020 to take over the postmaster position at Oshkosh. Garza worked at Macke's Grocery in Mullen and most recently was the bookkeeper at Pioneer Memorial Rest Home in Mullen prior to its closure. She will be helping in other area post offices in addition to working in Stapleton.

Garza and her husband, Xavier live in Seneca where they have started a new business, C & G Wild Game Processing, LLC. The Mullen Commercial Club donated \$5,000 in grant money in 2020 to the Garzas to purchase necessary equipment, including a new meat smoker, to help service the community. Their daughter, Isabella, is a 2022 graduate of Mullen High School.

BRAN 40.2 Coming To Town



Terri Licking, Story

The 40th annual Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska (BRAN) is back and BRAN 40.2 will run from June 5-11.

Overnight stops are Alliance, Hyannis, Thedford, Callaway, Ord, St. Edward, Shelby and Wahoo.

BRAN is a ride that provides scholarships for Nebraska high school students who will be attending Nebraska trade schools, colleges and universities. Each overnight town will receive a scholarship and a second one will be awarded to the riders choice for best host town for 2022.

The Village of Thedford is pleased to be one of the stops and will host BRAN overnight on Monday, June 6.

Organizers are encouraging locals to come out and meet the riders and spread hospitality.

Local organizations and businesses will be providing food and hosting activities:

• Thedford Life Center will be open at 9:00 a.m. for a pie and ice cream social. This will be a fundraiser for Kloe DeNaeyer

and Katen Licking who will be attending FCCLA National Conference in San Diego.

• Make souvenirs at the Thedford Art Gallery with Kyle Hoyt beginning at 10:00 a.m. Cost is \$5.00 and this will be a come and go.

• Call Ewoldt's at 308-645-2235 for Sandhill River Trips. Mention BRAN for a discount on river fun.

• Food court at the south end of the Thedford High School football field beginning at 11:00 a.m. This will include spaghetti and meat sauce with French bread by Order of Eastern Star Sunshine Chapter 261; and cheeseburgers, chips, and drinks by Hawaii for Volleyball (4 Lady Knights will be part of a NE team volleyball tournament in Hawaii).

• Tour of Bar-None Hats. Kaycee will show you how she makes hats. Shuttles from grade school parking lot and tours will be provided every 45 minutes.

• 1:30 p.m. - Shuttle to ranches or nursery at the Nebraska National Forest

Summer Reading Program Starts June 6

The Thomas County Library Board is planning the Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. The attendees are encouraged to attend the daily activities and crafts. The program is free and open to all children from grades pre-K through sixth grade.

This year's reading program will run from Monday, June 6 through Friday, June 10. Pre-K through third grade will start at 2:15 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. while the fourth through sixth grade will begin at 3:45 p.m. and run until 5:00 p.m. each day. Please drop off and pick up your children at the appropriate times.

Advanced registration is encouraged to ensure a spot for our children and so that adequate supplies will be available for everyone. For more information and to register please contact the Thomas County Library at 308-

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TVFD Members Attend Nebraska Fire School



COURTESY

TVFD had three members attending the 85th Nebraska Fire School held May 21 and 22. Dan DeNaeyer and Spencer Burk attended Resources for New Chief Officers and Desarae Porter attended Forcible Entry class. These members are excited to bring the knowledge they gained over this weekend back to the department.

The Thedford Volunteer Department will hold their seventh annual Thedford Volunteer Fire and Rescue Poker Run and barbecue on Saturday, June 18. The day will start off with bike registration at 8:00 a.m. and the bikes will leave the fire station at 10:00 a.m. on the poker run. The route will go west and north this year. When the bikes return at approximately 5:30 p.m. a barbecue, silent auction and live music by Whiskey Bent will be enjoyed.