

Area youths excel in showing horses

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The local 4-H clubs had a horse show on Saturday, July 6.

Here are the results through age 13. Others 14 and up will be featured next week.

Age 6 and under
Cadence Koch was first with a score of 15, 5 in walk trot, 5 in poles (31.98 seconds), 5 in barrels (25.46), 5 in the flag race (15.63). Sarah Nemecheck second with 12: 5 in walk trot, 4 in poles (59.86), 4 in barrels (38.08), 4 in flag race (15.64). Cheyanne Hill third with 9: 3 in poles (1 minute, 1.6 seconds), 3 in barrels (51.37), 3 in flag race (25.26). Tanner Todd fourth with 6: 5 in lead line, 2 in poles (1.31.4), 2 in barrels (54.73), 2 in flag race (43.1).

Ages 7 to 9 performance
Tyler Todd was first with a score of 31: 3 in tie-breaker showmanship, 4 in hunter hack over fences, 5 in hunter under saddle, 5 in hunt seat equitation, 5 in western pleasure, 5 in horsemanship, 3 in reining, 4 in trail. Kassie Miller second with 17: 4 in tie-breaker showmanship, 3 in western pleasure, 4 in horsemanship, 5 in reining, 5 in trail. Christian Koch third with 13: 5 in hunter hack over fences, 4 in hunter under saddle, 4 in western pleasure. Matthew Nemecheck fourth with 12: 4 in tie-breaker showmanship, 3 in hunter under saddle, 3 in western pleasure, 3 in horsemanship, 4 in reining. Tessa Hill fifth with 3: 3 in trail. Samantha Skolout and Isabella Ostmeyer tied for sixth with 2. Skolout: 2 in horsemanship. Ostmeyer 1 in western pleasure, 1 in horsemanship.

Ages 7 to 9 speed
Miller and Koch tied for first with 13. Miller: 4 in poles (25), 4 in barrels (17.36), 5 in flags (8.85). Koch: 5 in poles (23.6), 5 in barrels (16.89), 3 in flags (9.38). Todd and Nemecheck tied

for second with 7. Todd: disqualified in poles, 3 in barrels (23.95), 4 in flags (9.33). Nemecheck: 3 in poles (38.57), 2 in barrels (25.28), 2 in flags (13.36). Hill and Ostmeyer tied for third with 1. Hill: disqualified in poles, did not place in barrels 1 in flags (19.62). Ostmeyer: disqualified in poles, 1 in barrels (34.85), did not place in flags.

Ages 10 to 13 performance
Jamie Nemecheck first with 34: 4 in tie breaker showman ship, 5 in hunter hack over fences, 5 in hunter under saddle, 5 in hunt seat equitation, 5 in western pleasure, 5 in horsemanship, 4 in reining, 5 in trail. Kaycee Miller second with 12: 3 in tie breaker showmanship, 1 in western pleasure, 3 in horsemanship, 5 in reining, 3 in trail. Jordan Ostmeyer third with 9: 2 in tie breaker showmanship, 2 in western pleasure, 4 in horsemanship, 3 in reining. Grace Oard and Abbey Schmeiser tied for fourth with 8. Oard: 1 in tie breaker showmanship, 3 in western pleasure, 2 in horsemanship, 1 in reining, 2 in trail. Schmeiser: 5 in tie breaker showmanship, 4 in hunter under saddle, 4 in western pleasure. Caitlyn Comfort fifth with 5: 1 in horsemanship, 4 in trail.

Ages 10 to 13 speed
Miller first with 15: 5 in poles (24.4), 5 in barrels (16.74), 5 in flags (7.84). Jamie Nemecheck, Christian Calliham and Comfort tied for second with 7. Jaime Nemecheck: disqualified in poles, 4 in barrels (17.13), 3 in flags (8.38). Calliham: 3 in poles (27.79), 2 in barrels (18.93), 2 in flags (8.77). Comfort: disqualified in poles, 3 in barrels (17.56), 4 in flags (8.36). Schmeiser third with 5: 4 in poles (27.13), did not place in barrels, 1 in flags (8.78). Paker Nemecheck, fourth with 3: 2 in poles (33.76), 1 in barrels (19.21), did not place in flags. Lizzie Cornell, fifth with 1: 1 in poles (34.68), did not place in barrels, flags.

Fun in the mud pays off



Layla Schlageck posed with her son Huntley Kruse Schlageck and trophy winning the Mud Bog Saturday night at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Driving the truck in the background,

she came in first of 22 drivers in the 34 and under class (referring to tire size), the largest at the Mud Bog. Colby held its first Mud Bog in five years.

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Colby will decide state bids Saturday

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Undefeated Victoria joins Jayhawk League champion Colby among eight teams who all have the same gameplan on Saturday.

Win and go to the K-18 state championship tournament!

Lose and have a lot more time for summer chores.

It's that simple.

Saturday's K-18 West Regional at Colby is single-elimination, which means there are no consolation brackets or "back doors" to

a state tournament spot. Simply win on Saturday, then play for better state seeds during Sunday's regional semifinals and championship game.

Wildcat/Shocker champ Victoria owns the No. 1 region seed because of its 18-0 league record.

Yet one win not only doubles Atwood's season-long victory total (1-19 record), it would send the Jayhawk League last-place team to state.

Victoria and Atwood play an 11 a.m. game on Saturday, just after the 9 a.m. Oakley vs. Norton region opener.

Oakley (14-6 record) finished second behind Colby (17-3) in the final Jayhawk standings, while Norton (12-8) slipped to fourth place.

Familiar foe Goodland (13-7 league mark) plays Wildcat/Shocker No. 2 team Ellis (9-9) for the third of four state tournament berths.

Host Colby follows with the 3 p.m. grand finale against Jayhawk No. 5 team WaKeeney (3-17 league record).

Colby swept WaKeeney, 11-1 and 18-1, on July 1 despite missing some key players due to wres-

ting camp.

However, WaKeeney does own one more region win than Colby entering Saturday after conquering a play-in game over Hays Wednesday evening.

Atwood took Wednesday's other first-round contest, eliminating Otis-Bison.

The K-18 West Regional semifinals are set for 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Winners move into the 3 p.m. final with a potential No. 1 state seed to be decided.

State tournament teams collide at Lucas beginning Friday, July 26 and continue through July 31.

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