

HORSE SENSE

County 4-H team qualifies for nationals in Kentucky

Maddi Tracy and Teagan Miller will represent Wallowa County in the National Horse Show in Kentucky in November. The two ranked first at the 2018 4-H Spring Horse Classic April 27-29.

Eleven 4-H members participated in the state event along with approximately 170 other 4-H'ers in several contests to show their knowledge in the horse project area.

Miller, Tracy, Brianna Micka, Rylee Wilcox and Chance Arbogast comprised the senior 4-H delegation. Micka and Wilcox competed in the senior horse judging contest and placed sixth as a team. Micka placed first individually.

Arbogast competed in the senior public speaking contest and placed fifth. Micka competed in the individual presentation contest and placed fourth.

The Intermediate 4-H Horse judging team consisted of Bailey Vernam, Destiny Wecks, Libby Fisher, Carrin Yaw, Devin Schreiber and Casidee Harrod. The team placed third in this state competition.

The horse judging team consisted of Casidee Harrod, Libby Fisher, Bailey Vernam and Carrin Yaw. Individually, Harrod placed third and Fisher placed eighth.

The Intermediate Hippology team of Vernam, Wecks, Fisher and Yaw placed eighth in the state. The Horse Bowl Team consisted of Devin Schreiber, Vernam, Yaw, Fisher and Wecks. Vernam placed first in the prepared public speaking contest. Harrod placed fourth in the intermediate presentation contest.

Vixen Radford-Wecks and Michelle Janick coached the teams and Jill Huffman coached the senior team presentation.

The event is designed to provide an educational forum in which youth enrolled in 4-H demonstrate their knowledge of equine related subject matter.



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Brianna Micka won first place individually in the State 4-H Senior Horse Judging Competition.



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Members of the Intermediate 4-H State Horse Classics Horse Judging Team Carrin Yaw, Bailey Vernam, Destiny Wecks and Libby Fisher. They presented a short clinic before the contest to explain what to look for when judging horses. Handler is Jess Anderson.

OTHER RESULTS

Horse judging

Brianna Micka, a senior, was named overall high point judge with a score of 306 of a possible 350 at the 2018 annual horse judging contest was held April 15 at the fairgrounds in Enterprise. Twenty 4-H members participated.

The event was the first horse judging contest of the year. Members will have the opportunity to judge again at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show and at the Wallowa County Fair. Their scores will be compiled and the top intermediate and senior judges will qualify to represent Wallowa County at the state competition.

In the senior division (ages 15-19), **Rylee Wilcox** was second behind Micka.

In the intermediate division (ages 12-14), **Bailey Vernam** was first **Destiny Wecks** second and **Libby Fisher** third (285).

Other intermediates judging were **Carrin Yaw, Casidee Harrod, Rosie Movich-Fields, Eva Anderson** and **Devin Schreiber**.

Winners in the juniors division (ages 9-11) were **Carisa Yaw**, first; and **Lily Royes**, second. First year juniors top contestant was **James Royes, Dawson Hale** was second and **Tylee Evans** third.

Livestock judging

Thirty members participated in the Annual 4-H Spring Livestock Judging Contest held at the com-

pletion of swine weigh-ins at the fairgrounds May 5. They judged two classes of market pigs, two classes of sheep, a class of heifers, one of goats and one class of hay.

County Commissioner Todd Nash was the official judge and helped members understand what to look for when judging livestock. Oral Reasons judges were Todd Nash and Charlie Warnock.

Trace Evans was the high-scoring FFA individual with 329 points out of a possible 450. **Aubrina Melville** (Intermediate) was the high scoring 4-H member with 321 points.

Bailey Vernam (Intermediate) placed second overall, and **Hailey Cunningham** (Intermediate) placed third. Other intermediates judging were: **Eva Anderson, Katy Hoffman, Maclane Melville, Nevin Goldsmith, Devin Schreiber** and **Isaak Hoffman**.

The top Junior members (ages 9-11) were **Codi Cunningham, Owen Cunningham** and **Tegan Evans**. Other Juniors judging were **Alisha Melville, Vincent Finlayson, Kane Johnson, Kellen Knifong, Lucas Goodrich** and **Cade Cunningham**.

Top First-Year Juniors were **Tylee Evans, Cara Freels** and **Paige Freels**. Other First Year Juniors participating included **Carisa Yaw, Caleigh Johnson, Dawson Cudmore, Katelynn Melville, Mackenzie Melville, Adian Clary** and **Wyatt Nash**.

A barbecue was hosted by the "Ever Cool Originals 4-H Club", enjoyed by approximately 50 4-H members, parents and supporters prior to the livestock judging contest.

Mexican food truck opens in Enterprise

Maria Mendez Morales of Enterprise has realized a life-long dream of operating her own eating establishment that features fresh Mexican foods from the Michoacán region a thousand miles southeast of El Paso, Texas.

She's starting out with a food truck, located next to the former DMV office on the corner of Depot St. and Hwy. 82.

"I am so excited to open this business because I pour my heart in my food, and I like to see people happy. I've waited a long time to realize this dream," Morales said.

You may recognize the big green food truck as the former "Healthy 2 Go" food truck owned by Darrell and Wilma Anderson of Enterprise. Morales purchased the truck.

Morales is serving her fresh specialties at the renamed "Taco Feliz" six days a week 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Sunday. She plans to be open seven days a week throughout the summer.

The Morales family has been in the county for nearly 30 years, and several generations are lending a hand in the new endeavor.

"My family helps me — everybody helps me," said Morales.

Many folks will have sampled Morales famous tamales, which were sometimes available by order in the past. Those popular tamales will still be available on Thursdays for \$3.50 each. If you order ahead you can still get a dozen of them for \$20.

There are many offerings, but if you don't find what you want, Morales will take special orders. They're discovering Wallowa Countians like Pozole, a traditional soup made from hominy, with meat, and Menudo, a traditional Mexican soup made with beef stomach in broth with a red chili pepper base.

Pick up a full menu at the truck. Menu items include tacos and burritos. Agua de Horchata is available daily.



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Maria Mendez Morales of Enterprise prepares for a day of feeding hungry locals at the new Taco Feliz food truck in the parking lot of the old DMV office.



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