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Taylor takes home the championship trophy for showmanship Thursday. Her two competitors in background are Ashton Cowan and Cecelia Scott.

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"I normally keep my eyes on the judge and don't look at the audience," Taylor said. "I get stage fright. When they start placing them, I start to get a little nervous."

Her mother, Angie Johnson, sitting with Taylor's grandparents and great-grandma, said she "gets a little nervous for (Taylor) when she goes in the ring."

Taylor's strategy paid off when she won first in the junior showmanship class.

She also brought three other goats to the fair; Kola, Ziggy and one called Mate, which she is selling. Those three goats laid in a pen with Dotty, the goat that Taylor's 7-year-old brother, Xander, showed.

Taylor said Wednesday, with the breeding stock competition and conformation, was "crazy" and that she had "a lot more responsibility with more animals" since all four of hers competed instead of just Gloria.

The pace of the day combined with the record-setting temperatures had her sweat-



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Johnson answers the judge's questions about goat physiology. At right, she grooms her goat, Gloria, front-to-back prior to showmanship.

ing while she ran back and forth with her different goats.

Taylor already had an array of ribbons on display above her pen from Wednesday, including several that were blue.

Although Taylor said she kept an eye on the goats' water and occasionally broke out the cooling blankets, Angie said the sweltering heat for us wasn't too big of a deal for the breed of goat that hails from South Africa.

Before the clock struck 9 a.m. and the meeting with the judge started, Taylor had Gloria on a trimming stand. She cleaned out the goat's ears, scrubbed stains from her fur and cleaned her hooves.

Later, as Taylor and Gloria were waiting for their turn in the ring, Gloria was looking for something to take a bite out of and nuzzling herself against those next to her.

"She's way over friendly,"



Taylor said of her companion.

Taylor said Gloria loves apricots and her favorite treat is animal crackers.

Some of the things Taylor focuses on while in the arena is making sure she doesn't touch her goat too often and that the goat doesn't look at the other goats, which she said Gloria tends to do a lot.

"I want to keep my eyes on

the judge," she said.

On their 4 acres, the Johnsons have 15 does, or female goats, and two bucks, or male goats, some of which Taylor said they share with her grandpa.

Although she didn't place in the grand championship round, Taylor said she enjoys showing goats and hopes to do it again next year.

BURN

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The ordinance was first discussed at the Aug. 1 commission meeting. This week's meeting was scheduled specifically to discuss and pass the fire ordinance.

In the past, the commissioners have passed resolutions that had to be renewed every year.

Those who violate the ban can be charged a fine of up to \$500, but the commissioners stated that the ordinance is meant to prevent fires on the land, not punish landowners.

Acting as the city council of Unity, the commissioners passed the same ordinance for the city.

Jason Yencopal, the county's director of emergency management, told commissioners that he will ask for an extension on the deadline to start construction on the Mason Dam Hydroelectric Project.

He will ask that the project have another two years before construction starts. The county received the license for the project in September 2016. It stated that construction would need to begin by September of 2018 and finish by 2021.

If the extension is approved, construction would begin by September of 2020 and still finish by 2021.

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Sports

Luck returns as Colts top Seattle

By Tim Booth
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Andrew Luck could feel the pressure building as he prepared for his first game action with Indianapolis since the final week of the 2016 season.

When he let go of trying to contain his excitement, the pressure was released.

"I really enjoyed it. I didn't quite know I'd have this much fun getting practice again. I didn't know I'd have this much fun even playing football," Luck said. "It's a preseason game, I'm not going to blow anything out of proportion, but it's still a game, a chance to go up against another color jersey. It was a fun step along the way."

Luck was back under center, leading Indianapolis on a pair of field-goal drives in just over a quarter in the Colts' 19-17 victory over the

Seattle Seahawks on Thursday night.

The reintroduction of Luck as the Colts' leader started with a 17-yard swing pass to Marlon Mack on the first play. It concluded early in the second quarter when his pass intended for T.Y. Hilton was broken up. In between, Luck was bear-hugged by Seattle All-Pro linebacker Bobby Wagner on a scramble run, sacked by Rasheem Green, and also showed flashes his surgically repaired right shoulder is ready to allow him to again be a premier quarterback.

Luck completed 6 of 9 passes for 64 yards, most of that coming on the opening drive when he hit 5 of 7. Luck completed passes to five receivers and threw from a clean pocket on most of his dropbacks, even with starting left tackle Anthony Castonzo not playing.

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M's top Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander got pushed around by the Seattle Mariners early Thursday night, and then umpire Nic Lentz sent him off for an early shower.

Certainly not what the former Cy Young and MVP Award winner had in mind for his first shot at career win No. 200.

Seattle jumped on Verlander for six runs in two innings before he was ejected for arguing a balk call in the Mariners' 8-6 win over the Houston Astros.

Mitch Haniger, Denard Span and Jean Segura combined for 10 hits and seven RBIs.