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Buyer Kay Cowen-Thompson, left, and beef reserve grand champion Monel Anderson of the Izee Livestock club.



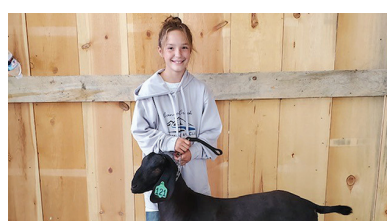
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Wyatt Suchorski, Grant Union High School FFA, steer grand champion.



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Madelyn Bailey, Strawberry Riders CC, sheep, grand champion.



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Preston Fretwell, Dayville CC, sheep, reserve grand champion.



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Morgan Molyneux, Canyon Creek CC, goat, grand champion

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MARKET STEERS

Wyatt Suchorski, Grant Union High School FFA, grand champion steer
Monel Anderson, Izee Livestock club, reserve grand champion steer
Weston Suchorski, Izee Livestock club, champion
Kingdon Kirby, Izee Livestock club, champion
Beau VanCleave, Juniper Ridge, champion
Evangeline Schultz, Northfork CC, reserve
Rowdy Wilson, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Carson Weaver, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Bret Burri, Prairie City CC, blue ribbon
Wyatt Lemons, Grant Union High School FFA, blue ribbon
Talon VanCleave, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Raney Anderson, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Tate Waddel, Beaver Believers, blue ribbon
Bethany Wilburn, Northfork CC, blue ribbon
Nick Stiner, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Bridger Walker, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Colton Lindsay, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Keira Stiner, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon

ribbon
Cooper Ross, Beaver Believers, blue ribbon
Jacey Mickey, Grant Union High School FFA, blue ribbon
Emma Field, Prairie City CC, blue ribbon
Sage Browning, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Jerrett Waddel, Beaver Believers, blue ribbon
Preston Boethin, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Jaycee Winegar, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Abbie Justice, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Hayden Spencer, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Gracey Kenyon, Izee Livestock, red ribbon

MARKET SHEEP

Madelyn Bailey, Strawberry Riders CC, grand champion sheep
Preston Fretwell, Dayville CC, reserve grand champion sheep
Adeline Northway, Beaver Believers, champion
Olive Thunnel, Juniper Ridge, reserve champion
Kellen Fretwell, Dayville CC, reserve champion
Naomi Blood, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Hannah McKinley, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Lilly Huerta, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Aaliyah Judd, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Max Bailey, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon

ribbon
Jonathan Leighty, Prairie City CC, blue ribbon
Audrey Walker, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Akeelah Vielma, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Reid Dole, Grant Union High School FFA, blue ribbon
Eli Wilson, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Eliza Bailey, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Katelyn Hughes, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Jillie Thunell, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Savanah Watterson, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Madiyenne Cearns, Prairie City CC, blue ribbon
Samantha Choate, Northfork CC, blue ribbon
Rhynna Wyllie, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon
Tempest Kalin, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Sophia McKinley, Strawberry Riders, blue ribbon

GOATS

Morgan Molyneux, Canyon Creek CC, grand champion goat
Dawson Jenks, Northfork CC, reserve grand champion goat
Gauge Jenks, Northfork CC, blue ribbon
Emmalyn Northway, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Sierra Jenks, Northfork CC, red ribbon

MARKET SWINE

Brooke Taynton, Canyon Creek CC, grand champion swine
Fallan Giffin, Moon Mountain Livestock, reserve grand champion swine
Grace Hueckman, Moon Mountain Livestock, champion
Jesaka Culley, Moon Mountain Livestock, champion
Skylar McKay, Prairie City FFA, reserve champion
George Ashley, Grant Union High School FFA, reserve champion
Laken McKay, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Cayden Howard, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Sarah Clark, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Noah Spencer, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Zinny Locke, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Cooper Holly, Dayville CC, blue ribbon
Colton Lyman, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Owen Parsons, Beaver Believers, blue ribbon
Lane Clark, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Kara Hanson, Dayville CC, blue ribbon
Eric Culley, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Tatyn Harper, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Fletcher Grove, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Kahden Weaver, Moon Mountain Livestock,

blue ribbon
Brynlie Koppel, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Madison Whitmore, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Brooklyn Kimball, Prairie City CC, blue ribbon
Macy Carter, Grant Union FFA, blue ribbon
Eliza Ashley, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Emmie Saul, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Karlie Chappel, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Haven Giffin, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Trevor Sasser, Juniper Ridge, blue ribbon
Treyton Brown, Grant Union High School FFA, blue ribbon
Zoey Rookstool, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Hannah Wall, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Paige Weaver, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Tymber Moore, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Riddick Hutchison, Beaver Believers, blue ribbon
Mayley Saul, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Cowen Weaver, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Elias Starbuck, Northfork CC, blue ribbon
Reece Jacobs, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon
Abbey Pfefferkorn, Prairie City FFA, blue ribbon

Sierra May, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Garret Ashley, Izee Livestock, blue ribbon
Jenna Chappel, Moon Mountain Livestock, blue ribbon
Ava Brown, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon
Brooklyn Grassl, Northfork CC, blue ribbon
Paige Galbreath, Izee Livestock, red ribbon
Allyson Moore, Izee Livestock, red ribbon
Tristan Clary, Canyon Creek CC, red ribbon
Parker Manitsas, Grant Union High School FFA, red ribbon
Brooke Teel, Prairie City FFA, red ribbon
Evan Chappel, Moon Mountain Livestock, red ribbon
Ava Gerry, Juniper Ridge, red ribbon
Ryan Coalwell, Canyon Creek CC, red ribbon
Treyvn Coalwell, Canyon Creek CC, red ribbon
Parker Grassl, Northfork CC, red ribbon

MARKET TURKEY

Danner May, Canyon Creek CC, reserve champion turkey
Sydney Brandon, Strawberry Riders CC, blue ribbon

MARKET CHICKEN

Morganne Wyllie, Strawberry Riders CC, grand champion chicken
Mahayla Moss, Grant County CC, reserve grand champion chicken
Payton Whitmore, Canyon Creek CC, blue ribbon



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Fallan Giffin, Moon Mountain Livestock, swine, reserve grand champion.



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Brooke Taynton, Canyon Creek CC, swine, grand champion.



The Eagle/Steven Mitchell
Ellie Justice, left, and Morganne Wyllie of the Strawberry Riders club, who won grand champion in chickens.



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Danner May, Canyon Creek CC, turkey, reserve grand champion.



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Mahayla Moss, Grant County CC, chicken, reserve grand champion.

Masks

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Courtney that the county does not have the power to take back local control of its school districts from the state.

“Some people might be mistaken in thinking that the county has power beyond a voice,” he said. “We don’t have the power to make those things happen.” County Commissioner Sam Palmer said he was “quite disturbed” that a state law that suspends a requirement for basic skills testing in math, reading and writing — which, in his opinion, is based on color — was signed by the governor on Aug. 10.

He said this is about more than a mask mandate. The state, he said, is trying to control the youth in an attempt to change society.

According to the bill’s text, the measure temporarily eliminates essential skills testing through the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, according to

the text, the Oregon Department of Education compares Oregon’s diploma requirements with other states and recommendations for state requirements to reduce disparities.

He said he stands for “freedom” to choose, and he supports whichever decision a parent makes for their child.

Liability to teachers, staff and administrators

Hallgarth said he is concerned about the liability that teachers and education assistants face should a kid refuse to wear a mask, or how someone might interpret how a staff member enforces the rule.

He said this opens the door for someone who disagrees with how the school is enforcing the rules or reading the interpretive guidance who could file a complaint with the Oregon Safety and Health Administration.

The penalty can range from \$8,600 to \$126,000, depending on how OSHA rates the level of noncompliance.

Hallgarth said he has

worked to build relationships with the staff and create a culture within the district, and the enforcement guidelines pit people against each other.

Losing teachers and staff

Prairie City High School teacher Billy Colson said he likes the word “empowerment.” He said the county should have more local control, and the state should trust and empower regions to make those decisions.

He said he has a daughter who could “survive” online school, but his 7-year-old son needs to be in the classroom. Colson said his only concern is whether or not his son has to wear a mask.

Recently, he said he found out his son is a seventh-generation Oregonian.

“My great-great-great-something came over in a covered wagon,” Colson said. “And we spent last night looking at where are we going to go when they force the vaccine on our kids and us out of the state of Oregon.”

What is the county’s authority?

A member of the audience who said she was a federal employee and a parent asked what the county would do to help teachers, administrators and children.

She asked the county to “think outside of the box” if the governor said no to giving the county local control. Hamscher said the county could face liability if they were to tell a school district to flout pandemic restrictions. Likewise, he told her a teacher could sue if they were to lose their certifications, and the county’s insurance company could drop the county, leaving the county without legal protection.

Palmer said he could not put a “price tag” on people’s freedoms. “So I’m going to abuse your child?” he said. “I am going to abuse an adult by making them get a shot? When do we say enough is enough?”

Myers said the court is not in a position to back someone’s personal decision not to send their kid to school and not to wear a

mask. However, he said they are doing what they can to advocate for local control.

Does mandating masks slow the spread of the delta variant?

Dr. Ibukun C. Kalu, a professor of pediatrics at Duke University, said a “bundle of interventions” seems to work in slowing the spread of the virus.

“I hesitate to pick on one thing and say this is the most effective thing, perhaps except vaccination,” Kalu said.

Kalu said, while kids might be less efficient in spreading the virus than adults, they can spread not only COVID-19 but many other viruses.

What risks does COVID-19 pose for children?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, there had been 4.3 million confirmed infections among children in the U.S. However, given that many kids are likely to have few or no symptoms, the actual number is

likely much higher.

And the rate of infections is growing, likely because of reduced masking and social distancing with the rollout of vaccines, coupled with the surge in the delta variant, whose characteristics make for more efficient transmission. In the week ended Aug. 5, there were close to 94,000 COVID-19 cases in children, compared with the highest peak at 211,486 recorded in the first week of January. But the worrying trend is that the percentage of total COVID-19 cases represented by children is growing: 14.3% in the week ended Aug. 5, compared with less than 2% for most of 2020.

The Academy of Pediatrics noted that children make up roughly 1% of hospitalizations, depending on the state, and 0.26% of all COVID-19 deaths.

“If we’re bringing kids back to schools indoors, and we are seeing case rates rise in the community, it’s probably important to keep the mask on, wash their hands and vaccinate those that are eligible,” Kalu said.

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