

Egle wins best of show at Nebraskaland Days art competition

Judge Eric Stearns selected Linda Egle's "Lookin' Back" for best of show at the Nebraskaland Days Competitive Art Show at the Prairie Arts Center in North Platte June 24, 2023.

David Dorsey won the People's Choice award with his "Three For the Road."

Complete results:

2-D Western: 1. Buddy, Taylor Majerus 2. Pretty in Pink, David Dorsey 3. Morning Meditation, Roberta Barnes.

2-D Wildlife: 1. Whisper of Strength, Tim O'Neill 2. When the Dust Settles On the Day, Roberta Barnes 3. Run Wild, Sue Perez.

2-D Landscape: 1. Fiery Chariots, Yelena Khanevskaya 2. Grassy Waters, Sharon Skinner 3. Apricity Trouvaille, Linda Lacey.

Photography - Western: 1. Salt Wells Stallion, Rachel Reeves 2. Sharp Brim, Brandy Jameran, 3. Onaqui Dust, Rachel Reeves.

Photography - Wildlife: 1. Look Out Below, Keith Howe 2. Fight or Flight, Marella McCarthy 3. It's Lonely at the Top, Keith Howe.

Photography - Landscape: 1. Everything the Light Touches, Keith Howe 2. Blades of Brilliance, Jess Smith 3. Nebraska Sunset, Pat Schoenfelder.

3-D: 1. Lookin' Back, Linda Egle 2. Stagecoach, Roger Herrick 3. War Dance, Cole Brockmoller.



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Linda Egle's bronze, "Lookin' Back" was awarded best of show at the Nebraskaland Days Competitive Art Show.



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Roger Herrick of Stapleton was awarded second place in 3-D art for his handcrafted stage coach.

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Opportunity For Rural Nebraskans Seeking Higher Education

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation welcomes applicants for the Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation Scholarship in honor of Max and Eric Brown. From trade school to training and other college credits, non-traditional students who are committed to living in a rural Nebraska community are eligible to apply for awards up to \$2,500.

"Rural communities are at the heart of Nebraska. Keeping them vibrant means future successes for agriculture and ensuring the traditions of small towns are preserved. This scholarship supports individuals who are dedicated to protecting the vitality of rural Nebraska," said Megahn Schafer, executive director of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation.

The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is accepting applications for the 2024 scholarships and will award up to \$2,500 to

non-traditional students, age 25 or older, living in Nebraska's rural communities. Applicants must be pursuing an education in Nebraska including, but not limited to, community college, technical school, or training programs in any field of study.

"Rural communities need all kinds of professionals to thrive! The beauty of this scholarship is no matter your field of study, your commitment to staying in rural Nebraska makes you a candidate," said Schafer.

Past winners have sought EMT training, master's degrees, and nursing degrees, among other things. With this scholarship, they were able to ease some of the financial burden of continuing their education while staying committed to their rural Nebraska communities.

Through consecutive ca-

reers as General Manager of KRVN and volunteer leadership roles for numerous agricultural organizations, Max and Eric Brown dedicated their lives to serving rural Nebraska. This scholarship continues a legacy of support for farmers, ranchers, and their communities.

Applications can be found at www.nefbfoundation.org (direct link here) and are due August 1.

The mission of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is to engage youth, educators, and the general public to promote an understanding of the vital importance of agriculture in the lives of all Nebraskans. The Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For more information about the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation, visit www.nefbfoundation.org.

Bryant Honored At SkillsUSA Workforce Development Event

The following local career and technical students were recognized for excellence at the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Atlanta, on June 21-22. More than 6,000 students competed at the national showcase of career and technical education. The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.79 million square feet, equivalent to 31 football fields or 41 acres.

Skill Point Certificates were awarded to all national contestants who met a threshold contest score. The Skill Point Certificate represents workplace readiness in the occupational specialty and students can add the certificate to their employment portfolio as an indicator of proficiency.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 110 hands-on competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 650 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against



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their standards for entry-level workers. Industry support of the SkillsUSA Championships is valued at over \$36 million in donated time, equipment, cash and material. More than 1,200 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year. All SkillsUSA Championships competitors were honored on Friday night, June 23 at the SkillsUSA Awards Session at State Farm Arena.

The following students are Skill Point Certificate recipients from your area:

• From Nebraska: Cort West, from Merna and a student at Southeast Com-

munity College-Milford (Milford), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in CNC Programmer.

• From Nebraska: Ariel Bryant, from Theadford and a student at Wayne State College (Wayne), was awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Job Skill Demonstration Open.

"More than 6,000 students from every state in the nation participated in the 2023 SkillsUSA Championships," said SkillsUSA Executive Director Chelle Travis. "This showcase of career and technical education demonstrates Skill-USA at its finest. Our students, instructors and industry partners work together to ensure that every student excels. This program expands learning and career opportunities for our members."

The SkillsUSA Championships event is held annually for students in middle school, high school or college/postsecondary programs as part of the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. The national, nonprofit partnership of students, instructors and industry is a verified talent pipeline for America's skilled workforce that is working to help solve the skills gap.

Area Youth Compete At National JH Rodeo Finals



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Colton Leach and Callan Cox competing in the ribbon roping competition at the National Junior Rodeo Finals in Georgia.

The 2023 National High School Junior High Rodeo Finals in Perry, Georgia were held June 18-24 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Nebraska youth that competed and their results are:

Barrels

Go 1 - 17. Marisa Wykert, Grant, 16.042; 32. Kinsey Walz, Ainsworth, 16.269; 56. Emerson McIntyre, Grand Island, 16.496; 143. Callan Cox, Purdum, 21.989

Go 2 - 11. Kinsey Walz, Ainsworth, 15.784; 15. Marisa Wykert, Grant, 15.835; 28. Emerson McIntyre, Grand Island, 16.013; 117. Callan Cox, Purdum, 20.868

Final Go - 5. Marisa Wykert, Grant, 15.65; 20. Kinsey Walz, Ainsworth, 21.225

Bareback Riding

Go 1 - 4. Kelslyn Lindner, Broken Bow, 70; 27. Kanin Heath, Minden, 56; 38; Weston Putnam, Elm Creek, 52

Go 2 - 20. Kelslyn Lind-

ner, Broken Bow, 58.5; 42. Kanin Heath, Minden, 50 Final Go - 18. Kelslyn Lindner, Broken Bow, 52

Boy's Breakaway

Go 1 - 19. Trey Blackmore, Chambers, 3.13 Go 2 - 11. Kooper Schrunck, Pender, 2.65; 51. Riley Anson, Atkinson, 5.65; 56. Caleb Clark, Thedford, 12.4

Boy's Goat Tying

Go 1 - 31. Colton Leach, Dunning, 12.11; 39. Haydn Hagemann, Arlington, 12.72; 68. Hudson Redman, Burwell, 15.08 Go 2 - 54. Haydn Hagemann, Arlington, 13.48; 55. Colton Leach, Dunning, 13.77

Bull Riding

Go 1 - 19. Hayes Pokorny, Bartlett, 65; 33. Kelslyn Lindner, Broken Bow, 63 Go 2 - 47. Hayes Pokorny, Bartlett, 58.5; 70. Haydn Hagemann, Arlington, 54 70. Deklin Titus, Valentine, 54

Chute Dogging

Go 1 - 15. Colby Holm, Wallace, 4.15; 53. Cotter

Johnston, Stapleton, 8.21; 87. Kanin Heath, Minden, 14.73; 98. Kaleb Allen, Sutherland, 18.04

Go 2 - 20. Caleb Allen, Sutherland, 3.89; 27. Cotter Johnston, Stapleton, 4.13; 29. Kanin Heath, Minden, 4.16; 72. Colby Holm, Wallace, 8.87

Girls Breakaway

Go 1 - 4. Brynne McCully, Mullen, 2.53; 7. Sage Dyer, Crawford, 2.76; 19. Allyx Forre, Newman Grove, 3.41

Go 2 - 11. Emersyn McIntyre, Grand Island, 2.94; 19. Allyx Forre, Newman Grove, 3.2; 29. Brynne McCully, Mullen, 3.54; 55. Sage Dyer, Crawford, 4.68

Final Go - 4. Allyx Forre, Newman Grove, 2.82; 6. Brynne McCully, Mullen, 2.91; 8. Sage Dyer, Crawford, 3.24

Girls Goat Tying

Go 1 - 17. Allyx Forre, Newman Grove, 5.84; 29. Charley Hoier, Herman, 10.58; 47. Emerson McIn-