

Best Of The Best Claim Awards At Kansas Western Horseman's Association State Show

By Frank J. Buchman

One hundred four riders from throughout Kansas competed in the recent state show of the Kansas Western Horseman's Association (KWHHA).

A KWHHA Fund Raiser Barrel Race actually kicked off three days of activities, September 2-4, 2022, at Bar K Bar Arena in Lyons.

State show committee was Garrett Windholz, Perry Owens, Jeff Henderson, Norleen Knoll, and Diane Kuhn.

Jolene Younger and Diane Kuhn were the office team while Tonya Kohr served as points auditor. KWHHA secretary Renee Nichols also assisted with points tabulations and reported the show results.

Friday evening barrel racing winners included Rhonda Beecher, Riata Styker, Gretchen Spitz, Taycie Wikum, Jensen Miner, and Colby Kriss.

Pleasure, horsemanship, and reining events were Saturday morning, Sept. 3, with Beth Hecht serving as the judge.

Event winners included: Kinzie Sharp, lead line; Kelly Owens, walk-trot; Ava Graf, 1-9 horsemanship; Lily Basgall, 10-13 horsemanship; Jensen Miner, 14-17 horsemanship; Morgan Randle, women Western pleasure; Linda Sanders, senior women Western pleasure; Ethan Rundle, men Western pleasure; and Perry Owens, senior men Western pleasure.

Class 16, flag race, 1-9, started speed events for seven age divisions in 10 events plus five team events. Head judge was Norleen Knoll with Guy Forell as the announcer.

Top time in junior and senior divisions in each speed event received \$25 cash awards with working awards to top six riders in each age division.



Benton Hrabe on Chyna was highpoint overall rider claiming nine of the 10 speed events while running second in both the key race and reining. He had the top senior time in two-barrel flag race with 10.461.

Men High Point

Contestant Name	Horse Name	Western Pleasure	Reining	Rescue Race	Flag Race	Straight Barrels	Barrel and Stake	Half 8	Pair Sack	Devils Cowhide	Pole Bending	Key Stake Race	Figure 8 Stake Race	Polo Turn	Speed Barrels	Two Barrel Flag Race	Western Relay	Total	High Point Winners
Benton Hrabe	Chyna	0	2	0	4	4	4	4	0	0	0	4	2	4	4	4	0	40	Champion
Jared Scheck	Hoss	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	2	0	0	3	3	3	0	4	34	1st Runner Up
Brian Kuntz	Sugar	0	4	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	0	2	2	2	0	23	2nd Runner Up
Kegan Vanover	Copper	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	4	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	20	3rd Runner Up
Jeff Boeger	SJ	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	4th Runner Up
Ethan Rundle	Allie	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	5th Runner Up
Jeff Henderson	Mo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	7	1st
Triston Rowan	Whiskey	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Jeff Boeger	Sugar	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Garett Windholz	Little Jo	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Lance Sharp	Dandy	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Will Drew	Hope	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Jordan Hoesli	Pepper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paden Owens	Josey Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penelope Pender	Issa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Placing through sixth in the men highpoint competition were Jared Scheck, Brian Kuntz, Kegan Vanover, Jeff Boeger, and Ethan Rundle.

Sr. Men High Point

There was a mistake caught on the points with a second horse being ridden for Matt Park, this has been corrected and the contestants notified. Frank Buchman is 4th Runner Up & Matt Park is 5th Runner Up.

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Jeff Griffey	Stetson	1	4	0	4	2	4	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	3	0	0	30	Champion
Ross Clouston	Tex	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	0	0	2	3	3	2	2	4	0	26	1st Runner Up
Randy Wells	Monty	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	0	0	19	2nd Runner Up
Perry Owens	Zip	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	0	18	3rd Runner Up
Frank Buchman	Cody	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	15	4th Runner Up
Matt Park	Bella	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	12	5th Runner Up
Doug Mermis	Waylon	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	5
Matt Park	CC	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Matt Park	Jazz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Grege Tucker	Dunny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Additional rankings for senior men highpoint: Ross Clouston, Randy Wells, Perry Owens, Frank Buchman, and Matt Park.

KWHA president Kelly Forell riding Emmy claimed seven senior top speed event stipends. Included were speed barrels, 10.558; polo turn, 12.541; figure 8 stake race, 18.046; pole bending, 23.999; straight barrels, 24.792; barrel and stake race, 34.53; and flag race, 10.277.

Jeff Griffey rode Stetson to be highpoint in senior men winning six events including reining, and he had the top senior time in the key race with 10.764.





Jensen Miner on BB was the highpoint 14-17 rider claiming four firsts including top junior straight barrels time 25.312 as well as on top time teams for western relay and pair sack race.

Placing third highpoint in 14-17 s events was Alaura Crockett and Haida recording top junior times in two-barrel flag race, 11.883; speed barrels, 10.735; and polo turn, 12.551.

Emma Schmidtberger and Blue had the top junior pole bending time 25.389, and was third runner-up 14-17 highpoint. Fourth runner-up 14-17 was Colby Kriss, with Emily Cheek fifth runner-up while having the top time junior two-barrel flag race 11.883.

Tylia Batson rode Mare to be highpoint 10-13 rider followed by Bailee Hoffman, Stevie Batson, Lily Basgall, Chloe Gillespie and Kim Tucker.

Contestant Name	Horse Name	Horsemanship	Reining	Rescue Race	Flag Race	Straight Barrels	Barrel and Stake	Half Sack	Pair Sack	Devils Cowlhide	Pole Bending	Key Race	Figure 8 Stake Race	Polo Turn	Speed Barrels	Two Barrel Flag Race	Western Relay	Total	High Point Winners
Tylia Batson	Mare	0	0	0	4	4	0	2	0	0	0	4	3	1	2	0	0	0	22 Champion
Bailee Hoffman	Hops	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	13 1st Runner Up	
Stevie Batson	Crave	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	20 2nd Runner Up
Lily Basgall	Sweet Tea	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13 3rd Runner Up
Chloe Gillespie	Cove	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	16 4th Runner Up
Kim Tucker	Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7 5th Runner Up
Kelsey Jo Thompson	Star Fire	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	11	7 6th Runner Up
Kayla Jett	Star	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Taylor Cook	Coco	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Aidan LaBeyne	Bugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Aiden Johnson	Hope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Amelia Purinton	Rapun	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Kiana Sharp	Constance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Riper Salofra	Dezote	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Temprance Straight	Stout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Alexis Edge	King	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jeffery Smith	SP	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Maackenzie Hamenbach	Yr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tylia Batson	Mare	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Aiden Johnson	Moby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rubi Jordan	Haley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slayah Hubbard	Scarlett	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suzan Amberg	Sadie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temprance Straight	Pinky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ty Cook	Penry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



10-13 High Point



Winning five events, Harper Truan and Fancy were the 1-9 highpoint winner

followed by Ava Graf and Mowgli with the top time in graduated barrel and stake 36.009.

Contestant Name	Horse Name	Lead Line	Walk Trot	Horsemanship	Reining	Rescue Race	Flag Race	Straight Barrels	Barrel and Stake	Half Sack	Devils Cowlhide	Pole Bending	Key Race	Figure 8 Stake Race	Polo Turn	Speed Barrels	Two Barrel Flag Race	Western Relay	Total	High Point Winners
Harper Truan	Fancy	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	1	0	0	2	3	4	0	4	0	0	31 Champion
Ava Graf	Mowgli	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	0	2	3	4	2	1	0	0	26 1st Runner Up
Kyland Vanover	Copper	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	20 2nd Runner Up
Colton Sharp	Dolly	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	12 3rd Runner Up
Blaze Straight	Pinky	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10 4th Runner Up
Taylen Butler	Flair	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7 5th Runner Up
Abigail Rundle	Allie	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Kelly Owens	Rancher	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kirey Sharp	Misty	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Boy Vanover	Copper	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Johnny Jo Anglin	Hershey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kathrine Driscoll	Goldie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Rowen Solt	Mavis	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coy Cook	Ruby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Rundle	Sir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Owens	Honey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mercy Owens	Honey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mesa Owens	Peaches	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Anglin	Leo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



1-9 High Point



Ranking next in order for the 1-9 division were Kyland Vanover, Colton Sharp, Blaze Straight, and Taylen Butler.



Teaming with Jensen Miner in the pair sack race was Jared Scheck to record a time of 10.729. Jeff Boeger and Brian Kuntz won the rescue race with 12.518.



Western relay winning team with Jensen Miner included Renee Nichols, Jared Scheck, and Cameryn Kinderknecht had 56.265.



Kegan Vanover and Jarret Riedel won the devils cowhide in 11.55.



In the top time challenger, seniors had the fastest time in seven of the 10 speed events to beat the juniors' three wins.



Saturday evening there was a challenge of riders to a foot race. Winners were first, The Country Folk, Ava Graf, Kim Tucker, Emily Cheek, and Triston Boxum-Charles; and second, The Accelerators: We've Got the Runs, Harper Truan, Chloe Gillespie, Jarret Riedel, and Jared Scheck.

It was an inspirational patriotic grand entry with cowboys and cowgirls on parade displaying colors of the nation, state and saddle clubs opening ceremonies Sunday morning at the

Kansas Western Horseman's Association state show in Lyons.

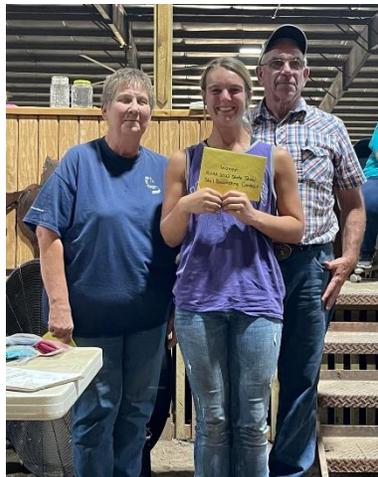




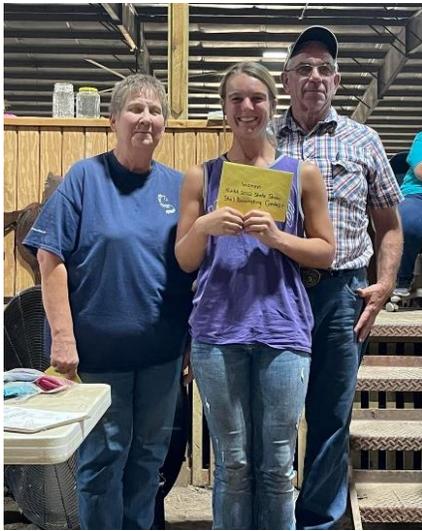
Honored for sportsmanship were Colby Kriss, junior, and Greg Tucker, senior. Caught You Being Good Awards were presented to Gina Reidel, Will Tucker, Jeff Schlyer, Emma Schmidtberger, Alaura Crockett, Jared Reidel, and Tylie Batson.



Wyatt Schmidtberger was recipient of the President's Above and Beyond Award. Patriotic Awards went to Nicole Dreiling, junior, and Camisha Stevenson, senior.



Stall decorating awards were presented to Blaize Straight, 1-9;
Temprence Straight, 10-13; Nicole Dreiling, 14-17;



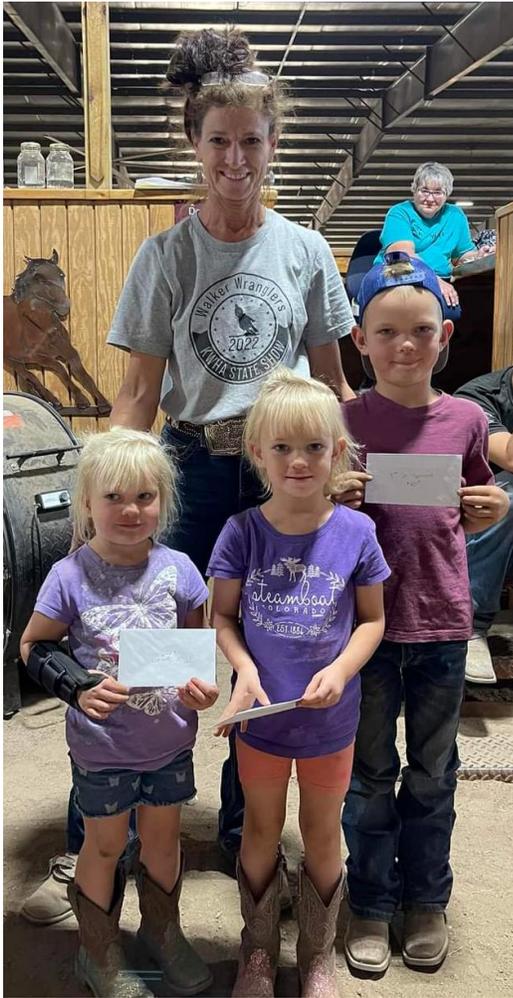
Camisha
Stevenson,
women; and
Jordan
Hoesli, men.



Emily Rundle was the youngest
contestant, while Frank Buchman was the
oldest contestant. Linda Jurgensen won the
horse show survival kit drawing.



Early Bird Sponsor Sales Incentive award went to Jesse Hattenbach and



Overall High Sponsor Sales went to juniors, Kelly, Mesa, and Mercy Owens, and senior, Brian Kuntz.



Additional special events during the state show were balloon toss, silent auction, dance, and spaghetti supper.

Yearend KWA awards banquet is at the Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, on October 29. Information can be found at www.kwhaonline.com.

Many A Boobie Prize Takes Wannabe Cowboy Long Ride To Be Oldest State Show Participant

From riding a red wooden rocking horse to the divan arm horse to many grocery store broomstick horses. All the wannabe cowboy ever wanted was a real horse.

Mom and Dad insisted there must be a place to keep one and someday to pay for it.

Finally, two acres in the city limits was purchased with two bred Hampshire gilts to hopefully cover costs. Lifetime story revealed when one sow came up empty and the other had twins.

Then, Dad bought Spot at a farm sale in 1972, and Frankie had a horse. The gentle old mare was ridden around and around the block every day.

When the Santa Fe Trail Riders Saddle Club announced there would be a Kansas Western Horseman's Association (KWH) show, Spot just had to be entered.

Wooden bushel packets were set up in the south one-acre pasture and Spot was "trained" the barrel race.

It cost a dollar to enter the barrel race, and last entry of four on the sheet was Spot.

Contestants were called and, "oh my gosh," three barrels were set up in a straight line for the barrel race.

That wasn't the barrel race Spot had been practicing every night for weeks.

She kind of knew the "cloverleaf," where barrels were set in a cloverleaf pattern. That's the only barrel race her wannabe cowboy owner-rider had ever seen or heard about.

Entries were closed so no getting out of it at that point. Spot was the final runner and got last place receiving a white rosette ribbon still hanging on the bedroom wall. First of a lifetime of horseshow booby prizes.

Never deterred, never very successful, wannabe cowboy kept trying year after year, decade after decade.

Several average, or even possibly better, horses were owned over time collecting a few tokens. Still mostly out of the money, often last place, due to jockey error; wannabe cowboy wasn't ever a very good pilot.

Riding many 30-day customer horses, raising several hundred colts, judging horseshows nationwide, announcing local yokel horse events, while stealing an occasional ribbon, wannabe cowboy kept trying. Never talented, but energetic and determined in those olden days.

Participating in two horseshows a week throughout the summer in a half-dozen associations, wannabe cowboy went the full circle.

Upon coaxing from a previous riding customer, now longtime friends, wannabe cowboy started riding in KWHHA shows this year.

Qualified in every running event, the wannabe cowboy didn't think it was worth the effort and cost to get more booby prizes at the state KWHHA show.

Those persuasive friends insisted: "You just have to go. You'll have a good time."

So, wannabe cowboy loaded up his talented homebred 22-year-old palomino gelding Cody and headed to Lyons.

First event out, wow, second place in the flag race against all of those "toughies." But experience verifies starting with a respectable run is sign things can go south quickly.

Cody did his part, but the now old lazy fat pot gut humpback wannabe just wasn't cowboy enough.

Ending up placing in six of ten events, the wannabe cowboy got the most attention for being the oldest rider there.

No plans for quitting now, just keep getting on and trying not to embarrass good horses too much.

