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3rd Annual Augusta Junior Rodeo Results

By Karen McIlwain, August 5, 2023



Photo Credit Julie Martin

The Augusta 3rd annual Junior Rodeo was held Friday August 4th at the American Legion Rodeo grounds.

Results for the 7 - 12 age group were: Barrels 1st Gio de la Cruz, 2nd Axton

MAnsch, 3rd Zorro de la Cruz, 4th Cinch Neal. Flag Race 1st Sarah Weaver, 2nd Lauren Morgan, 3rd Aspen Putman, 4th Parker MAnsch. Goat tying 1st Ryan Morgan, 2nd Kaden Martin, 3rd Maggie Fullerton, 4th Zorro de la Cruz. Breakaway 1st Gio de



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la Cruz, 2nd Axton MAnsch. Team Roping Ryan Morgan & Axton MAnsch. Steer riding 1st Tel Martin, 2nd Ryan Morgan, 3rd Boone Heagy.

Winners of the 0-6 buckles were: Dally Murphy, Wyleen

Music, Kimber Martin, Rhen Fuller, Eli Olsen.

Thanks to the Strain Ranch for the great specialty act, and to everyone that helped and donated items for these amazing kids.

Quality Fence Solutions

By Karen McIlwain, August 8, 2023



Photo credit Michael Botha

Michael and Jordan met while working on a fence project at Michael's ranch near Vaughn. Jordan built the 14.5-mile of fences needed and a new corral

system. After completing the construction, Michael and Jordan had enjoyed working together so much that they partnered together and created Quality Fence Solutions in Vaughn, in 2022.

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Latigo & Lace Artist Showcase - Tom English & Shirley Wempmner

By Karen McIlwain, August 10, 2023

Photos courtesy of Christi Levine



Paintings by Tom English



This week's artists are Tom English and his wife Shirley Wempmner from Big Timber.

Both artists paint in oils, met through mutual friends at the Russell auction, and have been married since 2014.

Shirley has been painting full-time since 2011 and enjoys painting horses and wildlife. When not painting in her studio, she enjoys caring for the several horses they have on their ranch.

Tom has been painting full-time for over 30 years, and before that had been painting part-time for most of his life. Prior to painting full time, Tom was a graphic artist and an illustrator. He also worked for The Russell Museum as the exhibits Preparator. "I got to be involved with all the exhibits and it was always really

interesting being up and personal with really great artwork."

Together they live on their ranch about 14 miles from Big Timber. They enjoy getting together with other artists with the Montana Painters Alliance. "We get together in the spring, and the fall, every year, always in a different location around the state," explained Tom. "We see people that live all over Montana during those occasions and couldn't see them otherwise very easily. It brings us all together to visit, see each other, and paint and work together."

"Today we're going to Bozeman to deliver a painting that will be in the silent auction for a fundraiser for veterans called Warriors & Quiet Waters," explained Tom. "It's a fundraiser for bringing post 911 veterans to Montana from all over the country to fly fish or get into the back country so they can experience some solitude and nature. It's very healing and really great for people who've been through a lot of trauma."

"I'm going to do what's called a quick finish at the actual event," replied Shirley. "I have a painting that I started that I will finish at the event. They have 10 or 12 artists that are doing live paintings on site, and then having those all auctioned off on September 8th."

To see both Tom and Shirley's artworks and many more, stop by Latigo & Lace and mention you saw them in The Augusta Breeze.



Paintings by Shirley Wempmner



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Montana Firewatch 2023 August 11th Update

By Karen McIlwain, August 11, 2023



Niarada Fire - FF on Dozer Line August 7, 2023 Credit Inciweb



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The Roger's Pass Fire started on the afternoon of August 1 south of Highway 200 and the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail. As of August 9th, this fire was 46 acres in size and 50% contained.

The Colt Fire is burning in dense timber with heavy dead and down fuels on the Lolo and Flathead National

Forests, approximately 12 miles northwest of Seeley Lake. Fire activity has included torching, spotting, and active consumption of heavy fuels. The Colt Fire was started by lightning on Monday, July 17. Montana DNRC and USFS firefighters responded quickly upon detection on July 18. This fire as of August 11th, was 7202 acres in size and 45%

contained.

The Big Knife fire was started by lightning on July 24, 2023. It is approximately 5 miles east of Arlee, Montana. Local resources responded and have been taking suppression actions. This fire as of August 10th was 4952 acres in size and 7% contained.

The Niarada Fire started on July 30th, as part of the widespread lightning storm that went through the area. It is approximately 12 miles west of Elmo, Montana. Firefighters are trying to tie pieces of line together using direct fireline construction,

dozer lines, and indirect lines. The Niarada fire as of August 10th is 20365 acres in size and 47% contained.

The Bowles Creek fire started following a lightning storm on the evening of July 20th. The fire is located approximately three miles southwest of Skalkaho Pass in the Sapphire Wilderness Study Area (WSA) in steep terrain. As of August 11th, this fire was 3589 acres in size and 5% contained.

We will continue to keep you updated on all fires as best we can. More information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>

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Augusta Livestock 4-H Club: Fair News Update

By Bryce Gulick, August 6, 2023

Photos Courtesy of Emily Gulick



Andrea Gifford with her market sheep

I have wanted to be in 4-H my whole life because my parents did 4-H, and they talked about how much fun they had and how much they learned. This last year I joined the Augusta Livestock 4-H Club because my friends and cousins are, or will be, in that club. I was elected as our club's reporter, which was exciting, and it is why I'm writing this article for the newspaper.

In 4-H, every year each club member picks a project, or many projects, to complete during the year, which for 4-H lasts from October through September of the next year. The club members take their projects to fair to be judged at the end of each year. I decided to do a veterinary science project for my first year because I want to be a vet. Many of my friends in the club took lots of different projects and it was interesting learning about what they are doing with those projects.



Brayleigh Gloege with her goat

Our club is in Lewis and Clark County and our county fair was held in Helena during the last week in July. My indoor project was judged on Tuesday of that week so I didn't stay the entire week like some of the club members. I did get to visit the fair again that Friday and watch some of my friends show animals. I am already excited for next year's fair, I'm going to be taking my rabbit to show.



Breanna Hamilton and her rabbit



Kayden Martin with one of her many horse projects

Our club did great in this year's fair and I wanted to tell you about the judging results for everyone.

Note: Cloverbud Division is ages 5-7. Junior Division is ages 8-13. Senior Division is ages 14-18.



Eva Bouchard with her baking entries

Alissa Hamilton, Junior Division: Market Sheep red ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon, Rabbit Showmanship blue ribbon.

Andrea Gifford, Junior Division: Market Sheep blue ribbon, Sheep Showmanship purple ribbon.



Bethany Converse-Lane and Alissa Hamilton (shown in the same photo, showing their market sheep)



Tel Martin with his market sheep



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4-H Club: Fair News (continued)

Bethany Converse-Lane, Junior Division: Sewing blue ribbons, Cake Decorating blue ribbon, Market Hog purple ribbon, Hog Showmanship blue ribbon, Market Sheep blue ribbon, Sheep Showmanship purple ribbon, Breeding Ewe blue ribbon.

Breanna Hamilton, Cloverbud Division: Indoor Cloverbud Projects and Display participation ribbons, Sheep Showmanship participation ribbon, Rabbit Showmanship participation ribbon.



Breeze Bouchard with her Cloverbud indoor projects

Blake Burggraff, Junior Division: Market Beef purple ribbon, Beef Showmanship blue ribbon.

Brayleigh Gloege, Cloverbud Division: Goat participation ribbon, Ceramic Bowl participation ribbon.



Sierra Steiner with her market sheep

Breeze Bouchard, Cloverbud Division: Indoor Cloverbud Projects participation ribbons.

Bryce Gulick, Junior Division: Veterinary Science Level 1 blue ribbon.

Easton Steiner, Junior Division: Market Hog blue ribbon, Hog Showmanship blue ribbon, Market Sheep red ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon, Arts and Crafts blue ribbon.

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Eva Bouchard, Junior Division: Baking entries - purple ribbon, blue ribbons, and red ribbon, Poultry - Chickens, Eggs, and Educational Poster - blue ribbons, Novice Poultry Showmanship Reserve Champion.

Kayden Martin, Junior Division: Sewing purple ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon, Market Sheep red ribbon, Horse Judging Grand Champion, Working Ranch Horse Level 1 Grand Champion, Horse Educational Display Reserve Champion, and many other horse project ribbons.

Loren Converse-Lane, Senior Division: Woodworking Grand Champion, Weed Science blue ribbon, Market Beef blue ribbon, Beef Showmanship blue ribbon, Market Hog blue ribbon, Hog Showmanship blue ribbon.

MacKenzie Steiner, Senior Division: Market Sheep red ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon, Baking blue ribbon, Photography blue ribbon, Market Goat blue ribbon, Goat Showmanship blue ribbon.

Sierra Steiner, Junior Division: Market Sheep red ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon.

Tel Martin, Junior Division: Leatherwork Level 1 purple ribbon, Market Sheep blue ribbon, Sheep Showmanship blue ribbon.

Our club also wants to thank all of the buyers who purchased our market animals this year. Your support of our club is very much appreciated!

I am hoping to be the club's reporter next year also, so stay tuned for more club news!

Bryce Gulick, age 9
Reporter
Augusta Livestock 4-H Club



Loren Converse-Lane with his market hog

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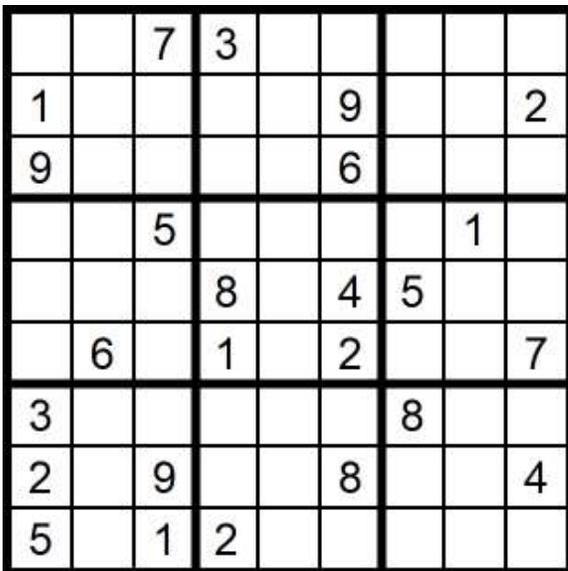
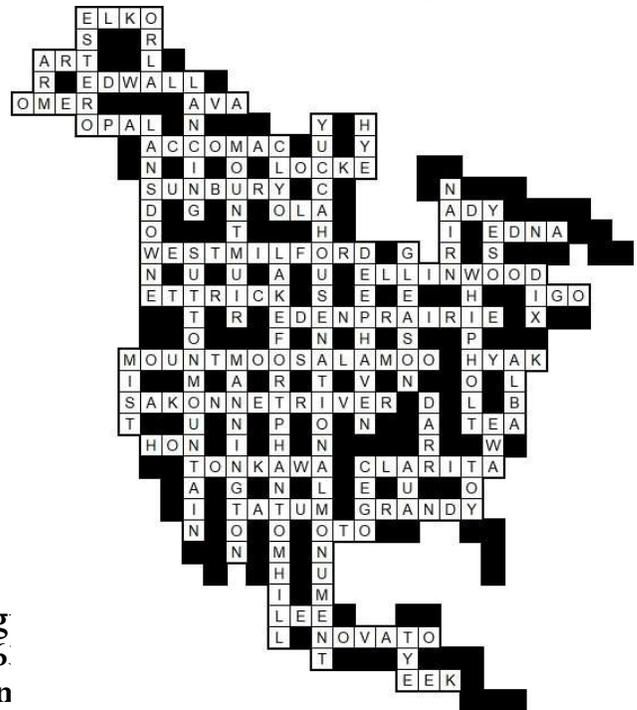
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