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Aggies through the paces at Cheyenne

By NCTA News

CHEYENNE, Wyo. – Nebraska Aggie students competed strong in a weekend ranch horse show hosted by Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Five students with the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture gained excellent experience and returned to the NCTA Curtis campus with several awards, said Joanna Hergenreder, NCTA Ranch Horse Team coach.

“We are so very proud of this group!” Hergenreder reported. “Correctness, consistency and confidence are all starting to come together for our team.”

“And, even with the young horses, we are seeing the results of all the hard work they are putting in during the week at the college,” added Hergenreder, an assistant professor of animal science.

Hergenreder’s commentary of the show follows:

Madisyn Cutler of Elsie, Neb., and Legend Nic, aka Duke, competed in the Collegiate Limited Non Pro and finished as the All-Around Champions.

The duo placed 1st in pleasure, 2nd in reining, 2nd in working cow and 3rd in trail.

Quentin Anderson of Pierce, Neb., Youve Been Worned, aka Shaggy, competed in the Collegiate Intermediate and finished as the All-Around Reserve Champions.

“Q and Shaggy placed 3rd in reining, trail and working cow, and 5th in the pleasure,” said Hergenreder. “Consistency and focus paid off for this duo!”

Nicole Ackland, Martell, Neb., and her gelding Strait Impulse, aka Scotty, competed in the Collegiate Intermediate and finished one of their best weekends in this division.

“Nicole piloted Scotty through a tough trail course and showed everyone what it takes to build a young horse through competition. This duo placed 5th in the reining and trail, 6th in pleasure and 7th in working cow,” said a proud coach.

Damian Wellman, Prairie View, Kansas, and NCTA’s Big Gem Surprise, aka Gem, also competed in the Collegiate Intermediate and finished 2nd in working cow, 6th in trail, and 7th in both reining and pleasure.

“Watch out for the flying lead changes coming with this gelding,” Hergenreder said of the college-owned horse. Students are able to show their own horse, one loaned to them for the semester or train one from the college.

Huntra Christensen, Lincoln, and High Ropen Cat, aka Kitty, competed in the Collegiate Novice Division and put together yet another admirable set of classes on this cute little mare, Hergenreder said.

“This duo placed in the top ten out of the largest field of the day,” she noted, finishing 7th in working cow and 9th in trail out of a field of over 20 riders. They also busted out a flying lead change during the reining and represented NCTA well.”

Punchy in Pink is April 12-14

After this weekend’s clinic at NCTA, the team hosts its biggest event of the year, a three-day open and collegiate show at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds in McCook, Nebraska.

The “NCTA Punchy in Pink Spring Roundup” will be April 12-14 at the Kiplinger Arena. It is part of the Slidin’Daze Series of stock horse events, and the AQHA and Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Association Versatility Ranch Horse program.

To learn more about the NCTA Ranch Horse program, contact Hergenreder at 308-367-5291.



Coach Jo Hergenreder, at left, with NCTA students Damian Wellman, Madisyn Cutler, Huntra Christensen and Nicole Ackland. Not pictured is Quentin Anderson. (NCTA Ranch Horse Team)

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