

Thomas County dog show winners announced

By Patty Decker
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 Cocker spaniels, border collies, golden retrievers, and many other breeds were ready for the challenge and eager to take home top honors for their owners at the Thomas County 4-H Spring Dog Show held recently at the National Guard Armory in Colby.

Parents and 4-H members traveled to the show from as far away as Larned, Oberlin, Dodge City and Scott City to compete in one or more of the eight showmanship classes, said Carrie Bredemeier, dog project leader in Thomas County.

Many ribbons were awarded with blue being the highest and red and white following; however, there was only one grand champion and one reserve champion named in

each event.

Judging the spring show was Johanna Musgrove from Hays, Bredemeier said, who is a certified 4-H judge.

The following are results of the show starting with grand champions in various categories:

- Briana O' Neill, Larned, and her sheltie, Misty, were grand champions in two classes — intermediate showmanship and graduate novice in obedience.
- Brady Rundel, Colby, and his dachshund, Cougar, were grand champions in both senior showmanship and novice in obedience.
- Taytm Rundel, Colby, and her dachshund, Maisey, earned grand champion honors in junior showmanship and reserve champion in the novice obedience class.

- Colton Rundel, Colby, and his Chihuahua, Carlos, were grand champions in the sub-novice obedience class and received a red ribbon in junior showmanship.
- Kortney Bredemeier, Colby, and her dog, Hershey, a cocker spaniel, were the reserve champions in junior showmanship; and a white ribbon in the sub-novice obedience.
- Zach May, Oberlin, and his golden retriever, Buddy, were grand champions in the pre sub-novice obedience class.
- Brennan Clouse, Goodland, and golden retriever/chow, Ginger, were reserve champion in intermediate showmanship.
- Quinnlyn Woofter, Colby, and her poodle, Spud, were reserve champions in senior showmanship

and white ribbon in sub-novice obedience.

- Quade Woofter, Colby, and his corgi, Odie, were reserve champions in pre sub-novice obedience.
- Alyse Dumler, Colby, and her border collie/lab, Liza, took blue in pre sub-novice obedience.
- Kat Huelsman, Colby, with lab mix, Midnight, took a blue ribbon in pre sub-novice obedience.
- Keagan Strange, Colby, and his lab, Cocoa, were blue ribbon winners in pre sub-novice obedience and had a red ribbon in intermediate showmanship.
- Seth Bredemeier, Colby, and his Welsh corgi, Levi, took blue in intermediate showmanship and white in Open A class.
- Gentry Cork, Dodge City, and Welsh corgi, Lexi, took blue in in-

termediate showmanship and white in novice obedience.

- Charla Norquest, Garden City, and golden retriever, Ginger, took blue in intermediate showmanship and red in novice obedience.
- Andy Huelsman, Colby, and his lab, Emily, took a red ribbon in intermediate showmanship and white in sub-novice obedience.
- Joseph Hutfles, Colby, and his lab, Daisy, took red in senior showmanship and red in sub-novice obedience.
- Heidi Allan, Scott City, and her corgi, Bianca, received a red ribbon in senior showmanship class and red in sub-novice obedience with her other corgi, AJ.
- Jonathan McClung, Goodland, and his cocker spaniel (dog's name unavailable) received a red ribbon

in senior showmanship.

- Justin Engel, Colby, and his dachshund, Jackson, took red home in pre sub-novice obedience.
- Julia Hutfles, Colby, and dachshund, Ruby, received a red ribbon in pre sub-novice obedience.
- Kaylee Keck, Colby, and her toy poodle, Jazz, in the pre-sub-novice obedience class took home a red ribbon.
- Gaige Jacobus, Oakley, and his Australian shepherd, B.W., received a red ribbon in the sub-novice obedience class.
- Brianna Jacobus, Oakley, and her border collie/kelpie, Chubs, took home a white ribbon in novice obedience class.

Bredemeier said she thought the show went off well.

Lisa Jacobus, the 4-H dog project leader in Logan County, wanted to remind everyone about the dog show planned in Oakley on Saturday, July 9, at the 4-H Building in Oakley.

For questions about the Logan County event, call Jacobus at (785) 672-3245.

For questions about the Thomas County show held recently, Bredemeier can be reached at (785) 460-3816.

Emporia gets top national award for downtown revival

EMPORIA (AP)—Emporia has received a national award honoring more than a decade of work to revive its downtown.

The city was the first in Kansas to receive a Great American Main Street Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The 2005 awards were presented Monday in Baltimore to five winners.

Emporia was singled out for efforts that began in 1991, following a decade that saw the city lose a railroad, hospital and other large employers.

Downtown retail had started to dwindle as well.

Public officials and commercial groups responded by forming an agency called Emporia Main Street. Its work involves attracting and

keeping businesses, housing, the arts and other operations vital to a lively downtown.

The award included a \$2,500 cash prize, a certificate and bronze plaque and a set of road signs.

"It really is an award for the community, not just Emporia Main Street," said Mary Helmer, the executive director of Emporia Main Street.

"It's meant to recognize the community of Emporia and how it's worked together to keep the downtown alive."

Emporia was a semifinalist in 2004, the first year that the city applied for the award.

"Emporia is a history-rich community and has a deep desire to preserve its historic buildings," Sen. Sam Brownback said.

"I applaud Emporia's efforts especially in restoring the Granada Theatre, the downtown recruiting of businesses and reclaiming old buildings."

More than 180,000 square feet of retail space in the downtown has been filled, adding 637 new jobs and 124 new businesses, the group said. A current project, the continuing renovation of the Granada The-

atre, will be a key part of Emporia Main Street's planned downtown arts and entertainment district.

"We've got a good start on an arts and entertainment district," Helmer said. "But to really get it rolling, the Granada Theatre needs to be open."

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