

Western Family and Consumer Sciences Show Results for 2023 by counties

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The 61st Western Family and Consumer Sciences Show was held in October at the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. The event consists of 12 contests held over two days which are open to all youth ages five through 18, from all states and some contests have an adult division. The show concluded with an Awards Celebration including a style show, memories shared and awards presented. In some cases, several generations are participating in the show.

The twelve contests are Lego, FCS Judging, Produce ID and Judging, FCS Skill-a-thon, Meat Identification and Judging, Family Life Photo, Sewing Contest, Place Setting, Public Presentation, Measuring, Home Living and Cookie Decorating(non-competitive).

Hilary Risner was chosen as the 2023 show honoree. Since 2017, Hilary has served as 4-H Program manager, Regional Youth Educator with the South Dakota State University Extension Service in Rapid City, SD. Also during this time, she has served as the Western Family and Consumer Sciences Judging contest chairman where she selected the classes and ran the contest which continues to be popular at the event and has doubled in number of participants.

Hilary commented, "It has been such a pleasure getting to work with the event planning committee and all the families that engage with the Western Family Consumer Sciences Show. I hear time and time again; this is an event that everyone looks forward to due to its laid back nature. I can't agree more!"

Hilary will be moving but still working with SDSU Extension. The show board of directors will truly miss her dedication to the show, her leadership in setting up zoom meetings, hosting us at the West River Ag Center and her special brand of friendship. We extend best wishes to her.

Sixty-one years ago, a group of Extension agents, 4-H leaders and parents held the first Western Junior Home Ec Show which is now known as the Western Family and Consumer Sciences Show (FCS Show).

The show historian, Ree Reich, Belle Fourche, SD and Chris Maupin, Publicity Chairman, Hulett, WY have organized 6 large scrapbooks of historical items which were available for viewing during the show. The 86th Western Junior Livestock Show also was at the same time at the fairgrounds.

While the number of participants has declined over the years, the friendships and learning

opportunities make it a worthwhile opportunity for youth and families from South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana and other states.

More information about each contest can be found in the show book on Facebook under Family and Consumer Science Show.

Pennington

**Top Beginner Team in FCS Judging: Audrey Odden,
Brooklee Leifker, Mathew Stephens**

**Top Junior Team in FCS Judging: Brycen Leifker, Mikaela
Stephens, Noah Odden**

**Braden Leifker, Senior: Lego, purple; FCS Judging, red; Cookie
Decorating**

**Brooklee Leifker, Beginner: FCS Judging; Lego, blue; Cookie
Decorating**

**Brycen Leifker, Junior: FCS Judging, purple; Cookie Decorating;
Lego, Blue**

Landen Malkitins, Senior: FCS Judging, red; Produce ID, blue

**Avaya Miller, Beginner: Cookie Decorating; Measuring, purple;
Skill-A-Thon, blue; Meat ID, red; Produce ID, red**

**Evan Miller, Junior: Skill-A-Thon, blue; Cookie Decorating; Meat ID,
blue; Produce ID, purple**

**Olivia Miller, Senior: Cookie Decorating, Skill-A-Thon, blue; Meat ID,
blue; Produce ID, blue**

**Audrey Odden, Beginner: Top Beginner in FCS Judging, purple; Top
Beginner in Lego, purple; Home Living, red; Measuring, purple;
Sewing, blue; Cookie Decorating; Top Beginner in Meat ID, purple;
Produce, purple; Home Living, red**

Noah Odden, Junior: Top Junior in Lego, purple; Sewing, purple; Home Living, red; Cookie Decorating; Meat ID, purple; Top Junior in Home Living, FCS Judging, red; Produce ID, purple

Harper Phillips, Cloverbud: Measuring; Cookie Decorating

Arthur Weiers, Junior: Place Setting, purple; Cookie Decorating, Lego, purple; Produce ID, red

Lily Weiers, Cloverbud: Place Setting, Cookie Decorating, Measuring

Carolyn Wheeler, Cloverbud : Cookie Decorating

Carsyn Wheeler, Senior: Meat ID, blue; Produce ID, red

Kim Suckow: Cookie Decorating

Savanna Suckow, Senior: Cookie Decorating, Skill-A-Thon, blue; FCS Judging, blue; Produce ID, red

Matthew Stephens, Beginner: Top Beginner in Dress Revue, purple; Lego, red; Measuring, blue; Sewing, purple; Cookie Decorating; Skill-A-Thon, blue; Meat ID, red; FCS Judging, red; Produce ID, blue

Mikaela Stephens, Junior: Public Presentations, purple: Lego, purple; Sewing, purple; Skill-A-Thon, blue; Meat ID, blue; FCS Judging, red; Produce ID, blue

Josie Tish, Junior: Cookie Decorating

Matthew Odden, Adult: Meat ID, purple; Produce ID, red

Sara Odden, Adult: Produce ID, blue

Moneik Stephens, Adult: Meat ID, red; Produce ID, red

Carrie Wheeler, Adult: Produce ID, blue; Meat ID, red