

Fair queen and more embrace western spirit at Stock Show

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

From its competitive livestock shows to the exciting entertainment to the highly anticipated trade show, the 108th annual National Western Stock Show in Denver is all about true western spirit.

Many locals and others with ties to Holyoke got involved in this year's stock show Jan. 11-26.

2014 Phillips County Fair Queen Josilyn Lutze kicked the festivities off early with the Stock Show parade in downtown Denver Thursday, Jan. 9. Right before setting off in their six-horse-drawn carriage, Lutze and other fair queens walked around the parade route to invite people to the Stock Show.



2014 Phillips County Fair Queen Josilyn Lutze, pictured waving in center, rides in a six-horse-drawn carriage during the National Western Stock Show parade Thursday, Jan. 9 in downtown Denver.

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That same day, Lutze met other royalty as they visited the historical Rockmount Ranch Wear, known as the first ones to put snaps on western shirts. A highlight for her was getting a picture with the 2014 Miss Rodeo Colorado and the 2014 Miss Rodeo America.

Lutze had the opportunity to return to the Stock Show to volunteer. The royalty met with groups of elementary kids who had the chance to ask questions and take pictures with the queens.

Several of the girls also got to help with a pedal tractor race and stick horse race. They showed the kids which way the track went for both races and helped push the pedal tractors during the race. That night, Lutze helped with the Gold Buckle seats at the Professional Bull Riders event, checking tickets and showing people to their seats.

“I had a great time representing Phillips County at the National Western Stock Show and look forward to going to many other events,” said Lutze. This sophomore at Holyoke High School is the daughter of Mark and Mendi Lutze of Holyoke.

Locals set to compete at Stock Show

On the upcoming schedule, the Camblins will be competing in the prospect show Saturday, Jan. 25. Tyler and Kaylee Camblin will each show one steer.

Austin and Alex Vieselmeyer have also been busy preparing for and competing with livestock at this year's Stock Show.

Results will be reported in an upcoming Enterprise.

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Fifteen members of the Holyoke FFA chapter will be attending the Stock Show Thursday, Jan. 23 for FFA day. Adviser Clay Christensen said he's excited to show the students the different aspects of the agriculture industry.

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