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### **Siskiyou Golden Jackpot Shines Mother's Day Weekend**

**YREKA** – The Siskiyou Golden Fairgrounds hosted the 2022 Siskiyou Golden Jackpot Cattle Show and junior exhibitors from across the west came to Yreka to compete at the annual Mother's Day weekend event.

The Mechanics Bank fitting contest started off the weekend with Payton and Jackson Wood winning the competition. The winning team received show supplies from Sullivan Supply. The Golden jackpot started in 2010 and continues to be a well attended event. The early concept of the jackpot was on the belief of cattleman Tony Nicoletti that livestock kids need events where they can compete and build lifelong relationships with others in the industry. "Our jackpot show is one of the premier shows on the west coast," stated CEO, Cliff Munson, "and it is our partners that keep it that way."

Saturday morning, it was a pleasure to welcome Texas Tech Judging Team graduate, Kyle Vehige, Billings, Missouri to evaluate the cattle and encourage our exhibitors. The steer show was very competitive with several steers showing up in Yreka with jackpot victories in other shows. Gibson sorted three steer divisions English, Black/Black Cross and All Other Colors with Lila Burt, Grenada winning the English division, Grace Kliewer, Klamath Falls, Oregon winning the All Other Colors Division and Zane Naphan winning the Black/BlackX division. Zaphan was then awarded the overall champion steer and Kliewer was reserve overall. The reserves in each division were; Katie Brown, Potter Valley, in the Black/BlackX division, Kiley Shultz, Lookout, CA in the English Division and Emma Gnech, Butte Valley in the AOC division. The overall champion and reserve received the trophy knives for 2022.

Judge Vehige was impressed with the quality in the heifer show. The Angus division champion was shown by Billie Courtney-Smith of Grass Valley. Reserve in the Angus Division was Peyton Wood. The Hereford division champion was won by Paxton Horley, Emmett, Idaho Springs and Nora Harris, Yreka FFA was reserve. The All-Other Breeds division was won by Luke Steel, Cottonwood, CA followed by Avery Cash from Grenada.

In the Commercial division Maddie Johnson, Standish, CA won the division and Billie Courtney-Smith was reserve. The highly competitive heifer show culminated with Luke Steel

winning the championship knife and \$1000.00 cash prize with his Charolais heifer. Reserve, winning the knife and \$500.00 was the Angus heifer shown by Billie Courtney-Smith.

Showmanship winners were Travis Moniz, Princeton, CA for the 16 and older, Cora Habein, Bend, Or was the 13 -15 winner and Lila Burt won the 9-12 division. The overall buckle was won by Cora Habein. In the Pee Wee division Billie Courtney-Smith on was the 2022 Champion.

In the local show on Mother's Day, the Mother's Day class was won by Trisha Laustalot, she took home the beautiful necklace and earring set donated by Wildwood Style &Co. The local steer show was won by Nora Harris, Yreka and Jackson Wood was reserve. The Heifer Champions were Peyton Wood with an Angus Heifer and reserve was Avery Cash with a Simmental female. The 2022 Siskiyou Golden Jackpot was well attended and planning is underway for the 2022 event on Mother's Day weekend.