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'Girls Rule' in Area 3 Range Judging Contest

(Curtis) – Despite a steady downpour of much-needed rain, over 100 FFA students, agriculture professionals, and other adults competed in the 2004 Area 3 Range Judging Contest held at the Dancing Leaf Cultural Learning Center in Wellfleet on September 22. Five schools were present at the event: Arapahoe, Cambridge, Imperial, Medicine Valley, and Wauneta-Palisade.

Freshman and sophomore high school students competed in the Junior Division with Georgia Herman of Medicine Valley High School finishing in first place. The top junior team, comprised of Georgia Herman, Courtney Fritsche, Jessica Jorgensen and Lacy Bryant, was also from Medicine Valley High School.

The Senior Division competition was open to 11th and 12th graders. The top scorer among the seniors was Jacoba Nutt of Medicine Valley, winner of last year's Junior Division State Range Judging Contest. In team competition, Nutt, Kristy Kemp, Paige Bek, and Kay Kaczor took the senior title for Medicine Valley.

The top finisher in the Professional Division was Randy Vlasin from Imperial High School.

The contest was sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Lincoln County Cooperative Extension, the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management, and the Middle Republican NRD.

[PICTURE CAPTION: Grand Champion Winners for the Area 3 Range Judging Contest (clockwise from top): Kristy Kemp, Jacoba Nutt, Kay Kaczor, and Paige Bek]

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