

## Stackers take Junior Olympics

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**William, left, and Caroline Polly, children of Kris and Kaura Polly of Arlington, Va. and grandchildren of Karl and Judy Polly of Wauneta recently participated in the Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa. (Courtesy Photo)**

**By Caroline Polly**

Aug. 1 and 2, the grandchildren of Karl and Judy Polly of Wauneta competed at the AAU Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Junior Olympics is held annually for two weeks in the summer. Sport Stacking is one of the 19 sports included in the event. This is the third year that Sport Stacking has been invited to participate.

Caroline, 17, and William, 13, both members of Team USA for Sport Stacking, competed in all events for their respective age divisions.

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This is the third year that William has participated and the second year for Caroline.

William walked away with six gold medals, two bronze, two silver trophies for all-around, a gold trophy for all-around, and a 10th place ribbon.

He swept first place for all of the two of the timed events in his age division, the 3-6-3, and the cycle. He and his doubles partner, Dominic Valerian, placed first all-around for doubles and his 3-6-3 relay team won the silver all-around. He also won second all-around for the boys Cycle.

As a part of the JRO Challenge, the Virginia state 3-6-3 relay team placed third overall.

Caroline walked away with a bronze for the 3-3-3 and the cycle in her age division as well as fourth place in the 3-6-3. Not only did she set a personal best in the cycle, but she set a Virginia state divisional record; which would be her eighth record.

Both grandchildren said they had a blast seeing all of their staker friends and supporting one another.

One of the great things about the sport in general is its sportsmanship. Every kid supports one another and always walks away from their events with a smile on their face. The positive atmosphere only adds to their enjoyment.

The Pollys are excited for the 2015 Junior Olympics, which are set to be in Hampton Roads in their home state of Virginia. Hopefully they do just as well, if not better and have even more fun than this year.

Karl and Judy are very proud of their grandchildren's accomplishments and enjoyed watching the tournament and visiting with friends from all over the country.

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