

Inductees named to Chief Joseph Days Hall of Fame

Six join honorees as class of 2022, the second class to be inducted

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JOSEPH — The Chief Joseph Days Hall of Fame announced six inductees into its 2022 class. These inductees are being honored not just for their contributions to Chief Joseph Days, but also for their impact on the sport of rodeo. Here are the inductees of the hall of fame's second class:

Chief Joseph

The man who the Chief Joseph Day Rodeo and the town of Joseph are named after, Young Chief Joseph was born in 1840 and became a leader, who according to record, counseled his people to keep peace when settlers arrived in the Wallowas. But after the killing of a Nez Perce brave by white men was left unjustified, Chief Joseph led his people away from the Wallowa Valley in 1877. He died in 1904 on the Lapwai Reservation in Idaho at the age of 64. Even though he is recognized throughout the town, his name also represents a black mark in our country's history: the suffering of Native Americans. Chief Joseph, who wanted nothing but peace for his people, was forced to leave his home.



Harley Tucker's white horses

Cy Taillon

Cy Taillon was the first announcer to make his entire living by calling rodeos. He announced his first rodeo in 1939 and would go on to announce practically every major rodeo in the country. Known as "rodeo's Walter Cronkite," Taillon stood out with his precise grammar and description while trying to recognize cowboys as professional athletes. After passing away in 1980, he has since become a member of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and was awarded its lifetime achievement award. Taillon was the voice of Chief Joseph Days for 11 years between 1961 and 1975.

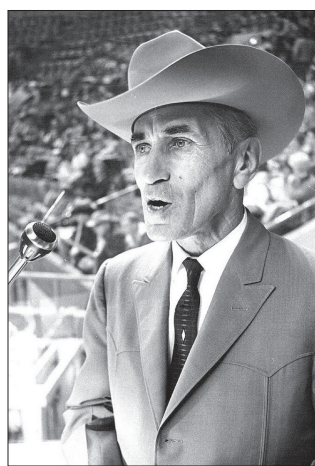
Dallas Williamson

The action at the rodeo is what many remember, but it takes work behind the scenes to organize such an event. Dallas Gene Williamson did just that, and was a respected member of the Joseph community. Graduating in a class of five from Joseph High School,

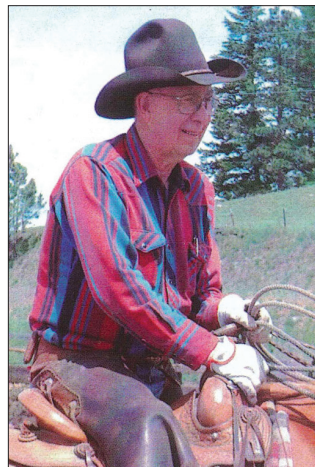
that same year he would end up digging post holes for the inaugural Chief Joseph Days Rodeo, held on the Wallowa Lake moraine. His passion for the rodeo didn't stop there, as he served on the rodeo board of directors from 1970-1981 and was arena director from 1973-1981. As arena director he was responsible for working countless hours and nights before rodeo week to prepare for the event. He helped build new rodeo stands in 1967-1968 and was the one who suggested that the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo court receive commission from selling tickets. An integral member of the rodeo behind the scenes, Williamson passed away in 2016 at 85 years old.

Frank McCully

Frank McCully became the president of the Joseph Chamber of Commerce in 1946, which was the year of the first rodeo. He was elected mayor of the city of Joseph the next year, and in his time on the chamber, the

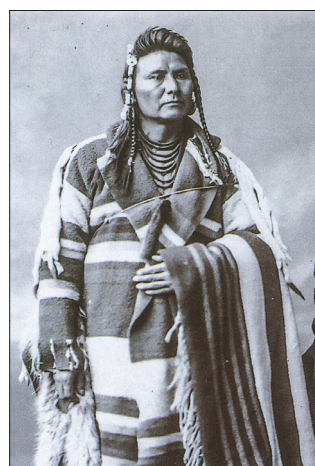


Taillon



Williamson

membership grew from 30 to 130. He and the chamber members would promote the rodeo fervently. McCully was the one who figured out what weekend the rodeo would take place, by asking his father and grandfather to pick the best time of the year based on past weather patterns. He was the parade grand marshal of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo in 1985. His place in the Chief Joseph Days Hall of Fame recognizes the work he put into



Chief Joseph



Dollarhide

making the rodeo what it is today.

Ross Dollarhide Jr.

After his service in World War II, Ross Dollarhide Jr. began participating in rodeo competitions as a saddle bronc rider and steer wrestler. His career was illustrious, winning 17 event titles in saddle bronc riding and 18 event titles in steer wrestling between 1947 and 1955. Between 1948 and 1950 he won the saddle bronc title three



McCully

consecutive years. Dollarhide won at Chief Joseph Days as well, taking the all-around titles in 1950, 1951 and 1952, calf roping in 1950, saddle bronc riding in 1951, and steer wrestling titles in 1950 and 1951. He would also work as a riding double/stuntman in Hollywood in the late 1950s. A cowboy superhero, Dollarhide Jr. died in 1977 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Harley Tucker's horses

Harley Tucker's white horses also are being inducted. Tucker gathered six white horses together for his fast and colorful grand entries to the parade. Riders would wear red leather jackets and carry colorful flags and matching leather chaps and the horses were outfitted with hand-tooled saddles and matching saddle blankets.

The Hall of Fame and a museum will be located in an event center on the rodeo grounds that is being planned.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

BRIEFS

Art center offers mimosas and raffle tickets

LA GRANDE — On Thursday, Aug. 4, Art Center East is participating in "Sip, Shop, Repeat, Local." Between noon and 5 p.m., stop by the Union County Chamber of Commerce, 207 Depot St., to pick up a tumbler. Then visit ACE, 1006 Penn Ave., for a free mimosa and a free raffle ticket for "Spring Sunrise," a print by Nicole Freshley, who is featured in the art center's Main Gallery.

Book fair benefits Shine Preschool

LA GRANDE — An in-person and virtual book fair happens Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 4-6, to benefit Faith Lutheran Church's

Shine Preschool. Children's books, religious books, gift items, Bibles and more are provided by the company 1:55. Shop in person at Faith Lutheran, 104 S. 12th St., from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday. Or buy online at www.i55book-fairs.com/school/shine-la-GRA-or. Online orders may be picked up at Faith Lutheran, or receive free direct shipping by using the code FREESHIP2SHINELAGRAOR.

Riverside Concert Series continues

LA GRANDE — Come to Riverside Park on Thursday evenings this summer for free music from local musicians every Thursday from 6-8 p.m. If the weather is bad, the music will happen inside the

pavilion. On Aug. 4 Chris Baron will perform. The last concert of the season will be Aug. 18, featuring Brian Mandella.

FFA members get boost from visiting Elgin Lions

ELGIN — Two members of Elgin's FFA program were guests at the Elgin Lions Club's July meeting. Brooke Eckstein and Abby Saffell told the group that their club had collected \$750 toward the purchase of a wagon to use to water plants throughout the city. The club, along with the Lions, water the flower barrels in Elgin. After a short discussion, the Elgin Lions members voted unanimously to donate \$250 to complete the purchase of the wagon.

— The Observer

Elgin Lions serve as ushers



Elgin Lions Club/Contributed Photo

The Elgin Lions have for many years ushered for the plays at the Elgin Opera House. On July 29-30, 2022, the Lions ushered for the production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." It's a win-win partnership, especially for the Lions, who enjoy the shows and also get to know the actors. Shown here from left to right are actors Lyla Davis, Rose Gray, Grant Deem, Bella Estrada, Tavi Jacobson, Abigail Hale, Maya Junkins and Kaylie Davis. Lions are Gerald Hopkins, left, and Jared Rogers.

UNION COUNTY SENIOR LUNCH MENU

LA GRANDE — Lunch is served at the Union County Senior Center, 1504 N. Albany St., La Grande, on weekdays. The meal is open to the public.

Dine-in meals are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; suggested donation is \$4 for age 60+, \$7 for all others. Takeout meals are picked up from noon to 1 p.m. at the kitchen's

back door; cost is \$7 for all.

For information on the senior center's meal programs, including having lunches delivered by Meals on Wheels, call the kitchen 541-605-5556.

The menu for Aug. 2-5:

Tuesday: pork sliders, cabbage slaw, potato salad, fresh fruit, cookie.

Wednesday: tender beef, red potatoes, brown gravy, green beans, salad greens, fresh fruit, sherbet.

Thursday: traditional macaroni and cheese, spinach salad, melon slices, baked rolls, pudding.

Friday: sweet and sour meatballs, rice pilaf, steamed asparagus, broiled tomatoes, fresh fruit.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

FRIDAY, JULY 29

6:18 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1200 block of X Avenue on a report of a theft. Police arrested a 44-year-old man for third-degree theft and second-degree criminal trespass.

9:30 a.m. — A caller reported animal neglect on the 1900 block of H Avenue, La Grande.

1:11 p.m. — La Grande police received a complaint about harassment on the 300 block of Fourth Street. An officer responded and counseled the subject.

3:46 p.m. — A caller reported criminal mischief at the Chevron station at 1519 Adams Ave., La Grande. An officer responded.

8:12 p.m. — La Grande police arrested Darla Lynn Keith, 56, for violation of a no contact release agreement.

10:03 p.m. — A caller at Grande Woods Apartments, 2005 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, reported telephonic harassment. An officer made contact and explained options.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

12:26 a.m. — A La Grande police officer on Harrison Avenue observed reckless driving and resolved the situation.

9:29 a.m. — La Grande police received a report of child neglect. An officer made contact, and police then contacted the Oregon Department of Human Services.

1:39 p.m. — A caller reported an animal walking on hot pavement on the 2700 block of Island Avenue, La Grande.

3:01 p.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office reported Marion County Sheriff's Office arrested Devan Ray Phillips, 36, on six Union County warrants for failure to appear in a number of local cases, including first-degree burglary and domestic violence assault.

4:44 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty on the 2600 block of Island Avenue, La Grande.

10:15 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded to the 500 block of Main Street, Cove, on a report of a domestic disturbance. The parties involved separated.

11:56 p.m. — Union County sheriff's deputies responded again to the same address on the 500 block of Main Street, Cove, on a report of a domestic disturbance. Again, the parties involved separated.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

12:30 a.m. — La Grande police responded to the 1300 block of Cherry Street for a domestic disturbance. The parties involved separated.

1:23 a.m. — A Union County sheriff's deputy responded to the area of milepost 257 on the westbound side on Interstate 84 near La Grande on a report of someone using fireworks. The deputy counseled the individuals.

9:35 a.m. — Union County Sheriff's Office received a report of a residential burglary on the 500 block of Patton Street, Summerville. A deputy made contact and explained options.

2:57 p.m. — La Grande police responded to Riverside Park on a call about a suspicious person. Police told the person to keep it down or he will be asked to leave.

3:23 p.m. — A caller reported possible animal abuse on the 1900 block of Birch Street, Elgin.

8:14 p.m. — A caller reported animal cruelty at the same location on Birch Street, Elgin.

11:27 p.m. — A La Grande police officer responded to the 2400 block of Greenwood Street on a complaint about harassment and counseled the parties involved.

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UPCOMING LOCAL SERVICES



Aug. 5 — JOHN CEDERHOLM: 2 p.m. funeral, La Grande Church of the Nazarene (casual dress preferred); graveside service immediately follows at Hillcrest East Cemetery, La Grande, then a celebration of life at the McIntosh Barn, 62576 Leffel Road.

Aug. 12 — SCOTT CHARON: 1 p.m. graveside service, Island City Cemetery.

Aug. 20 — DORIAN 'DORN' COX: 2 p.m. graveside service, Union Cemetery (casual dress preferred); a barbecue follows at Georgia Cox's home.

Sept. 3 — NYLE ROLLINS: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Fred Beeman Park, Island City.

Sept. 4 — JEFF BOND: 1 p.m. celebration of life, Lone Hawk Ranch, 57899 Highway 237, Union.

— Calendar courtesy of Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande

Dad

If Love COULD HAVE SAVED YOU, YOU WOULD HAVE Lived Forever

6/6/1937-
8/2/2002

Love Always, The Williamson, Hatley, Brown & Hamm families