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Jackpot Rodeo rides into its 74th year

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ARLINGTON — The Arlington Jackpot Rodeo is wrangling in food and fun as it prepares for its 74th year.

The event gets rolling Saturday, April 30, at 10 a.m. with a parade in downtown Arlington. Rodeo action begins at 12:30 p.m. on both Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1. Rodeo tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 12 and under. Two-day pass prices are \$9 and \$6, respectively.

Arena action features traditional rodeo events, including bull riding and ranch bronc riding. Money will be added each day, except for specialty events. The Arlington Saddle Club will present a \$500 gas card to the all-around cowboy or cowgirl.

Among the specialty events is the fan-favorite mutton bustin', as well as junior and pee wee barrel racing, buddy barrels and mini bulls.

For those with an appetite, the cook shack will be open and serving food both days. And for a chance to kick up your heels, a cowboy dance is Saturday evening, 8 p.m. to midnight at the River's Edge Deli, in the Gronquist Building, 11650 Railroad Ave. Also, a cowboy breakfast will be

available Sunday, 7-10 a.m. at the Arlington Masonic Lodge, 50 Shane Drive.

The Queen's Luncheon immediately follows the parade at the Arlington Fire Department Hall, 1500 Railroad Ave. Serving as the 2022 Arlington Saddle Club queen is Leilani Weiser of Arlington.

The 15-year-old daughter of Jimbo and Tina Weiser, she has grown up around the Arlington Rodeo, both as a competitor and assisting where needed. For her appearances throughout Oregon and Washington, she will ride Dekker, her 20-year-old gelding.

Weiser comes from a rich history of professional rodeo competitors, including her father, Jimbo, and her brother, Ethan. She also has an older sister, Marley. A freshman at Arlington Charter High School, Weiser participates in volleyball, basketball, choir and student council. Also, she has competed in dance, 4-H, rodeo and is an active member of her church.

The Arlington Saddle Club officers include Melody Tucker, president; Jim Rucker, vice president; Jodie Gentry, secretary; Sarah Rucker, treasurer; and Shania Drinkwine, queen advisor. For more information, call 256-438-0572.



Weise

W-M's Peal sets state strikeout record

Righthander struck out 14 in a row

By ANNIE FOWLER
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ATHENA — There are dozens of Oregon high school baseball records, so when you break one, it may take a little curiosity and a

little research to know that you actually did.

Weston-McEwen senior Blane Peal set the state record for consecutive strikeouts in a game, regardless of classification, with 14 on April 12 in an 8-0 road victory over Stanfield/Echo.

"My son Jacob is a statistics dork and knows the ins and outs of all this stuff,"

W-M coach Shawn Pierce said. "I didn't even realize he had struck that many kids out. When you watch him pitch, you get caught up and don't realize how great he is."

The record, among dozens of others, are compiled by Doug Calvert with Oregon High School Sports Records. Oregon School Activities Association records are

only for state championship games.

"I didn't know it was a stat that was kept track of," Peal said. "It's really cool to see my name on that list of all the records. Some go back to the 1950s."

Peal surpassed Central Catholic's Kevin Gunderson,

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Dreams come true

Ione's Rollins headed to EOU to play football

By ANNIE FOWLER
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IONE — When most kindergarten students are trying to find the perfect crayon to color their picture, Taylor Rollins had visions of playing college football.

"It was my plan since kindergarten when I would play football at recess," Rollins said. "I always wanted to play college ball."

The Ione senior will get his chance after signing to play at Eastern Oregon University.

"Hardly any kids get to play football after high school," Rollins said. "I told myself if I get a chance, I am going to go."

The 6-foot-2, 265-pound Rollins is the first Ione football player to go on to



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Ione/Arlington's Taylor Rollins (45) runs the ball Nov. 5, 2021, for the Cardinals against St. Paul in the first round of the Oregon School Activities Association 1A State Football Championship. Rollins has signed to play football at Eastern Oregon University in the fall of 2022.

play in college since 2011, when Tanner Rietmann went to Pacific University. A running back, Rietmann played for one season.

"It doesn't happen too often for us 1A kids," Rietmann said. "When it does, you have to enjoy it."

EOU coach Tim Camp, who has found success with small-school players, was happy to welcome Rollins to the fold.

"That kid just needs coaching and a chance,"

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ON THE SLATE

Schedule subject to change

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Prep baseball
Weston-McEwen at Heppner (2), 11 a.m.

Pendleton at Redmond (2), noon
McLoughlin at Ontario (2), noon

Prep softball
Weston-McEwen at Heppner/Ione (2), 11 a.m.

Redmond at Pendleton (2), noon
McLoughlin at Ontario (2), 1 p.m. (MT)

Track and field

Hermiston at Oregon Relays, Hayward Field, Eugene, TBD

Pendleton at The Willamette Falls Invitational, 10 a.m.

Grissold, Heppner, Ione, Pilot Rock, Riverside, Stanfield/Echo, Weston-McEwen at 1A/2A/3A Regional Meet, EOU, 10 a.m.

McLoughlin at MacDougall Invite, Colfax, 11 a.m.

College baseball
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (2), 1 p.m.

College softball
Blue Mountain at Big Ben (2), noon

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Prep baseball
Heppner at Baker, 5 p.m.

Prep softball
Heppner/Ione at Baker, 5 p.m.

Prep golf
Pendleton girls at The Dalles, 11 a.m.

Prep tennis
Pendleton boys at Redmond, 3 p.m.

Redmond girls at Pendleton, 3 p.m.

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