

# Camp:

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Fredy Vera, AJ Timpy and Anthony Landeros.

They also could get a surprise visit from former Hermiston High standout Jazlyn Romero, depending on her work schedule. Romero now is a javelin thrower on the University of Oregon women's track team.

"It is important for kids to see themselves in someone who has already done it," Thompson said of Romero's success at Hermiston. "She is very important."

Also returning to the court is former Zillah standout Antonio Salinas, who now plays at Western Oregon University.

New to the camp this year is Danny Soto, who works with Thompson with the NBA G League team Los Capitanes in Mexico City.

"He will help run all the basketball stuff," Thompson said. "He's Latino and this is a cool initiative. It will be his first time to Oregon. He's excited to be part of it."

Off the court, videographer Nick Goodwin from Omaha, Nebraska, will be back. He produced a video and took pictures of the camp last year. Also, Mario Sepulveda of Boardman will be back to do some video work. Both donate their time.

The camp also has community sponsors Eastern Oregon Telecom and Inland Development and has gotten help from Kriss Dammeyer of Made to Thrive.

"We have been really lucky to have cool partners in the community," Thompson said. "For any big amount, the Advocate Foundation out of Colorado can help businesses with tax write-off if they would like one."

Even with commu-

nity help, organizers want to make sure every child leaves with a basketball, T-shirt, backpack and school supplies. Romero started a GoFundMe account at bit.ly/3n1Syk5 to help with expenses. It has raised more than \$3,750.

## Branching out

In addition to the two-day event in Irrigon, the group will host a one-day camp in the Odell community of Hood River.

"It was something Adrian and I wanted to do," Thompson said. "We know the community in Odell is an agricultural town and has a lot of Spanish speakers. We are preparing for a lot of kids."

Thompson and Romero have been working with Hood River Parks and Recreation Supervisor Jaime Rivera on the project.

"It's a win-win," Rivera said. "When I was growing up, basketball was big, but now soccer and lacrosse are growing," Rivera said. "We are hoping this will bring the interest back a little bit, especially in the rural part of our community. They are doing a really good job of promoting it."

Signups for the program are through the parks and recreation department. Rivera helped secure a venue at Mid Valley Elementary School in Hood River.

"They have a nice facility with an outdoor court, and a nice view of Mount Adams and Mount Hood," said Rivera, who has been the HRV boys soccer coach for the past 13 years.

Rivera, who played basketball at Hood River Valley High School, has a kindergartener and a first grader who will be at the camp, as well as some extended family.

"We have family in the Odell area," Rivera said. "It will be a fun afternoon up there."

# Wallowa County's Miller wins calf roping title

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ENTERPRISE — Hanley "Noodle" Miller, a 15-year-old freshman at Joseph Charter School and the son of Cory and Dena Miller of Enterprise, recently completed a successful first season of his high school rodeo career.

Partnered with his 11-year-old sorrel gelding, K2, and his 13-year-old bay gelding, Pepperoni, Miller led the state from the beginning of the season last fall. He then walked away with the tie-down calf roping title at the Oregon State High School Rodeo Finals in Prineville earlier this month. Miller tied down 16 of 17 calves through the season and placed in 15 of 16 runs. The championship earned him a saddle, sponsored by Les Schwab, and a buckle. In addition, Miller was awarded a certificate for the Columbia River Circuit PRCA permit when he turns 18.

Next on Miller's agenda is the High School Rodeo National Finals Rodeo in Gillette, Wyoming, July 17-23. He will be competing in both tie-down roping and team roping with his partner, Bayli Ladner of Klamath Falls. The two moved up to fourth place in the team roping standings at the Oregon High School Finals to earn a spot at the national event. Noodle's 19-year-old sorrel gelding, Capone and his 14-year-old bay mare, Kabang, carried him through



Contributed Photo

Hanley "Noodle" Miller leaps from his horse in early June 2022 during the tie-down calf roping competition at Oregon State High School Rodeo Finals in Prineville. Miller won the title.

the season as the team's heeler.

Miller is coached by pro rodeo competitor Nathan Steinberg of Klamath Falls and formerly of Southern Texas, who has mentored him and helped develop Miller's tie-down roping skills. Steinberg has been doing clinics with eight-time world champion and ProRodeo Hall of Fame inductee Joe Beaver since 2004.

"I met Noodle two years ago at a Joe Beaver clinic in Idaho," Steinberg said. "I instantly fell in love with him. He's a good kid from a good family. We do 20 clinics a year and I see a lot of kids.

It's inspiring to see Noodle's work ethic and love of the game.

"When he comes here to rope, he asks 20,000 questions a day and has desire beyond his years. It's pretty cool. And to see him with the work ethic he has at 15, he'll be successful at whatever he does."

Miller also earned an invite to compete this September in one of the two Joe Beaver Roping events of the year in Texas.

In addition to the list of successes this past year, Miller has also qualified for the Vegas Tuffest in Las Vegas, Dec. 1-5, for the

second straight year and for the Hooey Junior Patriot Finale in Fort Worth, Texas in February and March 2023.

In his spare time, Miller is busy managing his own herd of Corriente and Hereford cattle and exercising and training most of his family's 25-plus head of registered quarter horses. He helps his parents in the family's fencing business or putting in saddle time on horses brought to him by those from the local community and beyond. He is also a member of the Joseph FFA Chapter and competes at the Wallowa County Fair with market steers.

# Track:

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She shattered the school record at the Oregon Relays with a mark of 46-1½, then bettered her own mark at the Kiwanis Twilight meet with a throw of 46-10. She threw a personal best 47-1 at the MCC Championships. She won the 3A state title

with a heave of 46-8¼. Young also won the state discus title (134-5), but the MCC honors are through the regular season.

Ryker McDonald was named to the second team in the 100 meters, and to the honorable mention team in the shot put. He qualified for state in both events.

McDonald placed first or second in the 100 in every MCC meet, and was the top 3A 100 runner. His top time of

the regular season was 11.19. At the District 8 Championships, he ran an 11.08.

In the shot put, McDonald routinely placed second behind Hottman. His top throw of the year 51-1¼. He placed fifth at the 3A state meet.

The Hermiston boys 4x400 relay team of Justus Counsell, Tyler Lin, Jaysen Rodriguez and Landon Shilhanek was named to the honorable

mention team. Their top time during the season was 3:33.23.

For the girls, Eseta Sepeni earned honorable mention honors in the discus. Her top mark of the season was 123 feet.

Also, the 4x400 relay team of Dalia Cervantes, Jackie Garcia, Alondra Risueno and Estephany Diaz was named to the honorable mention team. Their top time of the year was 4:15.73.

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