

# QUEEN: *Court rides to compete for CJD crown*

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Included in the evening, of course, is the parade of rodeo court members from the past, for as much as anything, rodeo is a sport that honors both its traditions and history.

After the three contestants conducted a western fashion show for the crowd, the moment of truth came with the announcement of the winner: Addie Kilgore. As it turned out, Kilgore was one of only 12 previous queens who won all of the contestant categories, including breaking the all-time ticket sales record. She and her mother, Sherri Kilgore, are the eleventh mother and daughter who have participated in the event.

After the coronation, a brief auction of rodeo memorabilia ensued, after which the dance started, featuring the band “Skyline.” Kilgore danced with her father, Wes Kilgore, for the first number or two.

Kilgore, 16, a sophomore at Joseph Charter School, sat down for a brief interview with the Chieftain on the following morning to discuss her road to the crown. She is very personable and possessed with a pleasant self-confidence. For example, during the speech competition, a malfunctioning microphone did not faze her in the slightest. She discarded the microphone and with the grace of Demosthenes, finished her speech a cappella, in a well-articulated voice, which delighted the crowd.

When chairs could not be found to conduct the morning interview, she suggested sitting on the sidewalk curb. “I’m a Wallowa County girl. I’m not afraid of a little dirt,” she said with a laugh.

Kilgore spoke of her lifelong fascination with the



Steve Tool/Chieftain  
**Jesse-Ellen Woodhead concentrating during the riding portion of the April 18 competition for the CJD queen’s crown.**

CJD Rodeo Court, and her desire to be a contestant since the age of 5. “I’m the ninth girl of my family to go through this, and I’ve always looked up to them and thought ‘they look so pretty all the time,’” Kilgore said.

With a personality suited for the competition, Kilgore said she did not find any part of it overly difficult. “I really want to do this, and the public speaking is something I’ve always loved, and it’s a passion. I love riding,

so it’s not really hard either,” Kilgore said.

Ticket sales proved to be the most time-consuming part of the competition for Kilgore, but it paid off in spades for her. “I broke Kylie Willis’ record. I think I sold a little over \$37,000 worth,” Kilgore said.

Next on Kilgore’s agenda is getting busy on school-work and riding her horse. Her next event as queen of the court is an appearance at the Spokane Lilac Festival



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**Even royalty need to kick up their heels once in a while. CJD Rodeo Queen Addie Kilgore dances with an unidentified friend at the dance following the coronation.**

Parade on May 16.

For the future, Kilgore is thinking of competing at higher levels of rodeo queen competition. “I’d like to compete for Pendleton, but it’s a lot of money. I really want to become a Tuckerette,” Kilgore said, referring to the CJD equestrian drill team.

Still undecided on what she wants for a career, Kilgore is thinking about criminal justice. She also cites teaching and the medical field as other interests.

Kilgore confessed she has trouble handling one thing in her life: time. “I’m a three-sport athlete, so it’s hard to manage sports with court, but court comes first, because it’s what I want to do.”

# Video Buffs gets ready for summer in new location

By Kathleen Ellyn  
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Wup and Nicole Winn had been the new owners of Video Buffs adjacent to the Dollar Stretcher in Enterprise for only a month when they got a call from property owner John Hillock of Enterprise saying he had a new location for them — the former North Street Pizza location in Enterprise.

“We were walking down the aisle at Walmart on Saturday when we got the call,” Wup recalls. “Of course, we said, we’re not going to change anything!”

They already had about five jobs apiece, counting the new business — but in keeping with the old adage “if you want something done, give it to a busy man,” the Winns did what busy people do; within a month, they made the change.

“It was all a matter of dynamics,” said Nicole.

Among those dynamics: a modernized kitchen, a drive-thru window and even more diversification as the business develops.

“It was a win-win for everyone,” Wup said. “Mike Goss, owner of Dollar Stretcher, was looking to move the liquor store over to his South River Road location, planning on putting it behind Video Buffs. He was sad to see us go, but happy to hear he was going to get a front door on South River Road.”

“It worked out good for everybody,” said Dollar Stretcher owner Mike Goss. “I’d have never asked them to move, but when they did, getting that River Road frontage worked out good.”

The Winns are also seeing the benefit of the move. “The drive-thru is already keeping us on our toes,” Wup said. “We’re expecting to have to put on one or two more people through the summer.”

The business already employs two people full-time and one part-time; the part-time employee will also go full-time over the summer.

Being able to put sons Kyler, 14, and Gaven, 12, to work in the family business and hire local folks is part of the draw of the business for the Winns. It’s just one of the ways they hope to support the county, Wup said.

“One of the attractions of the business is that it’s a business that’s very community involved,” Wup said, referring to the business reputation built by former owners Scott and Doris Noland. “We’re going to keep that tradition.”

The business offers Wallowa County residents a quad of desirable services, Nicole said. “We tell our friends and family we are Baskin Robbins, Starbucks, Papa Murphy’s and Blockbuster all in one,” she said. The brands are different but the lifestyle options are appreciated.

Video Buffs serves Cascade Glacier Ice Cream, Tully’s Coffee, fresh-made pizza (take-home or baked), and stocks over 4,000 movies.

The prices are attractive, as well. Movies rent for \$1 to \$2 each with new releases arriving every Tuesday with an overnight checkout price of \$3. It’s a tough price to beat; new release “Foxcatcher” will cost you \$3.99 to rent on Amazon — if you can stream it during peak hours at all.

On the pizza side of the business, yes, you can get a gluten-free vegetarian pizza in Wallowa County. The Winns offer five styles of crust, including gluten-free and buttered garlic crust, and you can build your own pizza or order a specialty. They’ll soon be serving a \$5 lunch option as well: two big slices of pizza and a 20 oz. soda.

A Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for May 8.



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Marissa Williams  
Wallowa County Chieftain



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