



4-H archers ready for the big time

By Kathleen Ellyn
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Archer Kaden Casper, 10, of Wallowa, walked off the field at Wallowa County 4-H Spring Fair the Champion in the 4-H Junior Division for Compound Bow.

He walked up to his mother and tipped his head, looking out from under his trademark camouflage cap.

"Now will you put an apple on your head?" he asked.

Maybe not just yet.

But the 4-H archers under the tutelage of Dick Stangel of Enterprise are almost that good; 19 archers from Wallowa County qualified to go to the state championships in Albany. Casper and fellow 4-H'r Cole Gomes, 13, of Enterprise, were the only ones who went this year, but they came back with impressive awards. Casper brought home a second in tandem shoot, a fourth in 3-D shoot (life-sized animal targets) and a sportsmanship award.



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Top shooter Cole Gomes, 13, of Enterprise, shows his form in the final round of shooting at the 4-H Spring Fair, Tuesday, June 23. Gomes took the Champion award in the Intermediate category.

Gomes brought back a first in tandem, and a second in 3-D.

Gomes also won Intermediate Champion for Compound Bow at the Wallowa County 4-H Spring Fair.

Now, both Champions are headed to Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort

in Baker County for the Eastern Oregon Supershoot, July 25-26. They'll be competing against archers in their age divisions from Oregon, Idaho and Washington for \$3,000 in prizes.

This will be Kaden Casper's first "professional" shoot and he's a bit ner-

vous, his mom, Kathy, said. "Though he's feeling more confident now that he's won the championship at the Spring Fair," she added.

Kaden, who will be in the Cub Division at the Supershoot, won't be facing his first money-prize competition alone. His big brother, Brandon, 29, will be going with him to compete in the adult division.

Cole Gomes is not new to the competition; this is his third time shooting at the Eastern Oregon Supershoot, but it is his first time shooting in the Youth Division.

His brother-in-law, Clayton Lowe (formerly of Joseph), is an organizer of the event. The event is unusual in that competitors ride the chairlift up 900 feet and shoot 80 targets on the way back down.

Gomes has also just finished competing in the State Field and Hunter Championships in Sherwood and will be competing in the State 3-D Championships in La Grande July 18-19.



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Maddi Tracy of Wallowa delivers her impromptu speech at the 4-H Spring Fair, Tuesday, June 23. Maddi faced the added pressure of having a journalist taking her picture. She qualified as a Senior Alternate to present at the Horse Classics.

Citizenship featured at Spring Fair

The Wallowa County Spring Fair saw a good turnout of all-around citizens capable of managing their household, speaking in public, and hunting and cooking food.

Youth from 4-H throughout the county competed in all the domestic skills, from proper measuring of food ingredients to sewing; hunting and cookery skills with archery and outdoor cooking competitions; and preparation to be involved citizens with numerous speaking contests.

Winners in these skilled events have been announced. They are:

Scrapbooking skills: Level 1 Champ., Ashley Durning-Stamer; Level 2 Champ., Georgia Falk. Favorite outfit contest: Champ., Kaesie Williams.

Sewing skills: Jr. Reserve Champ., Flora McDonald; Jr. Champ., Bernadette Matthews.

Clothing judging: Jr. Reserve Champ., Bernadette Matthews; Jr. Champ., Mary Catherine Matthews; Int. Champ., Grace Bartlow.

Fashion Revue: Reserve Champ., Mary Catherine Matthews; Jr. Champ. and winner of the South Fork Grange gift award, Flora McDonald; Int. Champ. and winner of the Liberty Grange gift award, Grace Bartlow.

Foods Junior division: Measuring contest Jr. Champ., Zoey Leith; Better Breakfast Jr. Reserve Champ., Gracie Ellis; Champion Kaesie Williams; Cookie baking Jr. Co-Reserve Champs., Amelia Durning-Stamer and Kaesie Williams; Champ., Emma Durning-Stamer; Snappy snacks Champ., Devin Schreiber; Microwave Champ., Devin Schreiber.

Foods Int. division: Champ. Fruit and Veg., Samantha Durning-Stamer; Champ. Main Dish, Deidre Schreiber; Champ. Microwave, Deidre Schreiber; Champ. Mini-meal, Samantha Durning-Stamer. Both Samantha Durning-Stamer and Deidre Schreiber qualified for State Fair.

Tablesetting Junior Reserve, Gracie Ellis; Champion and winner of a gift award, Zoey Leith; Int. Champ. and winner of the Dwane and Carole Voss gift award, Deidre Schreiber.

Food Judging Junior division: Co-Reserve Champ., Zoey Leith and Devin Schreiber; Champ., Amelia Durning-Stamer.

Outdoor cookery Jr. Team Champ., Gracie Ellis and Kaesie Williams; Int. Champ., Deidre Schreiber.

Favorite Foods contest: Junior division Reserve Champ., Gracie Ellis; Champ., Kaesie Williams; Int. division Champ., Deidre Schreiber.

Food Prep Awards: Highest two blue ribbons in food prep emphasizing dairy products receive cash awards in each age division from Oregon Dairy Women. Winners are:

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READY TO RUMBLE

Bowlby Bash Derby drivers gear up for race

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Michael Berry demonstrates the view he hopes his competitors will have when his "Wild Carrot" derby car heads down Main Street at the upcoming Bowlby Bash.

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Let the trash talk begin! The Sixth Annual Bowlby Bash is just around the corner, July 11, and the gravity-powered car builders are beginning to get cocky. When Main Street closes down for the race at 1 p.m. that Saturday, there could be some excellent grudge matches to cheer.

Enterprise City Mayor Steve Lear has issued a broad challenge to every

mayor in the county and even one outside the county. The loser of this soap-box derby, he says, will have to fill the potholes in the street of the winner's town.

He's feeling confident, some may say overconfident, but Lear has a vehicle under construction that he believes will stun and amaze when unveiled.

"It's a replica of a public works vehicle that is streamlined and aerodynamically superior to anything that can come out of Joseph," Lear teased.

Oh boy. Did you hear that Joseph

Mayor Dennis Sands?

Lear is so confident in his vehicle that he's even challenged the mayor of La Grande.

Not that any mayors, in county or out, stands a chance.

"My engineer was involved in the construction of the Boeing 707," Lear said. "He's putting the finishing touches on my craft. Our only concern is whether the drag parachute will deploy in time to stop us within city limits."

Meanwhile, across the street from Lear's Main Street Pub, Michael Berry

is putting the finishing touches on his vehicle — a carrot-shaped downhill car carved by local artist Steve Arment. Berry's business, Wild Carrot Herbs, will be well represented by this orange streaker.

Berry, who is the organizer of the event this year, says he hasn't decided if his one-of-a-kind vehicle is designed primarily for the Artistic category or if he can make it fast. He's already made it "different."

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Annual CJD Ranch Rodeo draws crowd

By Steve Tool
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Threatening thunderheads and a bit of rain didn't keep crowds or participants away from the 7th Annual Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo held on June 27 at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena. The previous day saw a trail ride, as well as a dinner and various auctions.

Plenty of local ranches competed in the rodeo, which focuses on the skills of working cowboys rather than professional athletes. The event raises scholarship revenue

for the CJD Court as well as a \$1,000 scholarship for one student each at Joseph, Wallowa and Enterprise high schools respectively. Events included team branding, doctoring, sorting and roping. Ranch bronc riding, a women's steer stopping (roping) contest and a stick horse event for children were also featured.

A raffle for a National Finals Rodeo package that included two nights at a Las Vegas hotel and two tickets for two NFR performances went to Lowell Lewis.

A barbecue churned out

sizzling meat fare for attendees, while the bar in the Thunder Room served beer and liquor to the parched.

Competing ranches included Fence Creek Ranch, Marr Flat Cattle Company, Circle P Ranch, YMC Ranch, Probert Ranch, Quail Run Ranch, Botts Ranch, YJ Ranch, 5S Ranch and the Yost Ranch.

The rodeo started at 5 p.m., and for the next two hours the crowd was treated to the sight of working cowboys doing real ranch work with roping, riding and dust galore.

The competition was spirited but friendly, with teams

encouraging one another. Saddle horses, broncs and cattle kicked up plenty of dust to keep the audience entertained. The evening saw only two wrecks, with no injuries to either two-legged or four-legged participants.

One of the more appealing aspects of the rodeo was the equal participation of women and men in the events, just as it is on a working ranch. Women competed in the team roping as well as the pen events. Only the bronc riding had no female competitors.

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It ain't a rodeo if there ain't a wreck. Thankfully, bronc rider Mark Lally, of the Botts Ranch, and the horse walked away from this wreck unharmed.

Wallowa County sunrise and sunset July 2 - July 8 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)													
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