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Comin' at you! The saddle bronc action was hot and heavy at the 70th Annual Chief Joseph Days Rodeo held from July 21-26. This cowboy made the ride with no problem on the July 23 "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" night.

70th CJD Rodeo in the books

By Kathleen Ellyn
Wallowa County Chieftain

It was another historic Chief Joseph Days packed with pretty girls and cute cowboys and wild action.

Stock contractor Growney Brothers Rodeo's big brindle bull, Glory Days, went unriden, again. Shawn Proctor, however, rode Smokin' Aces for 86 points and took home his share of the \$85,485 total prize money CJD offered.

Specialty Act "Wild Man" Troy Lerwill proved to be the entertainer promised and showed why he's been voted PRCA Comedy Act of the Year six times, keeping the audience entertained and thrilled throughout the run of the rodeo.

Bullfighters Chuck Swisher and Don Griggs kept the cowboys safe; chute bosses John Growney and Dan Ackley kept the rides and riders a'comin'; and pickup men Matt Twitchell and Mitch Coleman got those riders off those broncs and bulls as safely as humanly possible.

Todd Nash and Ethan Lowe teamed up to wrangle a cow and won the Wild Cow Milking, with Cody Ross and Adam Saxton taking second and Mark Dawson and Wyatt Warnock taking third.

And a 4-year-old won the mutton busting on Thursday night, taking an overall second place for both nights. Little Sylvonisty Brewer clung to the wool for a fantastic ride and 84.5 points.

First place went to Wednesday night's top scorer, Basey Dawson, with 85 points and Avery Cox was a very close third overall with 84 points.

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'TO BE PART OF THIS IS JUST A JOY.'

BIG WELCOME FOR LITTLE BUCKAROOS



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Little Buckaroo, Kourtney Hall of Pilot Rock, throws her first loop with the advice of CJD Rodeo announcer Jody Carper of Jamul, Calif. And she caught that steer!

Support for new event 'awesome'

By Kathleen Ellyn
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The four participants in the First Annual Little Buckaroo Rodeo at Chief Joseph Days were heavily supported last Thursday.

More than a dozen volunteers, several photographers and journalists, and an audience in

the north stands were there to cheer them on.

The Little Buckaroo Rodeo was made part of Chief Joseph Days this year and is modeled after the Pendleton special needs participant rodeo. In fact, the equipment used in The Little Buckaroo event is borrowed from Pendleton.

Organizer Debbie Scudder of Enterprise expected the first year's attendance to be small, but was astonished at the size of the support.

"I just couldn't believe the support that was there," she said. "It was awesome."

Local rancher and cowboy Barrie Qualle volunteered to mentor the youth early on and was soon joined by other cowboys and the entire CJD Court, and the support continued to swell as the day approached.

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Rescued osprey dies

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Despite the best efforts of wildlife experts at Blue Mountain Wildlife, a wildlife treatment center and refuge in Pendleton, the female osprey rescued from the old

Wallowa Grain Growers site in Joseph died from injuries sustained during its ordeal.

On July 12, Mike Hansen, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife assistant district wildlife biologist, received a call from a concerned citizen who spotted the bird dangling

from its nest and suspended in midair by a length of baling twine. After a rescue effort that included wearing a safety harness, Hansen eventually rescued the bird and transported it to Pendleton for treatment.

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Kohlhepp a Shriner All-Star

By Steve Tool
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Enterprise High School sports standout Daniel Kohlhepp, 18, is set for his first football game of the season: The 63rd Annual East-West Shrine All-Star football game. The game is slated for Aug. 1 at 5 p.m. at Bulldog Field in Baker City and proceeds from the contest benefit the Shriners Children's Hospital in Portland.

The 6-foot two-inch, 245 lbs. Kohlhepp, just graduated EHS and excelled in both football and track, setting school track records in the discus besides being one of the defensive and offensive line leaders in football.

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Kohlhepp

Wallowa County sunrise and sunset July 30 - August 5 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, July 30	Friday, July 31	Saturday, Aug. 1	Sunday, Aug. 2	Monday, Aug. 3	Tuesday, Aug. 4	Wednesday, Aug. 5
Rise 5:31	Rise 5:32	Rise 5:33	Rise 5:34	Rise 5:35	Rise 5:37	Rise 5:38
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