



TOP DOG

'Allie McClaran' vies for No. 1 spot in Stockgrowers Rodeo



Allie demonstrates her creep, creeping up slowly and using her eyes to let the cows know she's talkin' to them. Clearly, she has their attention and respect.

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When the trio of dogs jump out of Jill McClaran's truck at the Joseph place they limp to patches of grass and flop down. Looks like they've put in a hard day working McClaran cattle. The extended McClaran clan manages 1,000 cow/calf pairs on private and federal land.

Jill's dogs are small; two whip-thin, rawhide-tough black and white Border Collies bred by Brian Boquet and a sleek little gray-spotted, Hanging Tree dog. When you see them with cattle you don't see how something that small can have the kind of authority they do.

But they do have that authority. A little bit of a dog, like Allie, who at age 7 is an "older dog," can turn a whole herd of 1,200-pound cattle, mostly by fixing them with an intimidating look. Once she's got their attention, and then gotten them moving, she can pretty much put them where she wants them.

"They say you only get one good dog in your lifetime and I'll probably never have another like Allie," Jill says.

Skeeter, a younger Border Collie related to Allie, has less "eye" and likes to run. She's the streak you'll see racing to the front of the herd to turn it or zipping in behind a recalcitrant cow to nip it forward.

Spark, the spotted gray dog, is just a year old with a lot yet to learn from Allie, but Jill can already see his personality. He's calmer, he likes to work close, his threat is more physical, and he's a tougher, stronger kind of dog. That's what the Hanging Tree dogs are supposed to be, tougher. The breed is a mix of three breeds: Border Collie, Kelpie and Catahoula.

The first two are herding dogs, but a Catahoula is a hunting dog and the Hanging Tree dogs have kept that tendency to hunt the cattle and then "bay up" their quarry (bark to say "I've found the cows"). "That's a plus when you're moving cattle in timber," Jill says. "They bay when they've found the cows and you know right where to ride."

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Fair livestock auction breaks record

The 2015 Wallowa County Fair's 4-H and FFA livestock auction once again set a record for the annual event, totaling \$292,343 in sales, up from last year's \$249,249. In all, approximately 153 kids sold market animals at the Saturday, Aug. 8, auction, which featured swine, steers, sheep, goats, and one market chicken. Following are lists of sale prices (per pound) along with those sales' respective buyers.

MARKET CHICKEN

Emma Starner-Durning, 4-H, \$5.25, KWVR.

MARKET GOAT

Katie Wilbur, 4-H grand champion, \$7.00, Boise Cascade; Ian Goodrich, 4-H reserve grand champion, \$6.00, Quail Run Ranch; Mason McDowell, 4-H, \$6.25, Double Arrow; Devin Schreiber, 4-H, \$6.00, Eagle Cap Dispensaries; Maclane Melville, 4-H, \$6.00, C3 Ranch; Jordan Ferré, FFA, \$7.25, Cory Miller Fencing; Ashley Starner-Durning, 4-H, \$8.75, Red Barn.

MARKET SWINE

Clayne Miller, FFA grand champion, \$5.50, John Howard Associates; Samantha Wightman, 4-H grand champion, \$5.75, WCGG; Emma Carlsen, FFA reserve grand champion, \$4.00, WCGG; Ella Anderson, 4-H, \$4.00, Grand Ronde Lodge; Aaron Clary, FFA, \$4.10, Enterprise Electric/WC Construction; Brianna Micka, 4-H, \$4.10, Paul's Chevron; Megan Jones, FFA, \$4.20, Paul's Chevron; Carsyn Miller, 4-H, \$4.20, Triple Creek Ranch; Chance Arbogast, 4-H, \$4.20, 1917; Tiara Huffman, FFA,



Lauren Makin stands next to her FFA reserve grand champion steer. Right of Makin is Derek Spang, representing purchasers Spang Construction and Spangus Cattle.

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\$4.20, Enterprise School Employees; Zari Bathke, 4-H, \$4.20, Barreto Manufacturing; Timmy Wells, 4-H, \$4.00, KK Farms; TJ Grote, FFA, \$4.30, Cory Miller Fencing; Renee Seal, 4-H, \$4.30, Grey Beal Distributors; Tiffanie George, FFA, \$4.10, Edison, Perry & Co.; Josie Wearin, 4-H, \$4.40, Buckhorn Ranch; Jesse Woodhead, FFA, \$4.00, New Holland; Eva Anderson, 4-H, \$4.00, Stangels; Lexi Gassett, FFA, \$4.00, WM Medical; Zoey Leith, 4-H, \$4.00, Grey Beal; Brett Greenshields, FFA, \$4.10, WCGG; Anna Rinehart, 4-H, \$4.40, Les Schwab Tires; Caden Fent, 4-H, \$4.00, McCadden Farms/Birkmaier Ranch;

Quincee Zacharias, 4-H, \$4.20, Zacharias Logging; Gracie Carlsen, FFA, \$4.20, Norton Welding; Bethany Anderson, 4-H, \$4.50, Sports Corral; Riley Gray, FFA, \$4.00, Stein Construction; Tristan Bales, 4-H, \$4.00, Barreto Mfg.; Eliza Irish, FFA, \$3.90, WCGG; Camille Crenshaw, 4-H, \$4.60, Henderson Logging; Kade Kilgore, FFA, \$4.10, Joseph FFA Alumni/Joseph Family Foods; Ella Moeller, 4-H, \$4.60, Baum/Smith; Kurt Norton, FFA, \$4.20, Thompson Auto; Gracie Niezen, 4-H, \$4.00, Milligan Motors; Taylor Grote, \$7.25, Les Schwab; Cameron Salmon, 4-H, \$4.20, Wolf Farm Inc.; Guylen Snyder, 4-H, \$4.30, Palette

Ranch; Darby Gassett, FFA, \$4.10, WCGG; Cadney Bacon, 4-H, \$4.00, WCGG; Dylan Staigle, FFA, \$4.40, Triple Creek Ranch; Morgan Cameron, 4-H, \$4.50, Ace Hardware; Gabrielle Wells, FFA, \$4.00, WCGG; Greta Carlsen, 4-H, \$4.10, Main St. Motors; Jimmy Wells, FFA, \$4.00, Community Bank; Michael Diggins, 4-H, \$4.10, Bear Creek Logs/Goebel's; Willie Gibbs, 4-H, \$4.10, Glen & Patty Engelking; Layla Snyder, 4-H, \$4.10, Karl & Karen Patton; Maggie Zacharias, 4-H, \$4.30, Zacharias Logging; Ashley Campbell, FFA, \$3.90,

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Birdies, Bogeys & Bunkers

Menton scores miraculous eagle

By Rochelle Danielson
For the Chieftain

Chalk one up for Harlan Menton. He eagled No. 3.

Menton's amazing shot came on Alpine Meadow's par-4 No. 3 on July 30th.

An eagle is a miracle on any hole, but especially No. 3 where the fairway parallels Trout Creek in a dog leg. The score card reads 371 yards from the back tees. Harlan says his approach shot of about 170 yards disappeared into a dip near the green. He feared the ball may have rolled passed the flag and down the bank. What a surprise when he, and golf partners, Terry Lamb and Dean Duquette, found it nestled in the cup.

The lazy days of summer have definitely not zapped golfer energy and enthusiasm. Along with local players, vacationers camped at the lake, or gathered for family reunions, are invading the course in high numbers.

For some travelers the golf course is a first, and others a return.

Before going out for their second nine, a California couple came into the clubhouse raving about the view of the Wallowa Mountains from about any fairway.

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset August 13 - August 19 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, Aug. 13	Friday, Aug. 14	Saturday, Aug. 15	Sunday, Aug. 16	Monday, Aug. 17	Tuesday, Aug. 18	Wednesday, Aug. 19
Rise 5:47	Rise 5:49	Rise 5:50	Rise 5:51	Rise 5:52	Rise 5:53	Rise 5:55
Set 8:00	Set 7:58	Set 7:57	Set 7:55	Set 7:53	Set 7:52	Set 7:50

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