

ALLIE: Cattle dog will compete for top spot

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The Border Collies are limping today because they've got sore paws, Jill says. She and the dogs have been moving cattle on an allotment in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest for nearly a week. "They work four to five days a week, normally," she says. "But this was really rough country and it was dry. It's hard on their pads."

Skeeter is limping a little worse than Allie, because Skeeter got kicked by a cow; hazards of the game.

Spark, however, looks fresh. It helps to be younger, but Hanging Tree dogs are also better suited for the hot weather and rough country.

At least two of the dogs will compete at the Aug. 15 Stockgrowers Rodeo in the working cattle dog class. Today, Jill is thinking it will be Spark and Allie and she'll give Skeeter time to heal from that kick.

But first, the McClaran cattle drover's team of Jill, Allie, Skeeter and Spark will show the newspaper reporter how they work cattle.

"Come on dogs," Jill calls cheerfully, and all three dogs leap to their feet and race toward the pasture where the grass-fed cattle lounge in knee-deep grass.

Can't see any evidence of sore paws or bruised shoulders now.

"They love it," Jill says with a grin. "If you take your eyes off them for a while, doing something else, they'll get out there and make their own game of moving cattle."

Forty pictures later Jill calls, "That'll do!" and the

dogs flop in the grass by the cattle and look back over their shoulders at her. "Are you sure?" their expressions say.

"Come on," Jill says, and they race back toward her. She pauses to give them some loving.

"Obviously I love being a cattle rancher," she says as the dogs cuddle around her. "My granddad, Jack McClaran, always said, 'you either need a good dog or a good horse.'"

Jill smiles with satisfaction. She's more into horses, she claims, but maybe that's

because she got lucky right off with a good dog like Allie.

When they get back in the truck Allie calls shotgun. She's got the seniority, Jill says. "The other dogs ride in the back of the truck," Jill says. "We can have three people in the front seat and Allie still gets to ride shotgun."

The Wallowa County Stockgrowers Rodeo will begin Saturday, Aug. 15, with the annual breakfast meeting at 7 a.m. at Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise.

The Ranch Rodeo starts at

noon at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise.

In addition to the famous championship rockjack building competition, events include the kids' stick horse race, branding, dog working, horse working, kids' ewe milking, cattle sorting and horse races.

To top off the day everyone is invited to the traditional dinner and dance at Cloverleaf Hall, which starts with a social hour at 6 p.m. and beef barbecue dinner at 7 p.m. followed by awards and a dance with live music.

RESULTS: Sale sets records again

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Norton Welding; Jalyn Barney, 4-H, \$4.00, Thompson Auto; Cole Kiesecker, FFA, \$4.10, Pioneer West; Matthew Beck, 4-H, \$4.10, Henderson Fuel/Garrett Lowe; Klint Norton, FFA, \$4.40, BTO Logging; Gracie Ellis, 4-H, \$4.10, Schaffed Dental; Raymond Seal, FFA, \$4.00, Yost Ranch; Cassidy Herrod, 4-H, \$4.00, Vemco; Ruben Hunt, 4-H, \$3.90, TNC Shed Hunters; Harlie Stein, 4-H, \$5.10, Stein Distillery; Bailey Vernam, 4-H, \$4.30, Vernam Crane; Addie Kilgore, FFA, \$3.90, Chief Joseph Days/Growney Bros.; Cody Fent, 4-H, \$3.80, Boise Cascade; Cole Gomes, 4-H, \$3.70, Umpqua Bank/Wallowa County Chieftain/Ed Staub; Kennison Knifong, 4-H, \$3.70, Rockin 11 Ranch; Lane

Tanzev, 4-H, \$4.70, BL Lathrop; Kaesie Williams, 4-H, \$4.00, Twisted J Farms; Chelsea Campbell, 4-H, \$3.70, Vemco; Landon Greenshields, 4-H, \$4.00, Jones Excavating; Sarah Aschenbrenner, FFA, \$4.10, Thompson Auto; Chris Bathke, FFA, \$3.70, Tropical Snow.

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Trevor McFetridge, FFA grand champion, \$3.10, BK Auto Salvage; Aspen Birkmaier, 4-H grand champion, \$4.10, Heavenly's; Lauren Makin, FFA reserve grand champion, \$3.20, Spang Construction/Spangus Cattle; McKenzie Langerman, 4-H reserve grand champion, \$3.10, Intermountain Livestock; Zane Hermens, FFA, \$3.10, Wolf Farms; Owen Mallory, 4-H, \$2.80, Rockin J Ranch; Zylar Hermens, FFA, \$2.90, Sky Krebs; Chloe Birkmaier, 4-H,

\$3.40, Gail Hammack; Tate Olsen, FFA, \$3.10, Triple Creek Ranch; Zeb Hermens, 4-H, \$3.00, Wayne & Gordon Wolfe; Emma Hite, FFA, \$3.00, Kreb's Livestock; Gideon Gray, 4-H, \$3.00, WV Health District; Katelyn Diggins, FFA, \$3.00, M Crow & Co.; Alona Yost, 4-H, \$3.30, Triple Creek Ranch; Aaron Schaafsma, FFA, \$3.00, Probert Ranchers; Hailey Cunningham, 4-H, \$3.50, Valley Bronze; Kobe Ketscher, FFA, \$3.00, Hermens & Sheehy; Hayden Hite, 4-H, \$3.20, Chesnimus Creek Cattle; Will McCadden, FFA, \$3.20, Rockin 11/IML; Harley Miller, 4-H, \$3.00, Triple Creek Ranch; Wyatt Smith, FFA, \$3.10, Beef Northwest; Zeb Ramsden, 4-H, \$3.10, Birkmaier Ranch; Marli Tracy, FFA, \$2.90, B&B Hay/NW Farm Credit; Sidney Stonebrink, 4-H, \$3.00, Wilford Properties/Dan Warnock; Ashley Exon, FFA, \$3.00, Thompson Auto; Taylor Baremore, 4-H, \$3.00, New Holland; Kobe Frye, FFA, \$2.90, Oregon Hay; Jordyn Stonebrink, 4-H, \$3.10, TNC Shed Collectors; Haley Miller, FFA, \$2.90, Double Arrow; Maddi Tracy, FFA, \$2.90, Robbins Equipment/Main St. Feed Store; Zane Mallory, FFA, \$3.00, MCO Enterprises; Trace Evans, 4-H, \$2.90, Marr Flat/Mt. Joseph Cattle; Gus Ramsden, FFA, \$3.10, High View/Wheatland/Ry Timber; Jakob Hoffman, 4-H, \$2.90, Wayne Cook Livestock; Deidre Schreiber, 4-H, \$3.10, Thompson Auto; Hadley Miller, FFA, \$2.90, Pepsi; Bryce Melville, 4-H, \$2.80, Anderson Perry; Lute Ramsden, 4-H, \$2.30, TML; Lannie Stonebrink, 4-H, \$3.10, Dan Baremore/Bar B Ranch.

MARKET SHEEP

Shelby Moncrief, FFA grand champion, \$7.00, Hancock Forest Management; Maddie McDowell, 4-H grand champion, \$11.00, Tamarack Ranch;

Ally Wearin, FFA reserve grand champion, \$8.00, Joseph Hardware; Jake Coggins, 4-H reserve grand champion, \$8.00, Ryneerson Construction; Garrett Kincade, 4-H, \$8.00, Tide Water Construction; Andrew Matthews, 4-H, \$7.25, Cornerstone Farms; Libby Fisher, 4-H, \$8.00, MF Timber/Bales Mobile Mix; JohnPaul Matthews, 4-H, \$7.75, Cornerstone Farms; Gwen Jensen, FFA, \$8.00, WV Dental; Aubrina Melville, 4-H, \$8.25, Community Bank; Issak Hoffman, 4-H, \$8.00, Wallowa Foods/Stewart Jones Design; Kacie Melville, FFA, \$8.30, Community Bank; Ryder Goller, 4-H, \$8.25, Fisher Trucking; Johanna Wells, 4-H, \$7.50, Wallowa Resources; Reagan Bedard, 4-H, \$7.50, BOE; Chase Duncan, 4-H, \$8.00, Les Schwab; Bailee Wilcox, FFA, \$7.25, Barreto Mfg.; Bernadette Matthews, 4-H, \$7.00, WCGG; Kaylie Melville, 4-H, \$7.50, Krebs; Kevin Plew, 4-H, \$8.25, Neil's Body Shop; Emma Stanley, 4-H, \$7.25, Lostine Tavern; Emily George, FFA, \$7.25, Lostine Tavern; Avery Bedard, 4-H, \$7.50, Tamarack Ranch; Jackie Jensen, FFA, \$8.00, WV Dental; Karli Bedard, 4-H, \$8.25, WLV Rentals; Andrew Boyd, \$8.00, Roger Motors/NW Fencing; Sam Schaafsma, 4-H, \$8.50, Barreto Mfg.; Brad Scudder, 4-H, \$8.00, WW Clinic/Joseph Excavation; Blair Brock, FFA, \$8.50, IML; Josi Coggins, 4-H, \$8.00, WCGG; Orianna Wandschneider, FFA, \$8.50, Joseph FFA Alumni; Jacob Falk, 4-H, \$8.00, Dan Gover; Katie Hoffman, 4-H, \$8.75, Eagle Freightliner/Enterprise Animal Hospital; Courtney Tippett, 4-H, \$11.00, Skye Krebs; Emma Salmon, 4-H, \$9.75, Dr. Johnson; Dakota Delyria, 4-H, \$10.25, WCGG/BOE; Kasey Duncan, 4-H, \$10.75, Zions Bank/Chris & Mary Cunningham.

JHS practice schedule set

Joseph High School football practices are scheduled Aug. 17-28, Monday through Friday from 5 to 8 p.m., and volleyball doubles will also be held Aug. 17-28, the school announced. Vol-

leyball practices take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 to 8 a.m. and again from 5 to 8 p.m. On Tuesday and Thursday, volleyball practices only in the evening, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Ramsden plays on successful Babe Ruth team

Gus Ramsden, a 15-year-old baseball player from Lostine, was part of something special this summer: the first Union County-based 15U Babe Ruth team ever to play for the Northwest regional championship.

Ramsden, an incoming freshman this fall at Wallowa High School, mostly patrolled center field for the Union County team in the regional tournament, which was played Wednesday through Sunday, July 29 - Aug. 2 in The Dalles.

He also saw some time on the pitching mound.

After trouncing Columbia Basin, 15-2, on Aug. 1, the Union County team narrow-

ly defeated The Dalles, 5-4, on Aug. 2, earning the right to play for the championship later that day.

Ramsden was a key figure in the victory over The Dalles.

In the third inning, he singled, stole second, and was able to scamper home when his subsequent theft of third induced the catcher's errant throw beyond the third baseman.

Union County lost 7-5 to Glacier in the regional championship game.

Ramsden was Wallowa County's only representative on the Union County team, which was coached by Lee Atkinson of La Grande.

BIRDIES: California couple raves about course

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Their trip to the county was encouraged by friends, the Mel Victors, who they'd met as snowbirds in Yuma, Ariz.

For the past two years four gals from McMinnville, who attend the United Methodist Church Camp at Wallowa Lake, have included a couple of days of golf in their itinerary. Each of the two days they played, the quartet wore maroon camp T-shirts, pulled hand carts, and walked nine holes of what they called "a great little course."

Julie Sears and Christine Eaves, clubhouse employees, who have a chance to chat

with sign-ins, say that out-of-towners are a friendly lot and very courteous.

Within the next four weeks two tournaments are scheduled. The JAIP 4-man scramble (for Joseph Athletic Improvement Project), Saturday, Aug. 22, and the Rat Race, Sept. 5 and 6 (Labor Day weekend).

In ladies competition Aug. 4, Cindy Parks/Rochelle Danielson won the two-person best ball.

Men's Day scores haven't been posted of late. Oh yes, a correction on a July 23 skins score for Dean Duquette ... he had one skin on #18, not a total of 18 skins for the season, as reported last week. My bad.

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