



Impressive tryouts for CJD 2016 court



Courtesy photo
Left to right: Taylor Grote, Lauren Makin and Sarah Aschenbrenner have made it through the first test of CJD Court hopefuls with flying colors.

Ticket sales will determine who is crowned queen

We've got a court for Chief Joseph Days 2016.

Tryouts were held Sunday, Aug. 22, and it was no surprise that the three girls who tried out, Taylor Grote, Lauren Makin, and Sarah Aschenbrenner, made the grade. All three of these girls are bona-fide horsewomen, accomplished speakers, and able to represent their community well.

Who will be queen and who will be a princess? Only ticket sales will tell. Any one of these ladies would make a wonderful queen and whoever has the honor of being a princess will make the most of it. Here are

your contenders:

• Taylor Grote has been dreaming of being on the CJD court for a long time. It's her "biggest dream," she says, and she wants to not only represent CJD, but her county.

She's 16 years old and a junior at Joseph Charter School. Her parents are Dennis and Julie Grote and her grandma and grandpa were CJD Grand Marshals in 1997.

Taylor is involved in 4-H Horse and Swine, volleyball, softball, FFA, and FCCLA. She started really riding horses when she was 8 years old. She was a member of Pony Club and then expanded her knowledge of horses by

joining 4-H. She is an active member of the Nez Perce Riders 4-H horse club. She enjoys riding horses, outdoor activities, drawing and reading. Taylor has received the Champion award in 4-H presentation for three years, qualified for State 4-H Horse fair for three years in five or more events, 4-H Dad Potter 3-step award, class secretary during her freshman and sophomore years and was awarded Intermediate All Around Horse award in 2014. She rode her Quarter Horse gelding, Jag, in the riding competition for the CJD court.

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Birdies, Bogeys & Bunkers

Ladies' tourney small but fun

By Rochelle Danielson
For the Chieftain

The Gayle Beck Invitational is in the books for another year. Although the Alpine Ladies agree that the tourney was great fun, they're thankful it's over.

What is it about tournament play that gals either love or hate?

There are women who enjoy the competition, the challenge, they hit the ball well and score low, while others in the higher handicap range dislike the pressure and lack confidence in a tourney setting.

"That's only partially true," says Carol Marr, invitational chairman. "All golf-

ers are nervous to begin with, but soon relax. What's most depressing is out-of-town participation ... the whole purpose of the invitational. Six invite letters go out early June, but response is close to nil. Whether it's distance/travel time, the expense, other commitments or work schedule, we only know they don't show."

Although Alpine Meadows ladies didn't have a gang-buster turnout for the Aug. 11 tournament, they showed gracious hospitality to those who did come — four golfers from La Grande Country Club and one from Buffalo Peak.

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Courtesy Photo/Sarah Weston

James Hayes puts the pedal to the metal in the Super Oval track in Wenatchee, Wash., on Aug 8. The team finished 11th in the race after blowing a header during the last few laps.

Engine failure causes Hayes to miss race

By Steve Tool
Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — The Hayes Brothers Racing Team's 2015 season is winding down with one race remaining. Jerry Hayes, one of the team's three members, said recent events have hampered their efforts to remain in the top 10 of the NW Pro4 Alliance circuit.

The engine blew up in the Hayes' race at the Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, Wash., which caused the

team to miss their July 18 race in Hermiston and also put a dent in their top 10 circuit rank.

"It was the last 10 laps or so. James (Hayes, the driver) hollered in over the radio that the temperature gauges were going up, and there was a red flag up, so we had him kick the fan on," Hayes said.

The fan kept the engine temperature from rising, but it didn't decrease.

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Courtesy photo/Mary Ambrosion
Brian Concannon, left, and Rodd Ambrosion before they began their swim on Saturday. Concannon was first to reach Wallowa Lake's southern end.

MAKING A SPLASH

Ambrosion, Concannon swim Wallowa Lake's length

Joseph artist Rodd Ambrosion and his friend, Brian Concannon, swam the length of Wallowa Lake this past Saturday, Aug. 22, with the help of two guide boats, a canoe and a kayak, paddled

by Anne Humphries and Mary Ambrosion, Rodd's wife.

Despite the smoky weather, the two swimmers got into the lake at the north end around 9:30 a.m., and made it down to the south shore approximately

two and a half hours later. Concannon finished the three-and-a-half mile journey first, followed by Ambrosion, who had this to say about the activity:

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Wallowa County sunrise and sunset August 27 - September 2 (from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

Thursday, Aug. 27	Friday, Aug. 28	Saturday, Aug. 29	Sunday, Aug. 30	Monday, Aug. 31	Tuesday, Sept. 1	Wednesday, Sept 2
Rise 6:04	Rise 6:06	Rise 6:07	Rise 6:08	Rise 6:09	Rise 6:10	Rise 6:12
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