

# COURT: 2016 crown contenders chosen

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After high school, Taylor plans to attend Portland State University and earn a degree in physical therapy.

One of Taylor's references states, "Taylor's speaking ability, riding ability and dedication combined with her personality will help make Chief Joseph Days continue to look its best."

• Lauren Makin loves promoting rodeo and can't wait to "dress up, meet people, learn new skills, see the sights and have the honor of representing the most amazing community."

She's 16 years old and a junior at Joseph Charter School. Lauren is the daughter of Bryan and Kit Makin of Wallowa.

Lauren enjoys riding and showing her horse and raising and showing cattle for 4-H and FFA. She's a 2015 Eastern Oregon Livestock Show Princess, FFA Greenhand Treasurer/Star Greenhand/Historian/Reporter, Sophomore Class Vice President and Student Body Treasurer, Junior Class President, 4-H club president for three years, received 4-H County medals in both horse and livestock, 4-H Dad Potter 3-step award, and 2015 Offensive Player in basketball. She rode her Quarter Horse gelding, Boomer, in the riding competition for the CJD court.

After high school Lauren plans to attend EOU and focus on a career as a dental hygienist.

One of Lauren's references states, "Lauren is always able to solve problems with ease and motivate people in a well-balanced manner. Lauren's ideas, leadership and am-

bitation are respected by peers, teachers, children and members of the community alike."

• Sarah Aschenbrenner looks forward to being on the Chief Joseph Days court and expanding her horsemanship career. She's also excited to interact and reach out to new people. Her time on the CJD court will be spent eagerly promoting Wallowa County, Chief Joseph Days and the sport of rodeo.

She's 16 years old and a junior at Enterprise High School. Her parents are Chad and Cindi Aschenbrenner. She is ap-

preciative of her parents' and grandparents' support for all her activities.

Sarah has three strong passions in her life — sports, FFA and academics. Her favorite sport is basketball. Sarah's achievements include lettering in varsity basketball her freshman year, outstanding member of the Enterprise FFA Chapter for two years, member of the National Honors Society, Excellence in English II award, and she received the 4-H Dad Potter 3-step award. She rode her 19-year-old Quarter Horse mare, Kat, in the riding com-

petition for the CJD court.

After high school Sarah is interested in Medical Imaging Technology in hopes of becoming an ultrasound technician. She is also interested in Veterinary Medicine. She is considering several schools: OIT in Klamath Falls, IIT in Boise or TVCC in Ontario.

One of Sarah's references stated, "Sarah's work ethic is stellar. She is coachable and inquisitive. Besides being an able and passionate horsewoman, Sarah is also an engaging public speaker and a good teammate."

## BOGEYS: Tourney winners take home locally made goods

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Joining the out-of-towners, three locals — Mandy Decker, Amy Stangel and Tori Suto — also signed up. It turned out to be a great group.

Tourney day was a warm one, but golfers sunscreened up. Six teams of three and one team of four kept fairway flow, and some impressive scores were handed in. Over a lunch of crisp salads and refreshing strawberry lemonade, served in the clubhouse, gals regaled in stories of extraordinary shots, of mulligans, trees, water, and anything else that obstructed the ball's forward motion.

Sleeves of balls and baskets of Wallowa County home-

canned goods were presented to winners. Overall field scores: Low Gross, Carrie Wallace, La Grande, 83; Low Net, Tori Suto, Enterprise, 60. Individual club scores: La Grande — Gross, Cally Goss, 87; Net, Marilyn Fallow, 77. Buffalo Peak — Gross, MaryLynn Townsend, 113. Alpine Meadows — Gross, Carol Marr, 85; Net, a tie, Pam Garrett/Rochelle Danielson, 70. Additional Awards/Flight One and Two: KP, Carrie Wallace, MaryLynn Townsend; Closest to the Line, Carol Marr, Rochelle Danielson; Long Drive, Cally Goss, Tori Suto; Long Putt, Cheri Lamb, Amy Stangel; 50/50 Pot, Kathy Reynolds; Play & Stay Wildhorse raffle, Laidee Ann Wolfe.

## SWIM: Friends take on lake

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"Well, I've been wanting to do that for several years. We swam the width and back. The lake's always been here, and I've always wanted to swim the length. Brian Cannon mentioned he'd had notions to swim the length this summer while he's here, and I mentioned I had the same notion. So I've been training, swimming in the lake to practice, and we decided to do it Saturday."

He added, "It was my 60th birthday this April, and I had to do something to mark it. We both love this lake tremendously, and it was one way for us both to enjoy it. It was exhilarating to start swimming and just continue and continue until you're just exhausted."



Courtesy photo/Mary Ambrosion

Rodd Ambrosion swims the length of Wallowa Lake on Aug. 22.

## HAYES: Engine trouble sidelines racing brothers

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When the race restarted, it wasn't long before James Hayes radioed back in that

smoke was filling the driver's compartment. "That's never any good," Jerry Hayes said.

After one more lap, the car was driven into the pit with blue smoke coming from the exhaust pipe. "After we unbuttoned the hood it was so hot, you couldn't stand by it," Hayes said.

After the engine cooled, the Hayes crew found a hole in the block where much of the head gasket had melted. Hayes said the gasket was one of several failures the engine suffered.

After the engine was taken apart it was discovered that one valve was destroyed as well as two pistons in addition to the head gasket. Hayes said the high temperature at the track probably contributed to the catastrophe as several other racers reported engine temperature problems.

The Hayes team went to TRE Motors in Prosser, Wash., to have the engine rebuilt. "The trick part with these engines is that you have stock and race parts combined, so you have to

build to the weakest link, because otherwise you blow everything up," Hayes said. About half the engine is brand new and took about six weeks to build.

The team got the motor replaced in time for the next race in Wenatchee, Wash. "We did OK in the race, but the new motor, the RPMs and the rear end weren't meshing together yet, so we were off pace a bit," Hayes said. Even so, the team was in ninth place in Wenatchee with only five laps remaining, when the engine blew a header. "We pulled her in, and we didn't have time to fix it. We'd passed other cars during the race, but they were still running, so we ended up 11th. Not bad, considering it was a new motor that hadn't been fired up," Hayes said. He added that anything out of the top 10 is a disappointment for the team.

The new motor is a four-cylinder Ford 2300 pushing about 310 horsepower with the added racing modifications. "It cost us a race putting the new engine together, and it put us behind in points, but we're still running 11th among 32 cars," Hayes said.

The team's next race is a non-points race in Meridian, Idaho, on Aug. 29. The season's final race is Sept. 19 at Ephrata, Wash.

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*Thank You*

The Wallowa County Fair Fat Stock Sale had a very successful year. The support given by the community each year continues to be exceptional. A large number of volunteers and community members come together to support the culmination of the 4-H and FFA members educational year. There are several entities that have special talents or businesses that are very seldom known for how critical they are to the success of the sale operations. We want to recognize these folks for their continued support throughout the years.

First is Beef Northwest. For numerous years, Beef Northwest has supplied the floor for the beef. In addition, they have added \$50 per steer to each 4-H/FFA member's check for many years. Beef Northwest works with the OSU Extension Office before and after the sale to ensure all of proper paperwork is prepared for the steer's slaughter. They supply all of the contact with the slaughter facility and coordinate the collection of the carcass data. Furthermore, upon receiving the carcass data, they work with the OSU Extension Office to interpret it; ensuring quality completeness of the data, which can then be passed onto members.

Second, we would like to thank Auctioneers Justin Nedrow and Lyle Dawson. Justin travels to our sale, arriving just in time, after he has auctioned the Baker County Fair Sale, which ended approximately 2 hours before our sale. Lyle travels all the way from Northern California to support our sale. Both have contributed their talents to the fair and sale for many years.

Intermountain Livestock supplies the floor for hogs, sheep and goats. Intermountain supports the various fairs around Northeast Oregon mixing and matching the livestock, helping us find an outlet.

Finally at this time we would like to thank Farm Supply Distributors Inc. and Del Stanley, driver. For the past few years Farm Supply has contributed the use of the truck, and Del has donated his time to haul the livestock to their destinations. The first trip usually leaves the fairgrounds in the middle of the night after the sale, returning and leaving the next evening with an additional trip.

There are many, many more who contribute to the success of the Wallowa County Fat Stock Sale. Please include those listed, and all the others in your thanks as you meet them in your daily lives.

Sincerely,  
Wallowa County Fair Board; Auction Committee; Wallowa County OSU Extension Service; Wallowa County 4-H; and Wallowa County FFA