

2016 Chief Joseph Days queen coronation Saturday

Final competition begins at 11 a.m. at rodeo grounds

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Saturday is the big day for contestants of the 71st Annual Chief Joseph Days rodeo court. Sarah Aschenbrenner of Enterprise and Taylor Grote and Lauren Makin of Joseph are competing in the finals for the title of CJD Queen at the Harley Tucker Rodeo Grounds.

The girls will compete in riding and public speaking. Their contestants' respective ticket sales also figure into the outcome. The competition starts at 11 a.m. and is



2016 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Princesses, from left, Sarah Aschenbrenner, Taylor Grote and Lauren Makin.

Courtesy photos

free and open to the public.

A dinner, dance and the queen's coronation at the Joseph Community Center follows the competition. There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 p.m., followed by tritip dinner by Apple Flat Ca-

tering at 6:30 p.m., the Queen Coronation at 8:30 p.m. and dance immediately after coronation.

Tickets for the dinner and coronation are \$20, which includes free entrance to the dance.

Tickets for the dance only are \$5. Tickets are available at the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Office and The Sports Corral in Joseph as well as Community Bank branches in Joseph, Enterprise and Wallowa.

Education Foundation on its way to \$1M

By Kathleen Ellyn
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2016 may be the year to remember. It's stacking up to be the year that the Enterprise Education Foundation crushed the \$1 million mark — having donated \$1 million over 12 years for K-6 music teachers and K-12 art teachers.

New co-chairs Jen Cameron and Jessie Cunningham put on a great do for the EEF "We Love Our Kids" dinner and auction, and reported they were "right at \$20,000" with more money to count, by press time. That's the magic number needed to break the million-dollar mark.

The event, known for its fantastic range of kid-created or -inspired arts and crafts saw some of the most innovative products yet:

- A blue pine coffee table built mostly by Mike Wiedeman with a scrapbook of poetry, art and photos from Mr. Keffer's fifth-grade class sold for \$725

- An award-winning fifth-grade film about the 100-year history of Enterprise Elementary (Available for \$25 a copy; contact Lorri Fischer)

- A wooden hall tree featuring black-and-white photos of children from the combined first-grade class of Mrs. Yanke and Mrs. Butterfield, made and donated by Donnie Rynearson, sold for \$450.

- The highest price paid for



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The crowd favorite event, The Dessert Dash, impressed School Board member Mike Wiedeman, his granddaughter Cassidy Wiedeman, 10, and music teacher Wendy Stauffer. They stuffed their bidding envelopes and won the cake for their table.

a dessert in the dessert dash was \$240.

The money goes toward K-6 music and K-12 arts programs, and the community support for the program is well respected throughout the region.

Wendy Stauffer, elementary music teacher at Enterprise Elementary, recently defended her masters thesis at the University of Idaho and impressed

everyone there with stories of Wallowa County's largesse.

"They were floored to learn how our community bands together to support music and art in schools and they send their applause to us," Stauffer said.

The special guest of the night was outgoing Superintendent/Elementary School Principal Brad Roysse, who was all smiles the entire eve-



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What's left of a \$240 cake at the Enterprise Education Foundation dinner and auction. It was worth it.

ning. Rumor has it he will be making saddles in his retirement.

He was honored for "the guidance and stubbornness" that brought Enterprise School District to financial solvency, said School Board member Mike Wiedeman. During his 18 years with the district Roysse worked with 20 different board members on their way to that goal.

Roysse alluded to both the tough times and the good when he called his years with the district "a heck of a ride."

"This is what I consider home," he said." The kids in this community — and this community — are second to none."

Nobody could disagree with that. The crowd gave Roysse a standing ovation and plenty of appreciative whistles.

OBITUARIES

William Ray Coffman
Oct. 4, 1929 to April 3, 2016

William (Bill) Ray Coffman, 86, of Ontario, Ore., passed away into the loving arms of Jesus on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at his home while surrounded by family. Bill was born in Weiser, Idaho, on Oct. 4, 1929. He grew up on Keithly Creek and attended Midvale School. He met Jeanie Richards of Cambridge, Idaho, and they were married Nov. 9, 1950. They were married 65 years.



Bill was drafted into the Army in 1951 and was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, Germany and England during his two years of service. After returning home, he bought a dairy ranch in Midvale, Idaho. He also drove milk truck on the upper valley run to Payette, Idaho. Later he drove the school bus for the Midvale School District.

In 1969, Bill, Jeanie and family moved to Enterprise, where Bill worked in the woods before buying the Texaco Service Station. He operated it for five years and then drove log truck. He enjoyed having his grandson ride with him.

In 1988 the farming urge hit him again. He and the family purchased a 40-acre ranch just outside Ontario. He raised cattle and drove truck for a sand-and-gravel company. He enjoyed helping out his neighbors (including his sister Rose Marie and her husband Rudolph Cada). When he fully retired he kept busy with his lawn and garden. He was fun to be around and teased everyone.

Bill was preceded in death by his sister Rose Marie Cada, his brother Robert Coffman, his parents Everett and Sylvia Coffman, and his step-mother Hazel Coffman. Bill is survived by his wife Jeanie, his sister Olive Davis, his son Bill Coffman (and wife Charlotte) and daughter Sue Shelley (and husband Dean). He also was blessed with five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Thomason Funeral Home in Weiser. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Weiser Memorial Cemetery, with a reception immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up in honor of Bill at the Ontario First Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 175, Ontario, OR, 97914.

SERVICE NOTICES

Zana Shuman

A graveside service for Zana Shuman, who passed away at age 79 on Jan. 13 in Walla Walla, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16 at the Lostine Cemetery. Following the graveside service there will be a celebration of life gathering at the Wallowa Senior Center, 204 2nd St. in Wallowa. All friends and family are welcome.

Harold Goebel

Graveside services for Harold Goebel, 86, of Wallowa will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Wallowa Cemetery. A complete obituary will be published later. Bollman Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Gabriel Ryan Renfroe

Linda Renfroe Comstock, mother of Gabriel Ryan Renfroe, is planning a memorial for her son to take place at the end of this summer. It will be a private, invitation-only event.

DEATH NOTICES

Erma May Armon

Former Enterprise resident Erma May Armon, 89, of Caldwell, Idaho, died of natural causes Friday, April 8, 2016 at a Caldwell care center. Cremation is under the care of Fla-hiff Funeral Chapel of Caldwell.

Richard K. Macauley

Richard K. Macauley of Milton-Freewater passed away April 6, 2016 at his home at age 80. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main, Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. www.wunderground.com

	High	Low	Conditions
April 14	47	31	Snow
April 15	53	28	Chance of Rain
April 16	62	31	Clear
April 17	67	34	Clear
April 18	70	38	Clear
April 19	68	38	Clear

Phases of the moon

April 13	April 22	April 30	May 6
1st Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon

WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE AND SUNSET APRIL 13-19

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES
April 13 Rise: 6:06 Set: 7:33	April 14 Rise: 6:04 Set: 7:35	April 15 Rise: 6:03 Set: 7:36	April 16 Rise: 6:01 Set: 7:37	April 17 Rise: 5:59 Set: 7:39	April 18 Rise: 5:58 Set: 7:40	April 19 Rise: 5:56 Set: 7:41

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