

BMCC women repeat as CNFR champions

BMCC won its second-straight women's national rodeo title

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PENDLETON — The Blue Mountain Community College women's rodeo team repeated as national champions on Saturday at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

Sophomore Danyelle Williams won the final round of barrel racing to cement her women's all-around title. Her 340 total points was nearly double that of second-place Taylor Engesser of Gillette College.

The BMCC women finished with 595 total points and Missouri Valley College was second with 420.

The BMCC men finished in 29th with 150 points. Feather River College won the men's team title with an even 1,000.

Williams' time of 13.79 in Saturday's barrel racing short-go was the fastest time of the week, but Black Hills' Kristi



Williams

Steffes turned in the second-fastest time with a 13.85 to hold on for the aggregate title. Steffes finished with 56.09 on four and Williams was second with 56.24.

Blue Mountain's Jessica Lewis, who won the first round in the barrels, finished fourth in the aggregate with 56.84 on four. She placed seventh in the short-go with 14.18.

Also scoring points for the women on Saturday was Lauren Leyva with an eighth-place time of 7.0 in the goat tying short-go. She ended up in a tie for third in the aggregate

gate with 26.6 on four. The only BMCC cowboy to reach the short-go was steer wrestler JT Garland, and he placed third in the round (6.2) and fifth in the aggregate (29.2 on four).

2016 COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO CHAMPIONS
Bareback — Wyatt Denny, Feather River College, 311.5 points
Tie-Down Roping — Marcus Theriot, East Mississippi Community College 38.1 seconds
Breakaway Roping — Kirbie Crouse, Missouri Valley College, 10.9 seconds
Saddle Bronc Riding — Wyatt Casper, Clarendon College, 290 points
Barrel Racing — Kristi Steffes, Black Hills State University, 56.09
Bull Riding — Cody Hudson, Walla Walla Community College, 159.5 points
Men's All-Around — Marcus Theriot, East Mississippi Community College, 510 points
Women's All-Around — Danyelle Williams, Blue Mountain Community College, 340 points
Men's Team — Feather River College, 1000 points
Women's Team — Blue Mountain Community College, 595 points
Men's Rookie — Marcus Theriot, East Mississippi Community College, 510 points
Women's Rookie — Brittany Dias, California State University – Fresno, 185 points



Courtesy photo
From left: Quince Zacharias, Lydia Yost, Alisha Meiville, Catelyn Eckel, Lily Royes and Lucy and Katelyn Matthews.

Students from local schools share collaborative learning experience

By Colby Knifong
For The Chieftain

Students from three county schools (Troy, Imnaha and Enterprise) were able to do cooperative learning this year.

It started with a trip to Imnaha to study fire affects, the Imnaha River and a local pond.

Students used scientific instruments such as anemometers, along with temperature and humidity gauges that were provided by Eastern Oregon STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). This allowed students to work with real scientific

instruments and learn how wind speed and humidity changes fires.

The students' teachers — Shari Warnock of Imnaha, Fred Byers of Troy and Colby Knifong of Enterprise — previously took a STEM class in Baker that focused on the science of fire and how it affected local communities.

The students spent the night at the Imnaha School and were spoiled by local residents, including grandmothers coming down in the morning and making the students pancakes for breakfast.

Troy students later in the year came to the Enterprise school to visit and attend the

Oregon Aquarium assembly.

Then in May, Enterprise students journeyed to Troy to see firsthand what fire had done to that area of the county.

Mrs. Yankee's first-grade class and Mrs. Knifong's 3rd/4th-grade class was able to study with Mr. Byers' two students (a first-grader and a third-grader).

Students hiked to study the Wenaha and Grande Ronde rivers. They then classified and studied flowers and vegetation that had been disturbed by the fire last summer.

On this trip students also were able to see a big horn sheep up close.

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Silent and live auctions will follow the dinner, starting with a Calcutta to auction off the ranch rodeo teams. The Calcutta auction is a fundraiser, with 25 percent of the proceeds going to a scholarship fund and 75 percent to the "owner" of the winning team.

Raffle tickets for two nights at Southpoint Resort in Las Vegas and two tickets for two performances at the National Finals Rodeo will be sold for \$10 and \$7 apiece.

The event is a fundraiser for the CJD Scholarship Fund.

In addition to the college scholarships the rodeo awards to its royalty court members, one \$1,000 scholarship each is awarded to high school students from Wallowa, Enterprise and Joseph.

The ranch rodeo starts at 5 p.m. Saturday. Entrance is \$6 adults, \$3 for children ages 3-10 and free for age 2 and under.

Saturday events are team roping, branding, sorting and doctoring. Awards will be given for Best Cowgirl and Top Hand.

Following the ranch rodeo, festivities continue with barbecue, drinks and live music by the Award Band. Entrance to the barbecue dinner is \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 5-10 and free for ages 4 and under.

NYSSA NITE RODEO



Courtesy of Rob Ruth/The Argus Observer

Haley Miller of Enterprise had a respectable time of 17.834 in the barrels Thursday (slack night) at the Nyssa Nite Rodeo.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DESTINY BARNEY

This week's athlete of the week is Destiny Barney, a member of the Mountain High Broncos and Bulls Drill Team. Barney, 12, is the youngest performing member of the team.

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The former Miss Junior Rodeo Oregon helped the drill team take second place at the recent Asotin County Parade in Washington. The team also performed at the Mountain High Broncos and Bulls Rodeo in Enterprise on June 18.
When asked why she joined the drill team, she answered, "Because I've never been on the drill team and it sounded like fun being with my friends."
In her spare time, Barney likes riding horses and also a steer the family owns. She also likes art.
Barney is the daughter of Vixen Radford of Enterprise and Ryan Barney of Enterprise.

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