



Derek Kolbaba rides Uncle Anthony on Wednesday night. It was a 78-point ride and it held up through the weekend to give Kolbaba top honors in the event.

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## La Grande Legion team goes 2-2 at state

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Wallowa County Chieftain

Three Wallowa County players on the La Grande Legacy Legends American Legion baseball team have returned from state tournament play in Central Point over the last week. Wallowa High School sophomore Gus Ramsden and Enterprise High School juniors Chris Bathke and Riley Hayward are the only Wallowa County players on the team.

The Legends turned in a third-place effort with a 2-2 record at the double-elimination tournament.

The Legends lost both their first and final games to eventual state champions North Medford by one-run margins — 9-8 and 4-3.

In between losses they earned a 5-3 victory over Umpqua and a satisfying 6-0 drubbing of home team Central Point.

“They were supposed to be the best team there,” Ramsden said. “They were supposed to win it, and it was their field. They were super cocky, and we beat them.”

Bathke played in the outfield for most of the tournament, while Hayward and Ramsden played a game each at second base.

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## Kolbaba claims top bull-riding prize after four thrilling nights of CJD Rodeo action

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Rodeo fans who attended the 71st Chief Joseph Days Rodeo final performance on Saturday night got their money’s worth and then some with some spectacular performances by both the athletes and animals. Hometown favorite Derek Kolbaba held off all comers with his 78-point bull ride on opening night — no one presented a serious challenge in the three subsequent performances.

Local songstress Jessie Borgerding sang the National Anthem on Saturday, while the Growney Brothers rough stock proved a tough test. More than a few of the Growney’s animals were National Rodeo Finals picks, and an impressive number of cowboys found themselves staring up at the stars long before the eight-second buzzer sounded.

No new arena records were set this year, but a few were matched. Trevor Knowles of Mount Vernon, Ore., posted a steer-wrestling time of 3.7 seconds on Wednesday to match Nik Hamm’s record, set in 2011. Knowles finished second in the final aggregate standings behind



Randy DeMoss acknowledges the crowd Friday night at Harley Tucker Memorial Arena in Joseph. DeMoss recorded an 83-point ride for a share of first place in the saddle bronc event.

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Nevada cowboy Dakota Eldridge.

Also, J.C. Malone of Hooper, Utah, matched Clint Cooper’s arena tie-down record (2010) with an 8.0-second run. Hooper topped the aggregate standings

with a final score of 17.4 seconds — a full two seconds better than second-place finisher Roger Nonella of Redmond, Ore.

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## Only fin-clipped Chinook can be kept on select lower Columbia

Fall Chinook salmon fishing opened Monday on the lower Columbia River tributaries under new rules designed to protect wild fish.

Only fin-clipped fall Chinook salmon may be retained this year on lower Columbia River tributaries in a move designed to protect wild tule Chinook, a species listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

Streams covered by the temporary rule include Youngs River and Bay, Bear Creek, Beaver Creek, Big Creek, Gnat Creek, John Day River, Klaskanine River (Including North and South Fork), Clatskanie River and Lewis and Clark River.

While anglers are still allowed to fish for Chinook in these streams and keep up to two adult and five jack (15”-24”) Chinook, they must be fin-clipped fish, which are marked with a healed adipose or ventral fin clip.

Season closure dates and open areas remain unchanged, but vary by stream so anglers are advised to check ODFW’s online Regulation Update Page for details about these fisheries.

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# Shriner’s event gives a boost to community

Holy Cow — and a whole lot of horses and bulls, for that matter! Another terrific Chief Joseph Days has come and gone.

As the thunder ceases to a low rumble in Joseph, so goes another Shriner’s golf tournament at Alpine Meadows in Enterprise, traditionally scheduled on the Friday of CJD weekend.

Compared to last year’s entries the fundraising event was down in numbers by about 10 people, but those who did get in the game seemed happier with fewer players and a faster-paced game.

“The tournament is well-known as

## tee time

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a lengthy all-day happening, but this year we were out of there by 2 p.m.,” said Sid Wortman, who resides in Gresham, Ore., and has played in the Shriner’s event for many years. “The committee relaxed a few old-established rules that tend to slow game play, but still gave players the option in purchasing mulligans.”

Of the 60 participating golfers,

team winners were:

- First Place (tiebreaker): Rob Hayes, Cody Hayes, Kyle Hayes, Cassie Westbrook and Roger Davies, 59.

- Second Place (tiebreaker): Doug Doyle, Dennis Hunt, Kent Wigle, Rod Wigle and Greg Oveson, 59.

- Third Place (tiebreaker): Jerry Hook, Marvin Gibbs, Sherri Currie and Josh Kissenger, 63.

- Fourth Place (tiebreaker): Dennis Kennedy, Wendy Kennedy, Dave Daggett, Bob Payant, and Terri Smith, 63.

- Ladies Longest Drive: Sherri Currie.

- Men’s Longest Drive: Kyle Hayes.

- Men’s KP: Greg Rose; 2nd, Rod Wigle.

High praise for the clubhouse crew (Jimmy Bivens, Christine Eaves and Lori Shane) came from Lorraine and Gerald Crawford: “You have a wonderful club manager and employees working for the course. They were there to help us in every way in what was needed for the tournament.”

Event chair Sam Wade was pleased with the turnout.

“This is our money-maker for the local chapter,” Wade said. “The

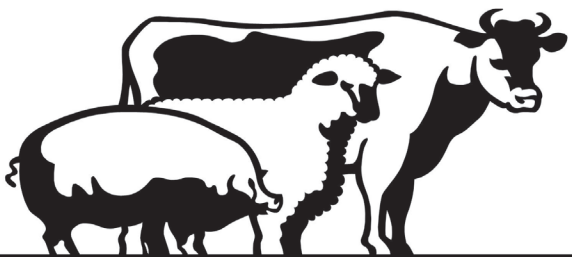
money helps those in need in our community. We thank all who participate each year.”

In other news:

Tuesday Ladies group names added to the July Birdie tree: Judy Ables, Carol Marr, Ernestine Kilgore and Heather Bruce.

Notice: Already in play is a Wednesday evening organized group of golfers. In the past it was a men’s group, but ladies are included this year. If interested, check with Bill Ables at clubhouse.

Rochelle Danielson is an Alpine Meadows member who resides in Enterprise.



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