



Cooney earns 'Dad' Potter award

By Steve Tool

Wallowa County Chieftain

Some people want to ride horses. Some want to learn to ride well, but a few aspire to become true horsemen or horsewomen.

Joseph Charter School student Ally Cooney is one of the latter.

Through hard work and perseverance, Cooney and her horse Carl recently landed the coveted "Dad" Potter award for 4-H horsemanship during the Wallowa County Fair. Cooney was the only one of 11 county participants to be selected for the award.

The award is named for an

Oregon State University professor who helped create standards for the 4-H equine program in its infancy. It goes to junior, intermediate or senior 4-H riders who complete the three-step Horse Advancement Program portion in their 4-H record book.

Cooney, 17, is going into her

senior year at JCS. She's an independent 4-H member who's not affiliated with any club. She also trains her Quarter Horse Carl, on her own.

"It's just the Ally and Carl 4-H club," she said with a laugh.

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Courtesy photo

Ally Cooney, recent winner of the "Dad" Potter horsemanship award as well as Grand Champion Trail and Reserve Champion awards in both english equitation and reining.



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Get ready for some team branding, rockjack building, cattle dog competition, team sorting and other cowboy staples at the annual Stockgrowers Rodeo on Saturday at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

Stockgrowers preparing packed day of rodeo fun

Rockjack competition, cattle dog trials part of lengthy lineup

By Kathleen Ellyn

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The World Champion Rockjack Building Contest is a crowd favorite each year at the annual Stockgrowers Rodeo in Enterprise, and this year the event has a new wrinkle. The 2016 theme is "old guys," and teams of two fellows over age 60 will be building the rockjacks Saturday at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

As of press time, Dave Yost and Dave Kuhlman make up one team, while Jerry Witherrite and his son Mike make up a second team. Organizer Tom Birksmaier expects more teams to enter, but even if there are just the two, that combo of 80-year-old Jerry Witherrite and his son will be something to see. Mike is rumored to be just shy of the 60-year-old mark, but his dad lent him a few years to make the cut.

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The duo of Cynthia Warnock of Imnaha and Mark Ramsden of Wallowa took the top prize for rockjack building in 2015. Warnock and Ramsden threw their lot together when their respective mates backed out of the event. They built a rock jack in less than 15 minutes.

Hayes Bros. Racing competes in Spokane

By Steve Tool

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Despite numerous gear changes and no track practice, Hayes Brothers Racing car No. 22 cruised in for a ninth-place finish in a field of 15 cars on Saturday at the Spokane County Raceway. The event was part of the Northwest Pro Alliance 4 series.

The team missed its first practice run after a bolt from the driver harness went missing. Then they were forced to figure out some gear issues, which took longer than expected.

"We'd never been on this track before and knew the gears we had in the car were not going to be right, so we did our math and decided where we needed to be," said team member Jerry Hayes.

Their parts supplier told the team its numbers were wrong and recommended several alternatives — none of which worked well.

"I went back, found the gears we wanted and put them back in the car," Hayes said. "By that time, it was time to race."

Considering all the road blocks, the team was satisfied with their result.

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Outlaws junior high volleyball set to begin

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Practices for Enterprise Junior High volleyball players begin at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 in the small gym.

Players should arrive ready to practice after a short informational meeting. Players need to have their sports physical completed before they can begin practice.

For more information, contact Lisa Farwell at 541-426-6375.

Gayle Beck ladies have fun despite rain

By Rochelle Danielson

For The Chieftain

From rain gear to sunglasses and back, golfers played the first nine holes of the Gayle Beck Ladies Invitational Tournament on Aug. 9, shedding jackets and then replacing them between golf shots.

From drizzle to sunshine all around the golf course you'd see bright green-striped umbrellas pop up and then down — kind of like a kaleidoscope — but the gals adjusted to the inclement weather in good spirit. Actually, the second nine-hole play was quite comfortable under low cloud cover, but

tee time

Rochelle Danielson

without the rain.

"Although we didn't melt, our four-some experienced wet golf gloves and slippery handle grips on our clubs," Kathy Reynolds said. "That's our whiny excuse, anyway."

The weather certainly didn't affect the cheerful mood of the 33 players on the course — 25 local golfers, four from La Grande and four from Union's Buffalo Peak. It's been said

wet scorecards are useless, but that's not so. There were some very legible and impressive scores turned in at the end of play.

Winners and scores

- Overall field: gross, Heather Bruce, 73; net, Lisa Larson, 62.
- Alpine Meadows: gross, Carol Marr, 88; net, Panky Haurwell, 65.
- La Grande Country Club: gross, Cally Goss, 78; net, Stephanie Williams, 70.
- Buffalo Peak: gross, Kathi Karnowski, 82; net, Sandy Southard, 79.
- KP Nos. 1 and 10: Flight One, Stephanie Williams, 8⁻²; Flight Two, Kristen Ballard, 16⁻⁴.

- Closest to the-line: Flight One, Sandy Southard; Flight Two, Donna McCadden.

- Long Drive, Nos. 6 and 15: Flight One, Heather Bruce; Flight Two, Mary Lynn Townsend.

- Long Putt, Nos. 9 and 18: Flight One, Marilyn Fallow, 7⁻⁷; Flight Two, Cheri Lamb, 10⁻.

- Drawing for 50/50: Marilyn Fallow, \$68.

- Drawing for Play and Stay at Wildhorse: Kim Tally. (One Night Stay at Wildhorse Resort and Casino and two rounds of golf.)

A Hawaiian theme used for table decorations at the Caesar Salad lun-

cheon, set up by Judy Ables and Donna McCadden, was a refreshing sight to golfers after the four to five hours of play.

Carol Marr, chair of the annual event, did a wonderful job. Alpine Meadows members thank and appreciate her hard work.

Again, a reminder for this weekend: The JAIP (Joseph Athletic Improvement Project) will be held this Saturday, Aug. 20. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry Fee \$300 per team/\$75 per player.

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



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