

Dodgeball tournament benefits family

Fundraiser for Karlee Riggs of Enterprise raised \$3,776

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Wallowa County Chieftain

No one broke a hip at the dodgeball tournament fundraiser for Karlee Gene Riggs of Enterprise last Saturday evening on the tennis courts at Enterprise City Park.

That wasn't a concern for the kids team, the high school team or the college-age teams, but there was a lot of ribbing along those lines aimed at the combined Oregon Department of Transportation and Enterprise City Road Crew team "Road Kill," which included some fellas with, shall we say, tenure within their departments.

"You guys better start stretching; you're up next," teased event co-organizer Heather Pool.

In all, 13 teams paid a \$100 entry for the pleasure of pelting friends and neighbors for a good cause — raising money for Karlee Gene Riggs to get her back on her feet after cancer treatment and ongoing treatment for a genetic disorder that was revealed during treatment. The genetic disorder is Fanconi anemia, which results in decreased production of all types of blood cells. The disorder prevents Riggs from undergoing chemotherapy should her cancer return. It also may require a bone marrow transplant down the road. Riggs' entire family has been genetically mapped to find a suitable donor should that become necessary.

The Riggs family has had astounding bad luck with cancer. Karlee's grandfather Marlin Riggs died in 2014 due to complications with leukemia. Her father Coy is just home from cancer surgery followed by treatment, and her mother Jody is a cancer survivor.

Karlee and her parents have been off work for months due to the cancer treatments. Event organizers



Justin Herold of the Enterprise Fire team winds up to deliver as Gary Gasset considers his target.

Heather Pool and Kate Fent knew they couldn't touch the medical costs, but they hoped the community would come together to help Karlee with travel expenses related to the ongoing treatment of her anemia and her household bills.

In addition to the dodgeball tournament, many local businesses donated raffle prizes and rolls of tickets were sold.

Meanwhile, out on the tennis courts the hilarious, crowd-pleasing fun continued until the dodgeball competition came down to the top two teams: the combined Prestige World Wide teams (a nod to the movie "DodgeBall: A True Underdog Story") made up of friends and family of Karlee Riggs and the combined Enterprise Fire Department teams One and Two.

Although the weather turned stormy and they were playing in the rain by then, the teams' spirits weren't dampened. A fierce battle



Jeff Weer of the Enterprise Fire team winds up for a shot.

ended with Prestige World Wide taking the prize and EFD coming in second.

Enterprise Fire Team didn't leave empty handed — they won first

prize for the best costume, showing up in their red wool fire department union suits and big rubber boots. It was a close competition against the Imnaha Tavern team and their



Kathleen Ellyn/Chieftain Karlee Riggs plays with a friend's baby at the dodgeball fundraiser held on her behalf Saturday at Enterprise Park.

Li'l Abner check shirts and cutoff shorts.

"It was an awesome event," Poor said. "We hoped to raise \$2,000 and we raised \$3,776."

It was clear from the smiles on faces of competitors and spectators that the event was a winner.

"We should do this every month," said one Outlaws Junior Team member.

"Every week," said another.

The teams participating were: Enterprise Fire Department Teams One and Two; Wallowa Fire and Rescue; ODOT and Enterprise City Roads Department "Roadkill"; Imnaha Tavern; Prestige World Wide One and Two; "Nighthawks," sponsored by Jacob and Miranda Micka; the Suicide Squad, sponsored by Miller Plumbing; Enterprise High Outlaws; Outlaws Junior Team, sponsored by Court and Kate Fent; "The Big Dogs," sponsored by Stangel Industries; and the Oregon Department of Forestry Fire Crew.

The top team got T-shirts for everyone, sponsored by Wallowa Title (where Jody Riggs works), and the second-place group was awarded Gypsy Java gift cards.

FOR THE RECORD

Dispatch log:

Monday, Sept. 12

7:06 a.m.: Dog bite reported in rural Wallowa.
8:47 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise
9:15 a.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.
11:36 a.m.: House fire reported in Enterprise.
4:27 p.m.: Theft reported at Wallowa Lake.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

10:04 a.m.: Game complaint in rural Enterprise; referred to OSP.
10:35 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
1:31 p.m.: Report of menacing in rural Enterprise.
2:57 p.m.: Report of scam phone call in Wallowa.
4:05 p.m.: Wallowa County Circuit Court issued an arrest warrant for Stacie Lynn Davis, 29, of Grants Pass for failure to appear,

original charge felon in possession of restricted firearm.

4:31 p.m.: Wallowa County Circuit Court issued an arrest warrant for Nicholas Craig Ramsey, 23, of La Grande for probation violation, original charges DUII, MIP.
6:16 p.m.: Ambulance request in Joseph.
6:28 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.
10:04 p.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

8:06 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
8:12 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
8:48 a.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
9:46 a.m.: Report of scam phone call in Joseph.
11:20 a.m.: Detainer entered for Arthur Ray Haskins, 57, of Joseph for probation violation, original charge driving while suspended.
12:01 p.m.: Civil dispute in rural Joseph.
12:23 p.m.: Traffic stop in rural Joseph.
1:19 p.m.: Grass fire in

Imnaha.
1:23 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
3:07 p.m.: Report of violation of restraining order in Joseph.
3:16 p.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.
3:18 p.m.: Ambulance request in Wallowa.
3:40 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
4:47 p.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.
5:25 p.m.: Minor traffic crash in Enterprise.
9:19 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
9:44 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

Thursday, Sept. 15

9:11 a.m.: Ambulance request in rural Lostine.
11:10 a.m.: Report of traffic crash involving motorcycle on Highway 82, rural Wallowa.
12:45 p.m.: Ambulance request in Wallowa.
2:30 p.m.: After report of traffic crash on Highway 82, Kyle James Power, 32, of Enterprise arrested in Wallowa for DUII. Cited and released to sober third party.
7:44 p.m.: Disturbance report-

ed in Enterprise.
9:43 p.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.

Friday, Sept. 16

12:02 a.m.: Report of fight in Joseph.
2:30 a.m.: Telephone harassment in Joseph.
7:19 a.m.: Ambulance request in Wallowa.
8:30 a.m.: Non-injury traffic crash in rural Enterprise.
8:39 a.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.
2:35 p.m.: Black and white male border collie reported lost on Highway 82 between Joseph and Enterprise. Old black collar with owner info. Owner found.
3:42 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.
7:36 p.m.: Harassment report in Enterprise.
9:19 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.
9:46 p.m.: Traffic stop in

Enterprise.
10:11 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.

Saturday, Sept. 17

10:44 a.m.: Civil dispute in Enterprise.
1:55 p.m.: Traffic stop in Enterprise.
3:10 p.m.: Traffic stop in Joseph.
4:29 p.m.: Report of truck hitting power pole in Wallowa.
6:08 p.m.: White Alaskan malamute/greyhound mix with red collar and blue tag reported lost in rural Joseph. Located.
7:06 p.m.: Civil dispute in rural Joseph.
7:07 p.m.: Enterprise police arrested Jack Donald Fuller, 52, of Joseph for probation violation, original charge failure to perform duties of a driver. Subsequently released.
7:22 p.m.: Unattended death in Enterprise.

Sunday, Sept. 18

6:05 a.m.: Following report of stolen vehicle, Enterprise police located vehicle and arrested Connor James Patrick Sticka, 22, of Enterprise for unauthorized use of motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license. Subject also arrested on active warrant out of Ada County Idaho (Boise) for charge of larceny of a vehicle. Transported to Umatilla County jail.
9 a.m.: Ambulance request in Enterprise.
4:38 p.m.: Sheriff's Office arrested Matthew George James Clark, 33, of Wallowa for stalking. Transported to Umatilla County jail.

Joseph man dies after crash near Minam

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A single-vehicle crash on Highway 82 near Minam on Monday afternoon resulted in the death of a Joseph man, authorities reported Tuesday morning.

Oregon State Police troopers and emergency personnel responded to the crash site near milepost 31 (Minam Grade) just after 3 p.m.

A preliminary investigation revealed that an older-model Dodge farm truck

operated by Gary Leonard Alford, 70, of Joseph was traveling eastbound down Minam Grade when his vehicle failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway and traveled down the embankment, where Alford was ejected, officials say.

Emergency services personnel extracted Alford from the hillside below the roadway. Life Flight arrived on scene but Alford had succumbed to his injuries before he could be evacuated from

the scene.

Authorities say witness statements and some scene evidence suggest that an equipment failure may have been a contributing factor in the crash.

The highway was closed for two hours while the investigation was being conducted. OSP was assisted by Oregon Department of Transportation, Elgin Fire, Union County Sheriff's Office and Wallowa County Sheriff's Office.



A heartfelt thank you for the visits, calls, cards, hugs and food we received. Thank you to everyone from near and far who came to say goodbye to our loved one, Mary Ann, who left us in a so sudden and unexpected way. We pray for God to help us with our loss.

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