

Chief Joseph Days Rodeo rocks Joseph

The 72nd annual Chief Joseph Days Rodeo promises nonstop action in and out of the arena July 25-30 in Joseph with four nightly PRCA rodeos beginning 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena two blocks west of Main Street.

Hometown hero Derek Kolbaba, currently ranked third in Pro Bull Riders World Standings, is expected to defend his bull riding title from 2016.

Kolbaba's ties to Chief Joseph Days run deep: born in Joseph and raised in Walla Walla, Wash., he is the great-grandson of Chief Joseph Days founder and National Cowboy Hall of Famer Harley Tucker. He will ride in Thursday's Tough Enough to Wear Pink rodeo.

Chief Joseph Days was named for the famous Chief Joseph, the Nez Perce Indian Chief who led his people out of the Wallowa Valley in 1876 and surrendered 30 miles south of the Canadian border.

The six-day celebration of Western heritage kicks off with the Bucking Horse Stampede down Main Street 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, featuring Bridwell Pro Rodeo Company's bucking horses.

Each night the rodeo performance opens with the fast



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Action is always wild and Western during the Chief Joseph Days PRCA Rodeo, which runs July 26-29 at the rodeo grounds in Joseph.

flying cowgirls of the Tuckettes, a team of six horsewomen who get the action started with their electrifying entrance. Wednesday night is Family Night, with family friendly fun after the rodeo at the adjacent Thunder Room.

Thursday night, proceeds from the rodeo will be donated to Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise to support free

mammograms for low-income women. Friday and Saturday nights, the action heats up with music and dancing at the Thunder Room after the rodeo.

For high schoolers, a teen-only dance is held at the Joseph Community Center, one block east of Main Street after Friday and Saturday night performances. The \$5 teen-only dance has a DJ and light show.

The Nez Perce Tribe features prominently throughout Chief Joseph Days, with members in full regalia participating in the Grand Parade down Main Street 10 a.m. July 29. Main Street will be lined with shopping and vendors, and night life will be lively.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit chiefjosephdays.com.

Chief Joseph Days 2017 Tentative Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 25

1:30 p.m. — Bucking Horse Stampede down Main Street, Joseph.

Wednesday, July 26

9 a.m. — Second Annual Chief Joseph Days Little Buckaroo Rodeo for Special Needs Children and Adults at Harley Tucker Rodeo Grounds.

2 p.m. — Rodeo slack for timed events.

7 p.m. — PRCA Rodeo at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

9 p.m. — Family dance at the Thunder Room.

Thursday, July 27

9 a.m. — "Miles for Mammogram Walk" at the rodeo grounds.

2 p.m. — Rodeo slack for timed events.

7 p.m. — PRCA Rodeo at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

Friday, July 28

5:30 a.m. — American Legion breakfast begins

7 a.m. — Golf tournament signup at Alpine Meadows Golf Course, Enterprise.

10 a.m. — Kiddie parade down Main Street in Joseph

2 p.m. — Rodeo slack for timed events.

7 p.m. — PRCA Rodeo at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

9 p.m. — Teen dance at Joseph Community Center with Full Tilt Audio.

Saturday, July 29

Sunrise — Shrine Breakfast at the Rodeo Grounds .

10 a.m. — Grand parade on Main Street in Joseph.

Noon — Friendship Feast at the Encampment Pavilion east of the rodeo grounds.

2:30 p.m. — Rodeo slack for timed events.

3 p.m. — Indian Dance Contest at the Encampment Pavilion.

7 p.m. — PRCA Rodeo at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

9 p.m. — Teen Dance at Joseph Community Center with Full Tilt Audio.

11 p.m. — Cowboy breakfast begins and continues throughout the night.

Sunday, July 30

8 a.m. — Cowboy Breakfast and Church Service at the Harley Tucker Memorial Arena.

Annual Tamkaliks celebration returns to Wallowa

The smell of fry bread will waft over Wallowa and the sound of drums will fill the air when the 27th annual Nez Perce Tamkaliks Celebration and Friendship Potluck kicks off Friday, July 21.

The event commemorates the history and culture of Northwest Native people in song, dance, ceremony and food and is open to everyone. The celebration runs through Sunday, July 23. It is also a recognition of the continuing Nez Perce presence in the Wallowa Valley, a tribe spokesman said.

A Friday afternoon event has been added this year. The Homeland Project Office at



209 East Second St., Wallowa, will offer cattail basket weaving and beading from 1-4 p.m.

The sessions are taught by Cece Whitewolf and Ron Cameron. All supplies will be provided. Advance registration is requested. Call 541-886-3101 to sign up.

Dancing begins in earnest at 7 p.m. with the first roll call dance of the event at the powwow grounds, 70956 Whiskey Creed Road.

Social dancing will follow with emcees Thomas Morning Owl and Fred Hill.

The Nez Perce will pay homage to the horse during a parade 9 a.m. Saturday around the powwow ground.

The Nez Perce Horse is a spotted horse breed. The Nez Perce Horse Registry began in 1995 in Lapwai, Idaho, and is based on cross-breeding the old-line Appaloosa horses (the Wallowa herd) with an ancient Central Asian breed called Akhal-Teke.

A ceremony honoring Women Warriors of the 1877 Nez Perce War Memorials and Namings is also Saturday morning.

The focus returns to dancing at 1 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. The evening sessions

includes the Veterans Honor Dance contest with a \$1,000 award provided.

Sunday begins with a celebration of Native American religious experience, the Washat services.

The Washat is the name for what was commonly called the "Drummer-Dreamer religion," a Native American religious revitalization movement that began in the early part of the nineteenth century.

The session will be 9 a.m. in the new longhouse on the powwow grounds.

The Friendship Feast will

follow at noon and the final dance roll call of the event is 2 p.m.

A variety of vendors booths will be on hand selling souvenirs and assorted food.

Raffle tickets are sold for prizes such as a Pendleton blanket, a Chief Joseph Days Rodeo package and Olaf Pottery from Ted Juve of Joseph.

Originally held on the Wallowa School Campus, the event has moved to its own home east of the town.

A small army of volunteers appears each year to help organize and coordinate the event.



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Dancers young and old are part of the Tamkaliks Celebration at the Wallowa Nez Perce Homelands site.

THANK YOU

The Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo committee would like to thank everyone who made 2017 our best rodeo ever!!! We could not do it without all of our generous sponsors, fans, participants and behind the scene volunteers.

A huge thank you to Brad Peterson & Debbie Survis for your continued support. We would like to thank our top prize and event sponsors: Community Bank, Vemco, Yatah Hay Company, J Arrow Livestock, JS Angus, Coppin Ranch, Yost Quarter Horses.

Thank you all of our local businesses and individuals who donated items to our auction and silent auction: Alpine Meadows Golf Course, Anton's, Copper Creek Mercantile, Craig Yaw Farrier Service, CJD Court, Debi Short, Double Arrow Vet Clinic, Ginger Daggett, Heidi's At The Lake, Heidi's Towne Shop, Highland Merchant, John Hillock, Joseph Excavating, Kirsten Eschler, Longhorn Espresso, Mary Moe, Moffit Construction, Pete Salouts, Rawley Bigsby, Rushton Family, Stein Distillery, Tamarack Ranch, ToZion, Trena Jones, Wallowa County Grain Growers, Wallowa County Nursery, Yost Ranch.

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SAT, JULY 22

- Horse Parade 9am
- Roll Call 1pm & 7pm
- Contest Dancing
- Owl Dance Special (\$1000 Prize Money)

SUN, JULY 23

- Washat Services 9am
- Friendship Feast 12pm
- Roll Call 2pm
- Championship Dancing

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