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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Tami Bechtel of Intermountain Livestock takes aim in the team branding competition. Bronc rider Drew Johnson makes good on his first ride. The 5 S Ranch team stops the wrong steer from bolting through the gate in Team sorting. A pasture roping contestant makes a catch. Katie Thompson of Morgan Cattle Company aims at the heels of a calf in pasture roping.

Rodeo: Three local women win scholarships at event

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to include a fourth person from another ranch's team. That person could only work the ground—helping with moving ropes on the roped calf, or brand the calf. The “branding” was done with a tennis ball dipped into water-soluble yellow paint.

In the team events, 5 S Ranch won first in points for all events, Smiling M Ranch came in second, Quail Run Ranch took third, and Sliding M Ranch, with buckaroo wunderkind Hadley Miller and bronc buster Rylie Warnock slid into fourth place.

The horses for the bucking horse competition were supplied by Kurtis Koeppen of Challis Idaho. He brought some good horses that seemed to bide their time — for a second or two out of the chute — perhaps to give their rider a false sense of security — before cutting loose with some truly rank moves. Each of the seven bronc riders had the chance to rid two go rounds for a combined score. First prize went to Wade Arnzen who hales from the Cottonwood, Idaho area. Arnzen scored an 80 point ride on his first bronc and a 76 on his second to take the top check of around \$400. Robbie DeVore from LaGrande took second and Drew Johnson claimed third.

Rodeo participants vote for the top hand and best cowgirl. This year Erik Steen of 5 S Ranch got the nod—and the engraved



AND THEY'RE OFF! Brandon D. Marshall, in blue shirt, gets off to a slow but contemplative start in the 2-4 year-old stick horse race at the Kickoff the Chief Joseph Days Ranch Rodeo. The stick horse race is a very popular event in this family-run and family-oriented rodeo.

12TH ANNUAL RANCH RODEO RESULTS

Team Branding	2. Probert Ranch	4. Sliding M Ranch
1. 5 S Ranch	Team Roping	Bronc Riding
2. Quail Run Ranch	1. Smiling M Ranch	1. Wade Arnzen
Team Doctoring	2. Quail Run Ranch	2. Robbie DeVore
1. Smiling M Ranch	Awards for points	3. Drew Johnson
2. 5 S Ranch	1. 5 S Ranch	Top Hand: Erik Steen
Team Sorting	2. Smiling M Ranch	Best Cowgirl: Megan Cobb
1. Sliding M Ranch	3. Quail Run Ranch	

spurs — for Top Hand, while Megan Cobb rode off with the spurs and plaudits for Best Cowgirl.

Perhaps the real winners

of the afternoon were the scholarship recipients”

Emma Hite of Joseph, Deidre Schreiber of Enterprise, and Rylee Goller

of Wallowa. Scholarship awards are one of the major goals of this rodeo. This year they went to a stellar group of young women.

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