

Ranch Rodeo again rides hard

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ENTERPRISE — This year's Wallowa County Stock Growers Ranch Rodeo had a full slate of events Saturday, Aug. 21, starting with a breakfast meeting at the Cloverleaf Hall.

The actual rodeo began at 11 a.m. with the "famous championship rockjack building competition," which was won by the team of Tom Birkmaier and Wyatt Warnock.

Other events included Youth Sorting, Working Ranch Dog, Sorting, a Relay Race, Branding, Ranch Horse, Muley Team Roping, Ladies Steer Stopping and a Horse Race.

After the rodeo, a traditional dinner and dance were held at the Cloverleaf, with an awards presentation.

Winners in the various events were:

Top Cowboy — Cody Ross

Top Cowgirl — Sam Short

Top Horse — Turtle, owned by Cody Ross

Youth Sorting — Basey Dawson, Olivia DeMilo and Mark Dawson

Working Dog — Mark Kerns and Ned

Rockjack Building — Wyatt Warnock and Tom Birkmaier

Sorting — Cody Ross, Josey Ross and Dave Yost

Relay Race — Bretta Wentz, Chris and Sam Short

Branding — Bubba



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Tom Birkmaier, left, and Wyatt Warnock split a log into rails they'll use to build a rockjack in the timed contest Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Ranch Rodeo. The team won the contest held at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.



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Working stock dogs Woodrow and Pete herd in a trio of cattle at the command of their owner, Cody Ross, of Enterprise, during the Working Ranch Dogs competition at the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds.

Braucher, Blake Davies and Cory Pearce

Muley Roping — Bubba Braucher and Cory Pearce

Ranch Horse — Cody

Ross

Ladies Steer Stopping — Hailey Braucher

Horse Race — Rylie Warnock

Wallowa City Council OKs business permit for auto shop

By BILL BRADSHAW
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WALLOWA — The Wallowa City Council had "a nice, quiet meeting," Tuesday, Aug. 17, according to Mayor Gary Hulse.

City resident Jacob Schaeffer had applied for a conditional use permit to operate an auto-repair shop on his property on Wynema Street. One of Schaeffer's neighbors attended the meeting to express concerns over Schaeffer's plans, but the latter addressed those concerns adequately. The shop is located in a residential-commercial zone.

"Both of them left happy," Hulse said.

Schaeffer has been operating the shop at a location that used to be tree-trimming business for the past year, Hulse said. He said the previous owner never got the appropriate conditional use permit and Schaeffer's actions were simply a matter of paperwork.

"It was just getting the records straightened out," Hulse said.

In the other matter on the agenda, the council considered vacating a portion of West Eighth Street in the Clairmont Addition and passed a resolution to begin the process. Hulse

said the neighbors have been notified.

The portion of the street to be vacated consists of about 10,000 square feet and is about 100-200 feet long, Hulse said.

After the resolution was passed, the council held the first reading of an ordinance to make the vacation official. The second and final reading of the ordinance will take place at the next council meeting, Sept. 21, after which it is expected

the council will vote on the ordinance.

"It's been a street on maps, but it's never been used as one," Hulse said. "It appears to be more of a driveway."

The only significant department report was Hulse's as fire chief as he reported the cessation of needing to use city fire equipment to assist the Oregon Department of Forestry with the Elbow Creek Fire.

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Wallowa Mountain Cruise is this weekend

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JOSEPH — The Wallowa Mountain Cruise is returning for another round of classic cars, food, music and entertainment Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-28, in downtown Joseph, according to a press release.

Local cars that enter the event will be parked in front of the Stubborn Mule and Joseph Hardware.

For the first time there will be a trophy that can only be won by a car from Wallowa County.

Numerous vendors will have their wares for sale.

Joseph Fire will have a biscuits and gravy breakfast; the Wallowa County Museum will be selling its famous pies either by the slice or as a whole pie; the Hurricane Creek Grange will sell baked goods; kids from the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will be selling various products; the Stubborn Mule will have a stand in front of Real Estate Associ-



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Classic automobiles take to the road Saturday afternoon, Aug. 28, 2020, for a cruise from Joseph to Enterprise and back during last year's Wallowa Mountain Cruise. The cruise is slated to happen again this year Friday and Saturday, Aug. 27-28.

ates; and Moonlight Graphics will sell T-shirts, hats and sweatshirts with this year's logo designed by Chuck Garrett.

Two local bands will set up on Main Street to entertain the public. "Good Question" will play near

the Rusty Spur and "Last Call" will play near City Hall.

Cruise organizers offer their thanks for the variety of sponsors, the city of Joseph and the Wallowa County Sheriff's Office for their help and support.

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