

# *Grant County's 2015 Fair & Rodeo Queen*

Hello, my name is Reitta Wyllie, I am the 16-year-old daughter of Lindsey and Colleen Wyllie. I am proud to represent Grant County as the 2015 Fair and Rodeo Queen.

I will be a Junior this Fall at Grant Union Jr. Sr. High School. I am involved with volleyball, basketball, 4-H, FFA, Oregon High School Rodeo, Mock Trials and the Nazarene Youth Group.

I was born and raised here in John Day, where several of my horses and I have put down many tracks over the years, competing in the G Lazy 6 Playdays, Cinnabar Mt. Playdays, 4-H and Open Horse Shows, Oregon High School rodeos and many parades.

My future plans are to attend college and become a doctor as a family & general practitioner.

Breeze is the name of my Paint horse that is sharing my experience and we make a great pair. We have traveled many miles around the state promoting and representing Grant County and it has been a fulfilling experience, one I am truly thankful to have the opportunity to do. I have met so many new friends and learned much about the other parts of the state.

As I look back through the archives of people who have been associated with the Grant County Fair and Rodeo, I find that I am continuing in a tradition of my family. Fair board members, grand marshals, and queens, run deep in the family background from as far back as 1953 - from my great-grandfather James Wyllie to the present.

The saddle I ride was given to me by my Aunt Jamie Wyllie Lupien. It was her saddle when she was Queen in 1983.

I feel honored to carry on the tradition of not only my family, but of the county and the western way of life. Roots run deep and traditions carry on.

I have never missed attending the Grant County Fair, and I hope you will carry on the tradition, or start one by attending our fair this year!

*See you all at this year's Grant County Fair!*

Queen Reitta

