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Watching team branding during the Ranch Rodeo are, from left, Ryan Kimball, RJ Clingman, Denny Davis, Jason Davis, Jim Jacobs, Matt Carter, Jerry Carter and Melanie Kimball.

Chad Finley wins top spot at Ranch Rodeo

Stockgrowers say rodeo will be annual event

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Several local competitors took part in the June 18 Grant County Stockgrowers Ranch Rodeo, held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon was the high-dollar winner, taking home a belt buckle, donated by Source 1 Livestock Supply, and the second high-dollar winner was Ryan Kimball of Redmond.

Finley's horse Mac won the Top Horse headstall, which was donated by IZ Ranch.

This was the Stockgrowers Association's first ranch rodeo, and they hope to make it an annual event.

"I was impressed with the participants that were there," said Stockgrowers president Alec Oliver. "It turned out really well. We learned a lot and got positive feedback for corrections to hopefully make next year even better."

Ranch Rodeo results:

Open team branding

Joe Merchant of Prairie City, Ryan Kimball of Redmond, Chad Finley of Mt Vernon and Matt Sitz of Drewsey

Women's branding

Linda Bentz of Juntura, Erica Bentz of Juntura, Jessica Wilson of Izee and Melanie Kimball of Mt. Vernon

Team doctoring



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Chad Finley of Mt. Vernon, left, receives the top prize buckle at the Grant County Stockgrowers Ranch Rodeo from Alec Oliver, Stockgrowers president. Finley's horse Mac also won Top Horse. The June 18 event was held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

Joe Merchant, Ryan Kimball, Chad Finley and Matt Sitz

Team load and tie

Monte Legg of John Day, Drew Knowles of Mt. Vernon, Chad Finley and William Dunten of Drewsey

High-dollar winner: Chad Finley
Second high-dollar: Ryan Kimball
Top horse: Chad Finley's horse Mac



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Denali Twehues competes in the Intermediate division in the flag race at the June 11 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays.

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth kick up rodeo dust

By Angel Carpenter
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Cinnabar Mountain Playdays youth are at it again, competing in rodeos this summer.

"We're thrilled to have started our rodeo series this year," said Cinnabar Mountain Playdays board member Laura Hopper. "We're excited for the rest of the events and to see the kids keep continuing to learn and have fun."

The Cinnabar rodeos began June 11, with a double-header held last Saturday.

All of this summer's events are held at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day, and admission is free for spectators.

Youth through age 18 compete in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, dummy roping, keyhole racing, flag racing and figure 8 racing during each rodeo.

Saturday's rodeo was a Wrangler National Patriot event with contestants and spectators dressed in red, white and blue clothing, along with contestants' horses decked out for the occasion.

As part of the National Patriot event, donation jars will be set up in the community, with proceeds supporting a local veteran program.

The CMP's next rodeo is



Riley Gregg competes in the Junior division in the flag race during the June 11 Cinnabar Playdays Rodeo.



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Henry Miller has a wide smile, competing in goat tying at the June 11 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day.

scheduled for 9 a.m. July 16, and their final event will be held Aug. 20-21.

For more information about the rodeo series, contact Didgette McCracken, 541-575-3520; Janet Plocharsky, 541-792-0077; or Emma Winkelman, 541-620-1199.

Cinnabar Mountain Playdays

June 11 results:

Open leadline

Gus Rowell, first
Bransyn Harper, second-third
Weston Hamilton, second-third

Peewee — 6 and under

Kodee Kimball, first
Anna Jacobs, second
Tatyn Harper, third

Junior — 7-9


Coy Mathiasen, first
Rowdy Israel, second
Bailey McCracken third

Intermediate — 10-14

Sam McCracken, first
Denali Twehues, second
Conner White, third

Senior — 15-18

Hunter Martin, first
Chloe Martin, second



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