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RIP ROARIN' RODEO

Top NW competitors shine at NPRA Rodeo

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Last weekend's Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day offered one more opportunity for cowboys and cowgirls to qualify for the 2017 NPRA Finals Rodeo.

Rodeo announcer Lindsey Wyllie said he was impressed with the skill on

display Friday and Saturday.

"That was one of the best rodeo performances that I've seen — the action, the cowboys and the talent we had," he said. "We had the top competitors in the Northwest, including the 2016 Pendleton Roundup All-Around Cowboy, Shane Erickson."

**NPRA Finals
Sept. 22-23
in Prineville**

Local sporting events may have put a damper on Friday's attendance, but Saturday brought out a crowd of 350.

Among the competitors was Charlie Barker of Culver who placed second in saddle bronc riding.

"Got a nice little horse, an old campaigner — one you know you can win on," he said. "It went good."

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Tucker Wright of Canyon City steer wrestles Saturday for his home crowd at the Sept. 8-9 Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Rodeo in John Day.



OVERHYDRATED

Eagle photos/Rylan Boggs
Standing water on Rich Boren's property in Dayville on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Some Dayville residents complain of saturated properties



Tim Briggs measures water over 5 feet deep on his property in Dayville, Wednesday, Aug. 2. Briggs dug this hole to demonstrate how much water runs down into his property.

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

DAYVILLE — Despite the hot, dry summer, some Dayville residents are experiencing highly saturated properties.

Mildew, mold and flooding have damaged Dayville resident Rich Boren's property, as well as that of his neighbors.

Boren said the water stems from two different sources. The first is the flood irrigation of property above the South Fork Road, and the second is the Cummings Ditch, which he said is leaking.

Boren said a handful of property owners are improperly irrigating, and thus damaging properties below. He said he has communicated with the landowners repeatedly, but they refuse to change their watering practices.

The problem has been going on for decades and Boren said people are finally fed up with it.

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"Mother Nature doesn't flood this property, it's man." — Rich Boren



Rich Boren gestures across his property in Dayville on Wednesday, Aug. 2.

Oregon's non-unanimous jury law under scrutiny Supreme Court may tackle case in Louisiana

By Paris Achen
Capital Bureau

Oregon's longtime law allowing felony convictions by non-unanimous juries could be tested if the U.S. Supreme Court accepts a case challenging a similar law in Louisiana.

Only in Oregon and Louisiana can a defendant be convicted of a felony with a 10-to-2 jury vote. All other states and the federal government require a unanimous verdict.

Lawyers for defendant



Courtesy USDA

A case appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court could impact Oregon law allowing 10-2 convictions.

Dale Lambert argue that the court should overturn its previous rulings that Louisiana's and Oregon's non-unanimous jury laws are constitutional.

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'Nitro Circus' comes to town

TV personalities swing by on America expedition

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

Personalities from the television series "Nitro Circus" made a pit stop at John Day Polaris, as they ventured on a coast-to-coast trip across America.

Hubert Rowland, in the TV show cast, and his crew pulled up in Polaris RZR side-by-sides to visit with business owner Gregg Haberly.

Rowland said they were traveling "the non-mainstream way across America," driving dirt and gravel roads. He said the purpose of the trip was to show how UTVs can be used for exploration. "Our main path is country roads and back roads," Rowland said. "We had to get on the highway for roughly three miles to cross the Mississippi River."



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Hubert Rowland of "Nitro Circus" headed up the coast-to-coast trip called "Hubert's Big RedNek Adventure with 4x4 Barbie."

"Nitro Circus" partnered with "Warfighter Made" for the cross-country trip, which started in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and ended near Florence on the Oregon Coast.

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