

Knowles wrestles lead at Cheyenne Frontier Days

By Johna Cravens for Cheyenne Frontier Days
CHEYENNE, WY—Oregon cowboy Blake Knowles could secure his third trip to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR) after taking the overall lead in steer wrestling at the sixth performance of the 119th Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

Knowles, who's currently ranked ninth in the world standings, had a total time of 21.3 seconds on two steers after stopping the clock in 11.7 seconds on Thursday. He is placing fifth in the first round with a 9.6. He is out of the money in the second round, but still stands to win a pile of money. His consistency should put him in good position in Sunday's final

championship round. The ranch-raised cowboy still works on Healy Ranch near Heppner, Ore., when he's not traveling across the country with his cousin Trevor Knowles competing in rodeos. Trevor is currently seventh overall at Cheyenne and 11th in the world championship standings. Neither cowboy has

won a championship at Cheyenne. Blake's father Butch Knowles, the 1987 NFR Champion in saddle bronc riding and a four-time qualifier in that event hasn't won a Cheyenne championship either. Blake could be the first in his accomplished rodeo family to win a prestigious Cheyenne Frontier Days buckle.

Sandford treks to Wyoming to compete for rodeo queen title

Ione student Ivy Sandford calls it "the trip of a lifetime" when she traveled with close to 30 rodeo contestants and family traveling to Rock Springs,

day pageant. Competitions included photos, outfits, fundraising, speeches, interview practices, written test knowledge, modeling and horsemanship.

That evening they all headed back to the college theatre for the modeling and speech portions of the competitions.

auction; Oregon even won the volleyball tournament to be National Champions.



Ivy Sandford

"We left the Wednesday before the pageant with horse trailer packed to the top and the whole family on one of the hottest days of the month headed for Rock Springs," Sandford recalls. "We arrived early morning Thursday and started the process with all the other contestants for check-in."

"I got to wear my silver leather dress," she says. "So many gorgeous dresses in one room, and about every color you could imagine."

"It is a full week of events, rodeo events, sponsors, businesses, western heritage and our scholarship opportunities," says Sandford. "We met so many nice people and found out so much more about high school rodeo and the opportunities out there for us after high school."

The View from the Green

Over the Tee Cup

The ladies of Willow Creek Country Club said the weather was "perfect" for the 18 women who participated in the July 28 ladies' play day.

drive. For flight B, Pat Dougherty had low gross. Jan Paustian had the long drive and Shirley Martin KP.

Low gross of the field went to Nancy Propheter, with low net to Jan Paustian. Least putts saw a tie between Betty Burns and Shirley Martin.

For flight C, Kathy Martin took low gross. First low net went to Sharon Harrison and second low net to Karen Haguewood. Judy Harris had least putts and Karen Haguewood the long drive.

For flight A, Virginia Grant took low gross. Low net was a tie between Pat Edmundson and Eva Kilkenny, while least putts went to Corol Mitchell. Kristi Smalley had the long

drive. Chip-ins were Pat Edmundson, 13; Shirley Martin, 18; and Nancy Propheter, 15. Birdies were Virginia Grant, 10, and Pat Edmundson, 13.

Kirk & Robinson Ranch joins American Angus Association

Kirk & Robinson Ranch, Heppner, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Richard Wilson, interim CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, MO.

keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop selection tools for its members.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 18 million registered Angus.

The programs and services of the association and its entities—Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation—help members to advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

WY for the National High School Rodeo Finals July 10-19.

Sandford says she got to work right away, introducing herself and getting acquainted with several of the girls right away.

That event was followed by team photos, mandatory meetings, then onto our the impromptu question session, in which Sandford placed sixth out of the 45.

Sandford said her parents and sister were very supportive throughout the crazy and hectic events.

"This portion of high school rodeo is like any other; you have to practice, practice, practice," she says. "Outfits to work out, write a speech and memorize it, study the National High School Rodeo Association rule book over and over again, and ride every day. Then you get to present all you have learned and know to a panel of six judges and an audience of peers and fans."

"I also got to see several families and queens that were competing again that we met the year my older sister competed there," she says.

"I got to act out being the rodeo announcer of the first performance of the National High School Rodeo," she recalls. "Right up my alley!"

"I would have been lost without them there," she says. "My Dad and sister helped care for and exercise the horse, and Mom made sure outfits were ready and hair was done. She also was the official photographer for us. It truly does take a team to be successful!"

Electric co-op announces notice of nominations

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative has announced that nominations are open for three director's positions in zones one and seven of the CBEC coverage area.

South and lying West of the Morrow-Gilliam County line.

"Talk about stressful," adds Sandford. "I felt like it was my first time roping in front of large crowd; total nerves"

The pageant started bright and early Friday morning with roll call and orientation for the contestants, as well as the official schedule for the week and draw numbers for the events. That afternoon the girls participated in horsemanship.

Sandford and the other contestants were in charge of representing each of their states or provinces with their flags being carried by a rodeo contestant and each queen contestant making the queen run for four of the 12 rodeo performances.

Sandford finished in the top 25 and says she now has friends all over the U.S. and Canada. She adds that she now wants nothing more than to "improve her skills and abilities to represent Oregon to the highest level."

All positions are for three-year terms. Zone 1 covers territory served by the co-op and lying west of the Morrow-Gilliam County line and north of the Township line dividing Townships 4 South and 5 South.

The members of the nominating committee are Paul Bates, Condon, for Zone 1, 541-384-5056, and Mary Mountain, Fossil, for Zone 7, 541-763-2070.

Slottee memorial scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial Scholarship. They are available online on the Morrow County school website. The deadline for these to be turned in is Sept. 20, 2015. Questions, call Bill Rietmann, 541-422-7296 or Sharon Harrison, 541-989-8496.

"Then, after 45 of us running through the arena, we had the first set of interviews that evening," says Sandford. "The next morning, I was up for my interview, so my family and I went to the Western Trade Show afterwards and I signed autographs, met sponsors, and shopped, of course."

"One of these run-ins was State Pride Day!" recalls Sandford. "Well, let me tell you, Hope Lutrell, my teammate, and I dressed and decorated to the hilt in Oregon State colors. I even made the front page of the local newspaper with my football jersey and foam finger."

"I look forward to my year as Miss Oregon High School Rodeo and hopefully competing at nationals next year," finishes Sandford. "Our first rodeo is Labor Day in September in Condon. I am very excited to be there and see all my teammates. What a great honor to hold this title and I look forward to every minute of it!"

Zone 7 includes co-op coverage area lying south of the Township line dividing Townships 4 South and 5

The nominating committee will accept nominations through August 31.

Nominees must be members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. and they must reside in, and receive electrical service in, the zone in which they will be running.

or university.

A few days of down time still had optional events, says Sandford, including Special Kids Rodeo, performance awards, light rifle, trap shooting contest, and a scholarship

accepted into a school of education. Criteria used in awarding this scholarship include scholarship, leadership, citizenship, financial need, and probability of success in the students chosen field.

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Additional tickets \$5.00 each

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