

100th Anniversary Round-up echoes "Let 'er Buck"

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One hundred years ago, the *East Oregonian* printed "Great Northwest Roundup Ushered in—Let 'er Buck" to kick off the very first Pendleton Roundup, which has grown to be the third largest Roundup in the world. At first glance, Pendleton would appear, to a newcomer, to be a small, rural community, just like any other that you might find in the Midwest or Northwest. But driving through Pendleton, it's hard to miss the Giant Stadium labeled "Home of the Pendleton Roundup."

For a century now, cowboys and girls have gathered at this small town for one of the largest rodeos in the world. The entire stadium holds 20,000 people each day over four days.

Trying to find a place to park on these few select days can be fairly chaotic. A town that normally holds only 15,000 people, hosts 75,000 for this event.

Looking around, it's hard not to see the hundreds of cowboys crowding into the booths and events. Across from the roundup grounds, people crowd in to the Roundup Hall of Fame, with displays and pictures illustrating the last 100 years of tradition.

In the morning, Native Americans from all across the country, fully clad in tribal outfits, dance in great circles outside the stadium. Carrying an American flag and various flags of the Native American tribes, the sense of native culture is overwhelming.

The last day of the

roundup kicked off with an astounding display as four F-15's flew over the crowd. Shortly after, men

flag, the Oregon flag and the Canadian flag.

The rodeo princesses came out next, on horseback,



Photo by Kelsey Douglas

Rodeo participants cool down after their events. Contestants faced daunting tasks such as bull riding and steer wrestling for a wide range of prizes such as cash and awards from jewelers and businesses like the Pendleton Woolen Mills.

and women on horseback rode out with flags in their hands: the United States and rode around the track, showing off their beautiful horses and glamorous outfits.

The rodeo events began with bareback horse riding, which is the riding of wild, bucking, horses. Events such as steer wrestling, calf roping, bull riding and barrel racing were some of the major events. A slightly more fun and comical event, wild cow milking was featured last.

After the roundup, things began to slow. A carnival was set up in the middle of town, with rides such as the "Fire Ball," which placed the rider upside down at least 50 feet above the ground.

This event marked a full revolution for Pendleton's most famous attraction. Between the Happy Canyon play, the rodeo, and the parade, this year's roundup has become one of the largest events featured in the Northwest.

ASB takes new approach this year, aims for unity and involvement

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Whether they are planning assemblies, orchestrating events outside of school or establishing a community connection, this year's ASB is striving towards redefining and expanding the purpose of student government.

Gracie Myers, President

What is your motto for ASB?
"We don't want to do things just because we've always done them."

What helps this group function?
"Everyone is here for the same reason and we all share the same focus."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"When I fell while skimboarding on the ASB retreat."

Katie Hughes, Vice President

What is your goal for ASB?
"To get the whole school to be as excited as we are."

What helps this group function?
"We all bring different views and we aren't afraid to disagree."

In what other activities do you participate?
"I am on a competitive dance team and, more importantly, I am a dog-walker."

Alex Nelson, Student Relations Officer

What is the purpose of your position?
"I am the liaison from the

students to the ASB."

What helps this group function?
"Me, I am the glue that binds us together."

In what activities do you participate?
"I am an avid League of Legends player. My preferred champion is Kassadius."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"When I was the Lake Oswego High School sailor in the assembly last year."

Drake Edwards, Historian

What is the purpose of your position?
"I document the year's events through mainly videography."

What is your goal for ASB this year?
"To change how the students think about school."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"When my ASB sand and spirit metaphor was made fun of by Ms. (Barb)Murray. It's all good."

Carly Benge, Public Relations

What is the purpose of your position?
"The main focus of my position is

the ROAR but also connections with the city regarding events."

What is your goal for ASB this year?
"Seeing everyone at all of the events."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"Teaching cheers at the class assembly without any preparation."

Thomas Ward, Secretary Treasurer

What is the purpose of your position?
"I organize many things including finances for the ASB."

What is your goal for ASB?
"To make sure that every student feels like they are a part of the school and wants to be here."

What helps this group function?
"We understand each other and have lots of things in common."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"When I slipped on a banana."

Jefferson Chandler, Activities Director

What is your goal for ASB?
"Rock the house every day."

What have you found most rewarding about your position?
"The reward is others' happiness."

What helps this group function?
"Everyone has new ideas."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"When I walked into the girls' bathroom."

Andrew Daniels, Director of Major School Events

What is your goal for ASB?
"Lots of love."

What helps this group function?
"Mr. (Butch) Self."

What is most rewarding about your position?
"The power."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"Swimming in the ocean and turning purple."

George Clark, Junior Officer

What is your goal for ASB?
"To get everyone excited about school events."

What helps this group function?
"Everyone gets along well and is understanding of one another."

What is most rewarding about your position?
"It is really nice to understand more about how the school works."

Brittany Westover, Junior Officer

What is your goal for ASB?
"To unify the school and raise school spirit."

What have you gained from this experience on ASB?
"The friendships we have

made and our impact through having a say in what we are doing."

What makes this group's representation unique?
"We come from so many different groups that we see all sides of issues."

Corrine Carver, Junior Officer

What is your goal for ASB?
"To break down social barriers and get people to go crazy for what our school is all about."

What helps this group function?
"Having the same common goals."

What is your most embarrassing ASB moment?
"Having to blow a feather up in front of everyone at the assembly."

Kristina Sebastian, Junior Officer

What is your goal for ASB?
"My goal is to have everyone care about school and getting pumped up."

What helps this group function?
"Everyone in this group is open and accepting of the ideas of one another."