

# The rodeo way of



## Pendleton Round-Up

**Pendleton, September 14-17**

Those looking for Oregon's definitive Western experience must look to the east.

Taking place in the heart of Eastern Oregon, the Pendleton Round-Up is not only a world-famous rodeo, but a week-long celebration of the region's Western and Native American heritage.

The rodeo doesn't start until midweek, but revelers can get a head start on the party by taking in the lighthearted Dress-Up Parade and the Round-Up concert at the Happy Canyon Arena on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Rodeo fans don't have to wait long to satiate their appetites — the two-day PBR event and qualifying competitions start Monday.

Wednesday marks the beginning of the main competition, with first-day attendees getting the chance to enjoy a barbecue dinner in the arena immediately following the rodeo.

The Round-Up turns the spotlight on two important causes Thursday. The Children's Rodeo is an opportunity for young people with developmental disabilities to ride, rope and become a cowboy for a day. Later, Tough Enough to Wear Pink causes even the most hardened cowboys to break out pink duds in the fight against breast cancer.

The Westward Ho! Parade rolls into town Friday morning as hundreds of people, many of them in

Ty Breuer of Mandan, N.D., rides at the 2014 Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

traditional Western and American Indian garb, go through downtown Pendleton on foot, horseback and wagon in the massive non-motorized parade.

Celebrating its 100-year anniversary, the Happy Canyon Night Show will join the 106-year-old Round-Up in the centurion club. Starting Wednesday, Happy Canyon will celebrate a century of historical performances, slapstick comedy and impressive stunts.

Both the Round-Up and Happy Canyon wrap up on Saturday, but there's more to the festivities than what takes place in the arenas.

Over the course of Round-Up week, the Main Street Cowboys take over

the downtown area and fill it to the brim with vendors, entertainers and carnival rides.

American Indians are a large part of the Round-Up experience, and the teepee village where local tribal members stay between dance performances is located just north of the rodeo grounds and is open to the public.

## Helix Heart of the Country Rodeo

**Helix, May 28, Quantum 9 Arena**

Don't let the size fool you: Despite being one of Eastern Oregon's smallest towns, people still fill up Quantum 9 Arena for the Heart of the Country Rodeo. Every year, all proceeds of the rodeo go to the Helix High School Scholarship Fund.

## Farm-City Pro Rodeo

**Hermiston, August 10-13**

Although Farm-City Pro Rodeo will have to wait one more year to move into its new digs at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, the rodeo will remain a centerpiece of the Umatilla County Fair in downtown Hermiston.

When the crowd isn't treated to the country's premier bronc riders, ropers, steer wrestlers, bull riders and barrel racers, the audience will get a chance to enjoy some additional performance and amenities.

Kids 12 years and younger get in for \$5 on Family Night on Wednesday, the region's best and brightest FFA students will compete in a calf dressing competition at Youth & Ag Night on Thursday and a week's worth of mutton bustin' contests will culminate in the rodeo's smallest cowboys and cowgirls competing for the championship on Saturday.

