

CATTLE BARONS WEEKEND

# Rain can't douse Buckaroo BBQ Challenge

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Rain poured down on Pendleton Saturday morning, but the convention center still filled with people for the annual Cattle Barons Weekend, which raises funds for scholarships and local outdoor schools.

Most of the events took place in the Pendleton Convention Center and indoor Round-Up Pavilion, so Beau Reynolds, Cattle Barons vice president, said the day went on as planned despite the uncooperative weather.

"It's packed," he said Saturday. "Our barbecue is suffering a bit, but everything else is going really well."

The Buckaroo Barbecue Challenge, held in the parking lot next to the convention center, was the biggest victim of the cold rain that pelted participants for hours.

"Usually it's sunny and hot (at the competition), or it's sprinkled. It's not usually like this," said Joe Arguello, of Pendleton's The Beef 52's team, while wiping rain off equipment. "We're trying to keep everything dry, and then, with the rain, the temperature drops, so you have to keep on top of it. It's still a fun competition — even in the rain."

Many of the teams arrived before 7 a.m. on Saturday. The overcast skies allowed the teams to set up — then the rain hit.

"I like rain until you've been standing in it all day," joked Hermiston's Don Morgan, half of the duo Grillin' N Chillin'. "We've had better weather."

Rain poured down on the barbecue tents until just after noon, when the clouds cleared and allowed the tasters to come out and sample the fare.

Fifteen teams competed in the challenge this year, even though most of the cook time was shortened by the rain.

"This is definitely not ideal, but everyone is still out here," Ryan Heath said, his jacket covered in rain. "The only thing that's really going to hurt us is beer and soda sales, so that's unfortunate."

While the outdoor sales struggled in



Carolyn Pearson and Donna Bradbury accept samples from Paula Walker, of Grillin' N Chillin' BBQ, at the Buckaroo Barbecue Challenge during the Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend on Saturday.



Judges Michelle Hackney, from left, Murray Dunlap, Casey Zollman and Jean-Luke Alexander discuss entries in the Buckaroo Brewers Challenge, Saturday during the Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend.

the rain, inside, the Brewers Challenge gave participants a variety of homebrew beers to sample.

In its third year, the Brewers Challenge brought out 13 entries across four categories: open, IPA/Pale, Amber and Dark. Greg Lytton, of Hermiston, swept both the grand champion award, for his "Hot Lips Houlihan" jalepeño beer, and the Brewer's Choice award, for his lavender beer.

"There were a lot of really good beers. There's some pretty good beer being grown around here," said judge

Jean-Luke Alexander, the head brewer at The Prodigal Son Brewery and Pub in Pendleton. "This is a really good way to support the homebrew community."

For the competition, beers were evaluated in a blind taste test by a panel of five judges. After the judging was complete, brewers and their guests were invited in to taste the competition and award the brewer's choice. Alexander said having as many people provide feedback on a beer as possible is a good habit for brewers to get into.

"That's the only way you're going to get better," he said. "Try to get as many opinions as possible and don't take any of it personally. Have fun with it."

Prodigal Son also sold beer on site for the event, and Heath said the brewery usually donates proceeds toward the charities involved in the event.

Other events included the Western Select Invitational Horse and Working Dog sale, the Northwest Farm Credit Services Ranch Rodeo Championship, the D&B Supply Tradin' Post Trade Show, GRS Bit, Spur and Engraving Show and Sale, Pendleton Whisky Ranch Horse Championship and the Les Schwab North American Stock Saddle Bronc Championship.



Riders show off the abilities of their horses during a preview for the working horse sale during the Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend on Saturday.

## Cattle Barons Weekend highlights

### Buckaroo Barbecue Challenge

#### Tri-tip

- 1. Lockstock 2. Jack Wagon 3. Beer Belly

#### Ribs

- 1. Jack Wagon 2. No Bull 3. Beer Belly

#### Reserve Grand Champion: Beer Belly

#### Grand Champion: Jack Wagon

#### People's Choice: Beef 52's BBQ

#### Buckaroo Brewers Challenge

#### Grand Champion: Hot Lips Houlihan (jalapeño beer, open category), Greg Lytton, of Hermiston

#### Brewer's Choice: Lavender Beer (lavender, open category), Greg Lytton, of Hermiston

#### Average gelding sale: \$9,450 (new record)

#### Highest single sale: \$25,000 each for "Cowboys Sandcat," a 6-year-old AQHA gelding brought by Jake Stanley of Hermiston, and "Chrome Plated Nic," a 7-year-old from Pam Bechtold of Elk, Wash.

#### Highest working dog sale: \$5,500 for "Kane," a 3-year-old border collie finished cattle dog (new record)

#### Highest overall dog sale: \$6,500 for an 8-week-old border collie puppy donated by PPR Border Collies. The sale of the puppy funded a scholarship.

#### Ranch Horse Champion: "Northern Weed," of Chiloquin, Ore.

#### Ranch Rodeo champion team: The Jake Stanley Team, including Jake Stanley, Matt Funk of Hermiston, Jared Parke of Gooding, Idaho, and two-time Ranch Rodeo champion Reg Freeman of Pendleton.

#### North American Stock Saddle Bronc Champion: Daxton Jim of Owyhee, Nevada.

## BRIEFLY



### Greer Irrigon teacher, FFA advisor honored

IRRIGON — The Morrow County FFA Chapter honored advisor Lenn Greer Friday evening during its annual awards banquet at Irrigon Junior-Senior High School.

Greer, who teaches agricultural science at the school, received a standing ovation from more than 80 people in attendance. He was recognized for his "countless hours" volunteering for programs, fundraisers and competitions on behalf of FFA students throughout the county.

Greer grew up in Irrigon, and received his bachelor's degree in agricultural education from the University of Idaho and a master's degree in teaching from Oregon State University. He returned to Irrigon in 2006, where he teaches ag science, mechanics, horticulture and welding.

### Department of Revenue closes Pendleton office

PENDLETON — The Oregon Department of Revenue announced the closure of its Pendleton satellite office after its only employee retired Wednesday.

Spokesman Bob Estabrook said the department decided to shutter the office because it couldn't offer an adequate level of service with only one employee.

In addition to offering general services like tax payment, Estabrook said the Pendleton office worked on identifying people who needed to file taxes and notifying the department.

Although the Pendleton employee was mostly office-bound, Estabrook said other satellite offices are hurt when an employee needs to leave the office to do field work or attend a training.

While there's no larger plan to phase out the department's satellite offices, Estabrook said the department closed its satellite office in Newport for similar reasons.

Coos Bay is the location of the last satellite office in the department system, although district offices with about a dozen employees each are in Bend, Portland, Gresham, Medford, Eugene and Salem.

The department is directing Eastern Oregon residents who need to make in-person visits to the Bend or Portland area offices. Alternately, people can also use the department's self-service options through the department's web application, Revenue Online.

### Trump wins most votes in Irrigon mock election

IRRIGON — Irrigon Junior/Senior High School students got in on the election season action last Thursday with a mock presidential election.

The election was held in conjunction with real elections for next year's student body president and other student leadership positions. Students "registered" for whatever political party they chose and cast votes in election booths and lockable

boxes borrowed from the Umatilla County clerk's office.

Seventy percent of students chose to vote in the Republican race, and 30 percent for a Democratic candidate. Of the Republican students, 72 percent favored Donald Trump, 19 percent voted for Ted Cruz and eight percent voted for John Kasich.

On the Democratic side, Bernie Sanders won with 71 percent of the vote to Hillary Clinton's 29 percent.

In the student body

election held at the same time, students with the highest number of votes were allowed to choose which open position they wanted to fill.

Lizeth Nunez, a sophomore, chose to become vice president after receiving the highest number of votes. The rest of the students in descending order are: Yulisa Cardenas

(secretary), Taylor Davis (assistant treasurer), Joceline Sanchez (activities director), Kayden Kendrick (president), Parker Miller (community liaison) and Asusena Munoz (treasurer).

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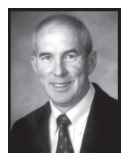
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