



Mitch Hutchinson of Stephenville, Texas, and Brian McNamee of Burns, Wyo., compete in team roping during slack Tuesday at the Pendleton Round-Up. For more on slack and PBR results see Sports 1B.

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WHEN PENDLETON BEAT PORTLAND

Queen for a summer

Saling pulled off Triple Crown of Oregon royalty

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

A look into Pendleton's early history reveals a town with nerves-of-steel cowboys, wild women and whiskey and a community that could become an unstoppable force when working toward a common goal.

Take for example the strange and wonderful case of Muriel Saling.

In 1916, the Portland Rose Festival opened up selection of its queen to the entire state of Oregon and southwest Washington.

"The people in Pendleton found out about this and were very excited about their local favorite Muriel Saling possibly being the Portland Rose Festival queen," said Randy Thomas, a director on the Round-Up Association Board.

Saling, the popular deputy clerk of Umatilla County and once a star Pendleton High School basketball player, had reigned as queen of the Pendleton Round-Up court in 1912.

The city mobilized, not only with efficiency, but with stealth,



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Muriel Giorgi, of Reno, holds a photograph of her grandmother, two-time Pendleton Round-Up Queen and Portland Rose Festival Queen, Muriel Saling in front of the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

10 for a penny and sometimes for less if bought in big blocks. The city revved up its fundraising efforts and set out to get their darling elected. Just before the deadline, the 22-year-old Pendleton beauty trailed in votes, but Rose Festival officials were oblivious to the sneak attack that was about to come their

way.

"Pendleton had a strategy to lull the competition into low voter turnout," Thomas said. "On the final night of voting, Pendleton delivered to the Portland Rose Festival office five million votes, obliterating the competition, so much so that she won over the second place candidate by over four million votes."

An *East Oregonian* article described this knockout punch

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Prosecutor: Occupiers being tried for actions, not beliefs

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The armed occupiers who seized a remote bird sanctuary in Oregon early this year are being tried because their actions intimidated and threatened federal employees, not because they challenged the government's land policies, a prosecutor said Tuesday as a trial began for seven people accused in the standoff.

During his opening statement, Geoffrey Barrow dismissed claims by group leader Ammon Bundy and others that the take-over was a legitimate protest of federal land management.

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City raises no hackles over free RV sites

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Recreational vehicles flood Pendleton each Round-Up, and plenty park for free and pay nothing in taxes. But others pay hundreds of dollars to set up shop in designated RV parks.

The city of Pendleton requires trailer and mobile home businesses collect a transient room tax and the tourism promotion assessment charge, just like hotels. The tax is 8 percent for parks and hotels alike, and hotels pay an additional tourism charge of \$1.50 per night per paid room while the parks pay 50 cents per

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Pendleton Round-Up Queen Muriel Saling and Round-Up President Til Taylor ride the arena track in 1916.

Concessions for the community

By WILL DENNER
East Oregonian

Pendleton Round-Up and the nonprofit concessions surrounding the grounds have a mutually beneficial relationship.

Vendors set up booths and tents as early as Monday of Round-Up week, selling food and beverages to the spectators traversing the grounds. A dozen nonprofit organizations — including churches, youth teams and community groups — set up at this year's Round-Up, according to concessions director Karl Farber. The Round-Up also staffs concession areas with volunteers from nonprofits and pays those groups a portion of what they sell.

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Volunteer J.J. Kauffeld grills onions on Tuesday at the Pendleton Lions Club food booth at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.



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