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New Mexico cowboy Shank Edwards chases his calf during the calf roping competition Wednesday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

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Former Pendleton Round-Up Queen Katy Coba is in recovery after battling an aggressive type of breast cancer last year.

Former Round-Up queen Katy Coba thankful for support

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

Since April, Katy Coba has been ready for this year’s Tough Enough to Wear Pink day at the Pendleton Round-Up.

It has been a turbulent year for Coba, a Pendleton native and longtime director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. She was diagnosed with breast cancer on Oct. 19, 2015, undergoing 12 weeks of chemotherapy and another six weeks of daily radiation treatment.

Now, Coba said she’s feeling healthy and ready to don her new pink shirt and cowboy

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— **Katy Coba**, breast cancer survivor

boots at Thursday’s rodeo. She will be joined by her friend and fellow breast cancer survivor Ann Knutson, who traveled all the way from Oklahoma City to take part in TETWP. In fact, the entire arena will be awash in pink from the grandstands to the bucking chutes to raise money and awareness for local patients.

Last year, the Round-Up

brought in more than \$36,000 for cancer support groups. Coba, 54, said she’s always been thankful to the rodeo community for embracing such a good cause, supporting people like her personal cancer hero, Pendleton High School Spanish teacher Kathryn Youngman, who is facing her third bout with the disease.

This year, however, will be different.

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Fortunately for Coba, she

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Gourmet experience with rodeo backdrop

1910 Room adds new flavor to Round-Up

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

The organizers of the Pendleton Round-Up brought a touch of class to the usual rodeo proceedings.

That was the adjective several Round-Up fans used to describe the 1910 Room, a new section in the northeastern corner of the arena where rodeo attendees can feast on gourmet food while getting an unvarnished view of the ropers, bronc riders and barrel racers that provide the Round-Up’s signature entertainment.

Once a 1910 Room ticket holder gets past the bouncer, they’re ushered into a tented area with high tables and chairs, a flat screen TV, a bar and a mobile kitchen in the corner.

As wait staff from the Pendleton High School culinary students bustle to and fro, diners are given the option of sipping



Jasmine Jones (front) and Cydney Lipscomb, of the Pendleton High School culinary program, help professional chef Max Germano Wednesday by serving as sous chefs at the 1910 Room at the Pendleton Round-Up.

on a selection of beers, wines and signature cocktails with names like “Mule Wrangler” and “Pendleton Smash.”

The swanky 1910 Room, named after the year the Round-Up was founded, is centered around a five-course

meal that corresponds with the rodeo events.

Over the course of Wednesday’s events, 1910 attendees were offered a caprese salad during bareback riding, smoked

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Hamley’s owners split over buyout proposal

Woodfield sues co-owner Pearce for control of company

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
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Blair Woodfield is suing business partner Parley Pearce to remove him from all operations at Hamley’s, the cornerstone western store and steakhouse in downtown Pendleton.

Pearce said the move is legal saber rattling to force him to sell Hamley’s to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Pearce said the tribes, which operate Wild-horse Resort & Casino a few miles east of Pendleton, started talks in January or February to buy “the entire Hamley’s thing.” They sent a letter of intent in July and made a substantial offer, though he would not reveal how much. The deal, though, fell apart.

Chuck Sams, spokesman for the tribes, said “we are not buying Hamley’s.” He declined to say if the tribes had offered to buy the businesses.

“They wanted to close the Hamley store down, and I won’t do that,” Pearce said. “I rejected the offer. We always said we did this for the right reasons — to preserve an Old West icon for another century.”

Pearce said Woodfield wanted to take the money and retire.

The *East Oregonian* was not able to contact Woodfield. Pearce said he has not seen Woodfield in town for the Pendleton Round-Up, an economic boon for Hamley’s and plenty of other

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Bill to clean Columbia River added to water package

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
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Congress is making headway on establishing a grant program for environmental cleanup projects in the Columbia River Basin.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley reintroduced the Columbia River Restoration Act last year, along with fellow Oregon Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Suzanne Bonamici and Peter DeFazio, all Democrats. The bill was added into a broader package of water legislation Wednesday, which could pass the Senate this week.

Grants would help pay for things like reducing pollution in the Columbia River, cleaning up contamination, protecting fish and wildlife habitat and promoting community engagement. A collaborative group would also assess trends in water quality and identify problems throughout the basin. That group would consist of representatives from state and local governments, tribes, industry, conservation groups and landowners.

“The Columbia River is a cornerstone of our cultural history, used for commerce, fishing, recreation and agriculture,” Wyden said in an

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