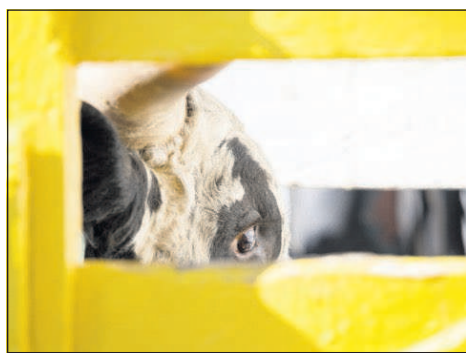




Bullfighter Dusty Tuckness attempts to distract the bull White Clay while Tim Brigham of Honeyville, Utah, attempts to free himself from his rigging during bull riding Friday at the Pendleton Round-Up.



A bull waits to burst out of a chute at the Pendleton Round-Up.



A horse seems to smile Saturday as it waits to enter the Pendleton Round-Up Arena.



Bryson Bronson gives a whoop Saturday as he and a paint horse named Chinook carry a flag around the Pendleton Round-Up Arena. The pair is a familiar sight in Pendleton during Round-Up week, performing together at the Happy Canyon Night Show and Professional Bull Riding and riding in the Westward Ho! Parade.



Pendleton Round-Up Queen Kylie Willis leads her court Saturday around the Pendleton Round-Up track.

ERICKSON: Won total of \$3,496 in team roping and calf roping

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to beat out the best, Brazile's absence doesn't lessen his victory.

"You just have to place in more than one event, which isn't easy," Erickson said.

Erickson clinched the all-around title on Saturday by placing in both team roping and calf roping throughout the week, winning a grand total of \$3,496 in both events. In team roping, Erickson and heading partner Andy Carlson finished tied for eighth in the first round with a time of 6.5 seconds and qualified for the short round. Erickson saw better success in calf roping, where he finished fifth in the second round (10.0 seconds) and then seventh in the average (31.5 seconds on three).

"It finally hit me after hitting the (victory) lap," Erickson said. "I've seen so many people make it and it feels good that everybody cheers for you — they're all standing up. You just can't describe the feeling ... it's awesome."

The Round-Up has long been at the top of his list of favorite rodeos, and he said it takes a different kind of mentality to find success in Pendleton.

"It's a rodeo that you have to have no fear, you can't rope with fear of the grass field," Erickson said. "I've never had fear for the grass, I pasture rope at home so that



Shane Erickson does a happy dash around the Pendleton Round-Up track Saturday after winning All-Around Cowboy.

doesn't bother me; my horses know the grass, they live on it."

The 37-year-old doesn't compete nationwide in rodeos anymore, choosing to stay close to home in the Pacific Northwest and competing in the Columbia River Circuit to stay close to his family. He also operates his own small business, a trucking company based out of Terrebonne. Before the Round-Up Erickson was fourth in the circuit all-around standings with more than \$8,700 in earnings — trailing fellow Terrebonne resident Russell Cardoza in first with \$13,783.

Aside from the trophy, Erickson took home a trophy saddle, a Weatherby/Leupold .257 trophy rifle, trophy buckle, hand-crafted Justin boots, embroidered leather jacket, Pendleton Woolen Mills blanket, Leupold McKenzie binoculars, American Hat Co. felt cowboy hat, engraved silver pocket watch, custom-made spurs, custom YETI cooler, 14-karat bucking horse charm, bottle of Pendleton Whisky, bottle of Let'er Buck cologne, and a Bucks Bag gear bag.

"They give so much stuff ... it's probably truly one of the best rodeos you can win because of all the stuff they give," Erickson said. "They appreciate you coming and they do a great job here."

"And hopefully maybe I can do it again before my career is over."



Shane Erickson ropes his calf in 11.5 seconds in tie down roping Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

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