

Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend celebrates 10th year

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Created to celebrate the region's western heritage, Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend is marking its 10th anniversary Friday and Saturday in and around the Pendleton Convention Center.

In addition to highlighting ranching, rodeo and the western lifestyle, Cattle Barons is committed to assisting students pursuing higher education in the field of agriculture. A nonprofit organization, Cattle Barons has provided more than \$50,000 to about 50 students from Umatilla and Morrow counties.

"Our efforts for the weekend are dedicated to supporting students through scholarships," said Andy Vanderplaat, Cattle Barons board president.



Joe Arguello keeps his grill hot during the Buckaroo BBQ Challenge at the 2016 Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend.

The weekend features a horse and working dog sale, Ranch Rodeo Championship (Friday, 7 p.m.), North American Stock Saddle Bronc Championships (Saturday, 7 p.m.), specialty artwork and western craftsmanship, and some of the best backyard grillers around. All events are free, except the ranch rodeo

(\$10) and the saddle bronc (\$15). A combo ticket is \$22. Tickets are \$5 for each event for kids ages 5-12.

After experimenting with a Dutch oven cook-off and chili contest the first couple of years, organizers of the Buckaroo BBQ Challenge found their niche during the event, said Ryan Heath.

Returning for the eighth year, backyard grillers will vie for bragging rights, cash and prizes. In addition, people are invited to buy a button for \$5 to become an official judge for the people's choice award.

Heath encourages people to follow their nose as the aroma of tri-tip and ribs will fill the air Saturday as nearly two dozen teams square off in the contest. Cooks will get things fired up around 11 a.m. and the meat will be ready for tasting around 1 p.m. Heath said there are still some open slots for teams to enter the contest. For more information, stop by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce or visit www.cattlebarons.net.

Missy Fairbanks, chairwoman for the barbecue contest, decided to include a special division for younger grillers. The Young Guns

also will vie for prize money and trophies.

"She's done an outstanding job and came up with the idea for the kids," Heath said.

In addition, a raffle will feature piles of donated good — from a Yeti Cooler and growlers to barbecue grills and cutting boards created by students in the Sunridge Middle School shop class. Heath said three separate raffles will provide a nice selection of goods for the winners. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the event or in advance at Grocery Outlet, The Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub or 40 Taps. The drawing will be held Saturday afternoon and the winners don't have to be present.

Money from the Buckaroo BBQ Challenge and raffle go to support Pend-

leton Outdoor School and the Sunridge shop program.

Heath said the students, under the direction of shop teacher Ken Jacobs, work on fixing or creating things for the Outdoor School program.

People can pick up Western-themed artwork, clothing, decorations, gear and tack at the Tradin' Post Trade Show. Also, the Bit, Spur & Engraving Show and Sale will sparkle with bits, spurs, knives and more. Both are open Friday from noon to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the convention center.

For a complete schedule of events or to purchase tickets to the rodeo events, visit www.cattlebarons.net.

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Heidi Wright named COO of EO Media Group

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Heidi Wright has been named chief operating officer of EO Media Group, which owns the East Oregonian. Wright succeeds John S. Perry, who is retiring after 44 years in the newspaper industry, including the last 12 with EO Media Group.

Wright comes to EO Media Group from Western Communications, owner of the Bend Bulletin, La Grande Observer and other newspapers in Oregon and California. She is Wescom's chief financial officer and human resources director. She will join EO Media Group on June 1.

Steve Forrester, president and CEO of EO Media Group, announced Wright's hiring. "Our executive committee — composed of Kathryn Brown, Susan Forrester Rana and me — is pleased to find a successor to Perry with the leadership capabilities to help our company prosper in the digital age. Her prior experience with family-owned companies in our region is especially relevant."

Prior to joining Wescom, Wright was publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, owned by Pioneer News Group. She also worked as a publisher in Montana for Lee Enterprises. She has an undergraduate degree and an MBA from the University of Montana.

"Heidi has a lifetime of experience in the West," noted Kathryn Brown, who is also the publisher of the East Oregonian. "Her experience at newspapers in Butte, Klamath Falls and Bend make her well-suited to understand the communities that EO Media Group serves in rural Oregon and Washington — as well as the extraordinary reach of the Capital Press, our agricultural weekly."

As chief operating officer, Wright will direct the business operations of EO Media Group and supervise publishers and corporate staff. The company's headquarters are in Salem.

"It's an honor and privilege to be joining EO Media Group," said Wright. "While I will miss my friends and colleagues at Western Communications, I am excited to become a part of the EO Media Group family. My husband, Richard Schuurman, and I are looking forward to calling Salem home in the near future."

EO Media Group publications include: Blue Mountain Eagle of John Day, Cannon Beach Gazette, Capital Press, Chinook Observer, Coast River Business Journal, The Daily Astorian, East Oregonian, Hermiston Herald, Oregon Coast Today, Seaside Signal and Wallowa County Chieftain.



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COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 9 ADULT OPEN GYM, 6 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100) SAFE MEDICATION MANAGEMENT IN OLDER ADULTS, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wildhorse Casino & Resort, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd., Pendleton. Designed to help anyone who cares for an aging Oregonian understand how medicines work in older adults, and learn skills to optimize care. Free, but registration is required at www.OregonCarePartners.com. (Katie Winger 503-221-0100) PUBLIC FORUM ON EARLY FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN CHILD WELFARE, 9-10 a.m., Department of Human Services Henrietta Room, 950 S.E. Columbia Dr., Hermiston. Learn about the Umatilla and Morrow Counties Foster Care Review Panel's work and final recommendations for reform, and provide feedback. Free. (John Nichols 541-233-8142) ATHENA TUESDAY MARKET, 4-7 p.m., Dugger Park, Main Street, Athena. Local vendors featuring food, crafts and more. Vendor spaces are free. (April McKenna or Katie Zmuda 541-310-9557) BINGO, 5 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-3582) INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138) PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380) PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828) STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247) BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks. Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101) BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman

Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257) HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582) PUBLIC FORUM ON EARLY FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WITHIN CHILD WELFARE, 1-2 p.m., Pendleton State Office Building - 2nd Floor Emigrant Room, 700 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Learn about the Umatilla and Morrow Counties Foster Care Review Panel's work and final recommendations for reform, and provide feedback. Free. (John Nichols 541-233-8142) ATHENA TUESDAY MARKET, 4-7 p.m., Dugger Park, Main Street, Athena. Local vendors featuring food, crafts and more. Vendor spaces are free. (April McKenna or Katie Zmuda 541-310-9557) BINGO, 5 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-3582) INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138) PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380) PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828) STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247) BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman