

## BARONS: Also featured a Western-theme trade show and Buckaroo BBQ Challenge

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horse, Dealers Kid, to market at the sale. Whereas Sanjo Gold is a gentle ranch horse for riders of all abilities, Roeser said Dealers Kid is more fit for high-caliber ropers. It is Roeser's job to show both animals at the best of their abilities in the arena and auction ring.

"It's a lot of work," he said. "You have to use a lot of consistency in your methods so the horses know what they can expect from you."

Once the sale begins, trainers like Roeser take center stage in the convention center where buyers bid up to tens of thousands of dollars for horses to add to their operation. Selling horses is a big part of Roeser's business, and he said Cattle Barons Weekend has proven to be a great venue.

"It's a good market for the horses," he said. "The people who run the sale do a really good job."

Cattle Barons Weekend also featured a Western-theme trade show and Buckaroo BBQ Challenge, where teams competed for the best ribs and tri-tip beef. Proceeds go toward raising scholarships that event leaders say keep the Western tradition alive in northeast Oregon.

"That's why we do what we do, to maintain it into the future," said Andy VanderPlaats, Cattle Barons president.

Roeser's return to Pendleton reunited him with at least two of his former pupils in Justin Bailey, of Pilot



Staff photo by George Plaven

**Dan Roeser, of Roeser Ranch in Marsing, Idaho, prepares to mount Sanjo Gold prior to the Western Select working dogs and horses auction at the 10th annual Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend.**

Rock, and Ryan Raymond, of Helix. Bailey worked eight years for Roeser on the ranch in Idaho, and described him as a highly regarded mentor.

Bailey now runs his own training business, Bailey Performance Horses, and showed three of his own animals during the Western Select auction.

"What we're trying to show is a quality horse that can handle ranch-like situations," Bailey said. "You're trying to show their willingness and quiet mind."

Bailey Performance Horses is located on the home ranch of Anderson Land & Livestock, operated by Terry and Debby Anderson who won this year's Cattle Barons Legacy Award.

Raymond, a fifth-generation rancher who runs cows for Raymond & Son, worked three years for Roeser and continues to ride plenty of

horses. Showing horses at sales like Cattle Barons Weekend takes honesty and integrity, Raymond said, with the trainer's reputation on the line.

"These guys know what they can sell here," he said. "You can't bring a horse here you can't lope around and rope on."

Cattle Barons Weekend is just another fun event to bring more people into Pendleton, Raymond said, while promoting ranching businesses that are the lifeblood of small Eastern Oregon communities like Helix.

"If we don't do more things to involve people in local agriculture, I would think those places will be gone," he said.

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## TEACHER: Played arena football in 2009

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Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton.

With his arm draped around Athena-Weston School District superintendent Laure Quaresma, Funderburk stood in front of an audience composed of Eastern Oregon's top educators as he was described as "a living example of what it means to be the best teacher you can be."

In an interview before the ceremony, Funderburk, 34, said he was humbled that he was named a Crystal Apple winner, adding that he always feels that there's something he could improve on as a teacher.

Funderburk played football when he attended Humboldt State University, a state college on California's northern coast. After college, he moved to the Northwest in 2009 to join the Tri-Cities Fever, an arena football team based in Kennewick.

Funderburk decided to end his football career after a season, got married and moved to Eastern Oregon, where his wife, Kati, was a teacher at Central Middle School in Milton-Freewater.

He took a job as a paraprofessional while he worked on his teacher's license and master's degree at Western Governors University, an online college based in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Funderburk did his student teaching with a teacher who would one day become his boss, Weston principal Ann Vescio, while coaching track, football, baseball at both the middle school and at Weston-McEwen High School.

Despite being well established in the district when he was named a K-8 P.E. teacher in 2013, he was intimidated by the thought of working with elementary-level kids, a group he didn't anticipate working with.

## 2017 Crystal Apple award winners

Athena-Weston School District

- Megan Bryan, kindergarten/first grade
- Justin Funderburk, physical education teacher/athletic director

Echo School District

- Ben Campbell, physical education
- Brooke VanderVeen, industrial arts

Helix School District

- Julie Harper, paraprofessional
- Rory Simpson, social studies/physical education

Ione School District

- Bridgett Alldritt, instructional aide
- Eric Jepsen, science/art

Milton-Freewater Unified School District

- Fil Chavez, lead custodian
- Eric Lynn, language arts
- Heather Vaughn, special education

Morrow County School District

- Jan Huddleston, maintenance coordinator
- Curtis Johnston, head custodian
- Jessica Lentz, educational assistant
- Lois Tallman, educational assistant

Pendleton School District

- Schelle Bixler, science
- Steve Larson, math/athletic director
- Anita Lewis, athletic and activities secretary
- Vicki Stillman, custodian

Pilot Rock School District

- Jacob Try, music
- Denise Weinke, fifth grade

Stanfield School District

- Brenna Weyand, instructional assistant
- Tina Williams, first grade

Ukiah School District

- Anne Coote, teacher/residence home supervisor
- Valerie May, third grade
- Tina Ridings, classroom assistant/STEM academy site coordinator

InterMountain Education Service District

- Allen Acevedo, network analyst
- Maria Burke, educational assistant
- John Evans, speech-language pathologist and early childhood/evaluator
- Delores Jenson, financial specialist

"Little kids, honestly, they can be scary," he said.

Funderburk has since adjusted, a development he credited to his approachability and his ability to connect with students.

As a P.E. teacher, Funderburk said he needs to motivate kids to engage in physical activities at an individual level, whether it's a kid who loves playing football or the student who would rather play Pokemon all day.

Even with an imposing build and a dark beard,

Funderburk said he's on a first-name basis with all his students, an advantage of living in a small community.

Funderburk lives with his wife and two kids — two-year-old daughter JayDee and four-year-old son Cooper — in Athena, and even when he goes on shopping trips in Walla Walla, he runs into his students all the time.

And next year, Weston Middle School students will get twice the Fun, when Kati will join her husband on the school's staff.

## COMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY, MAY 16 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)

**PRESCHOOL PREVIEW DAY, 9-11:30 a.m.**, Creative Care Preschool, 470 E. Main St., Ione. Preview a typical preschool day, fill out paperwork and have your questions answered. For any child planning to enter preschool in the fall and their parents. Free. (Misty 541-422-7003)

**TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.**, Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free admission all day. (541-276-1066)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m.**, Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m.**, Pendleton 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.**, Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston 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)

**REGIONAL JOB FAIR, 2-6 p.m.**, Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Businesses from around the area recruiting for open positions include CHI St. Anthony, Lamb Weston, Boise Cascade, Wildhorse Resort & Casino and Mid Columbia Bus Co. Dress appropriately, bring a resume and be prepared to apply on the spot. (541-276-7411)

**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)

**PRELUDES ORCHESTRA CONCERT, 6:30 p.m.**, Little Vert Theater, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton. Oregon East Symphony's beginner orchestra will perform. A reception will follow the performance. Free. (JD Kindie 541-276-0320)

**TERRIFIC TUESDAY: A LIFE-LONG FASCINATION WITH PAPER PEOPLE, 7 p.m.**, Heritage

Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Carolyn Mayer will shine some light on the history of paper dolls and share a glimpse of some of the dolls from her own collection, from her childhood in the 1930s through the 20th century. Free. (541-276-0012)

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BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC), 2411 NW CARDEN, PENDLETON, OR.  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING, ROOM ST-200  
**GUN FACTS, REGULATIONS, AND THE SECOND AMENDMENT**  
FEATURING: STUART ROBERTS, PAUL KEMP WITH JOHN TURNER MODERATING

THE COST IS FREE TO MEMBERS AND STUDENTS; FOR ALL OTHERS THE COST IS \$6.00 AT THE DOOR



**Stuart Roberts** joined the Pendleton Police Department in 1994 and became chief in 2003. He graduated from Pendleton High School, Western Oregon University and the FBI National Academy. He is a past president of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and is on the policy board for the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards & Training. In November 2016 he was awarded the Public Service Award from the Oregon Peace Officers Association for his work on a regional school security initiative, which included evaluations of facilities, training of staff and development of threat assessments and collaborations with law enforcement.



**Paul Kemp** is a founding board member of Gun Owners for Responsible Ownership. He has worked in the consulting engineering industry in Portland for 30 years and has volunteered for a variety of nonprofits including Camp Namanu, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brother and the Trauma Intervention Program. Paul enjoys the outdoors skiing, climbing, sea kayaking, rafting, canoeing, fishing, hiking, backpacking and hunting. He grew up hunting with his dad, uncles and grandfather in Michigan and enjoys hunting and target shooting with his son. His first trip to Pendleton was in 1979 while working for the U.S. Forest Service as a firefighter in the Blue Mountains.



**John Turner** retired as the president of Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Oregon on June 30th, 2013 after serving as president for the previous nine years. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a colonel with 28 years of active service on June 4, 2003. He has been married to his wife, Gail, for 36 years. John holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma and a master's degree in international affairs from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was a Federal Executive Fellow in the strategic studies program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and taught at the University of Nebraska in the naval science and history departments. John is now serving as the Pendleton City Mayor.

For more information about the EO Forum, please contact: Karen Parker at 541-966-3177.

The EO Forum is a collaborative effort among leaders from Blue Mountain Community College, InterMountain Education Service District; the East Oregonian; American Association of University Women; and Harriet Isom; a former United States ambassador who also serves on the committee. This EO Forum program is offered as part of Blue Mountain Community College's annual Arts and Culture Festival. For more information on the festival go to [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu).