



A rider with the Umatilla Express struggles to control his horse at the starting line during the first heat of the Indian Relay race Thursday at the Pendleton Round-Up.
Staff photo by E.J. Harris

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Photo courtesy of the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame
Yakima Canutt poses with the Roosevelt trophy in 1923.

FROM ROUND-UP CHAMPION TO HOLLYWOOD STUNTMAN

THE LEGEND OF YAKIMA CANUTT

By **EMILY OLSON**
East Oregonian

This year marks a full century since Yakima Canutt took his first step toward immortality in both rodeo and Hollywood by winning the Pendleton Round-Up all-around title.

Canutt went on to win three additional all-arounds — and countless more rodeo trophies, awards and honors. He looked for a new challenge in the film industry, where he became known as the inventor of the stuntman profession and an early pioneer of the Western genre. It's rumored that John Wayne's drawling speech and giddy-up gait were inspired by Canutt.

Canutt was inducted in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Pro Rodeo Hall of Champions and the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame. Then he was inducted into the Stuntmen's Hall of Fame and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

On the silver screen and off it, Canutt possessed the kind of grit that we associate with cowboys today. As his grandson, Zeke Canutt, puts it, "his best feature was perseverance to perfection."

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
The family of Yakima Canutt, (from left) Michelle Canutt, Harmony Canutt, Zander Canutt, Zeke Canutt, Gail Canutt and Joe Canutt sit in a booth at The Rainbow Cafe, where two of Yakima's photos are on display for years he won the Pendleton Round-Up.

Dance offers sober fun for Round-Up revelers

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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While plenty of rodeogoers will be knocking back Pendleton Whisky this Friday night, a group of people will be enjoying the Round-Up sober, and providing a place for others to do the same.

The Lawtiwaama Sobriety Friendship Dance, which takes place from 7-11 p.m. in Roy Raley Park, is in

Get your dance on

The Sobriety Dance is Friday 7-11 p.m. at Roy Raley Park

its eighth year. It is organized by the Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center's substance abuse prevention program.

"It's a celebration of me being alive, basically," said LaDonna

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What to watch for at the Westward Ho! Parade

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
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The Pendleton Round-Up commences its historical Westward Ho! Parade at 10 a.m. Friday with a cannon blast and ends it with the whistling tones of a calliope.

Between those acoustic opposites come horse hooves, wooden wagons and marching bands, but not a single engine. The hour-

plus-long procession prohibits motorized vehicles.

The same goes for mascots, air-inflated rubber tires, and the carrying of "advertising or promotional material of any kind," according to the official rules. Serapes and banners are OK for identifying a group or a rider, but those signs cannot be larger than 12 inches by 24 inches

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