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Bulldogger Dakota Eldridge brings down his steer in 6.3 seconds for the fastest time of the day at the Pendleton Round-Up.

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Governor parades through Pendleton

Touts economic development record in rural Oregon

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**
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PENDLETON — The annual Pendleton Round-Up gave Oregon Gov. Kate Brown a platform to tout her accomplishments in Eastern Oregon more than a year before she is expected to run for reelection.

Brown, a Portland Democrat who has held the post since February 2015, has not formally announced her candidacy for 2018, but her political action committee has been fundraising.

There are already official contenders for the GOP nomination, including State Rep. Knute Buehler, R-Bend, who was also spotted at the Round-Up festivities this week.

In a political era characterized by ideological divisions between rural residents and urbanites, the governor on Friday — clad in western shirt and cowboy hat — pledged her commitment to stimulate Oregon’s rural economies.

Brown, who has now attended the annual Pendleton Round-Up festivities every year of her administration, went to the Cowboy Breakfast Friday morning and rode horseback in the celebrated Westward Ho! Parade.

In a speech at an annual governor’s luncheon at Blue Mountain Community

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Couples take to the dance floor as the band, High Milage, plays country music on Thursday at the Fraternal Order of Eagles lodge on Main Street in Pendleton.

The eagle has lasted

Fraternal order keeps dance tradition alive during Round-Up week

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

When the music starts to play at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge during Round-Up week, the dance floor immediately fills with hoots, hollers and happy couples.

Sam Cronenwett and his wife, Rae, were among the first to

swing Thursday night, gliding and spinning effortlessly to the classic country styling of local band High Mileage. As a former rodeo contestant himself, Cronenwett, 67, insists cowboys are natural dancers, especially the ones from his generation.

“There wasn’t a lot of money in (dancing) back then,” he said. “We just partied.”

For decades, the Pendleton Eagles Lodge has opened its doors to the public during Round-Up, offering live music on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Visitors are invited to dust off their dancing shoes and saddle up at the front bar to enjoy a whiskey or two. Or three.

While rodeo crowds can certainly get a little rowdy, Cronen-

wett said he never has to worry at the Eagles.

“You don’t have to worry about getting into a fistfight,” he said. “These are friendly people.”

Cronenwett, who lives and ranches in Kennewick, Washington, has been coming to the Pendleton

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“Round-Up is definitely one of our staples. We tend to get the people who don’t want to drink and fight and raise all sorts of heck, but they just like to have fun.”

— **Jerry Dunn**, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 28 board chairman



Wyatt Bloom of Bend grimaces in pain after the horse he was riding, Wild Sheep, took a spill in the infield Thursday during bareback riding at the Pendleton Round-Up. Bloom dislocated his kneecap in the crash.

Cowboy-tough treatment

Physical therapists deliver fast medicine at Round-Up

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Wyatt Bloom of Bend dislocated his kneecap during Thursday’s bareback competition at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Athletic trainer Devin Dice said the injury comes with intense pain but is not life- or career-threatening. So far at this year’s Round-Up, Dice said there have been no serious injuries.

Dice, of Melba, Idaho, works with Dee

Cornell, an athletic trainer and physical therapist from Bonham, Texas, who runs the Rodeo Sports Medicine trailer behind the north grandstands on the Round-Up Grounds. They gave Bloom his initial treatment, and Cornell said they recommended he visit Bradley Adams, the orthopedic surgeon who serves as the Round-Up’s medical director.

Dice said he didn’t have an update on Bloom, but the word was the cowboy might try to wrap the knee and ride Saturday.

Jeffrey Ramagos of Louisiana suffered an injury Wednesday after a bull bucked

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