



Tuf Cooper of Weatherford, Texas, leaps through the air toward a steer as it is dragged through the grass by his horse during steer roping Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up. For Round-Up results, see Page 1B.

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# Hass beats out Brazile

Texas cowboy puts together his best week ever at Pendleton

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — For the past two years, Clayton Hass has skipped the Pendleton Round-Up, choosing to stay close to his Weatherford, Texas home and rest up before heading to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December.

But this year, needing a strong finish to make the NFR in Las Vegas, Hass found his way to Pendleton. Prior to Round-Up he sat 21st in the world standings in steer wrestling, nearly \$9,000 away from 15th, and 28th in team roping and needs some money in these last few weeks of the regular season.

He made his trip to Round-Up worthwhile on Saturday as he won the steer wrestling title and placed in team roping earlier in the week to earn the coveted all-around championship and *East Oregonian* Letter Buck trophy with \$13,053 earned for the week.

“Winning all-around at a rodeo like this is great because this is a different caliber of a rodeo than anything we go to,” Hass said. “You got the grass, you got the lane, the stock coming from behind you, it’s different and it’s great. Last two years I didn’t come here but I struggled a little bit this year and had to have a win and came over here and got it.”

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Clayton Hass of Weatherford, Texas, poses with the East Oregonian All-Around trophy on Saturday after winning the Pendleton Round-Up.

# Barreto to run for third term

East Oregonian

More than a year away from the general election and eight months away from the primaries, state Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, announced he will seek a third term in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Barreto, who served as the deputy Republican leader during the Legislature’s 2017 session, announced his bid for his District 58 seat in a Monday press release.

“When I announced my first campaign for state representative, I pledged to restore some common sense to the way our government does business in Salem,” Barreto said in a statement. “While it has not always been easy, I have worked hard to live up to that pledge and to serve our community to the best of my ability. I look forward to once again having the opportunity to earn the support of the residents of House District 58.”

District 58 encompasses Union County, Wallowa County and a part of Umatilla County, including Pendleton.

The press release touted Barreto’s accomplishments from his tenure, including the introduction of legislation to attract more occupational therapists to rural communities and co-authoring a bill creating building code regulations for so-called tiny houses.

Barreto is the vice-chair of the House Business and Labor Committee and also sits on the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Transportation Policy Committee and Rules Committee.

During the last session, Barreto notably opposed a \$5.3 billion transportation package, which meant that none of the package’s funds went to projects in his district.

Barreto did not return a request for comment as of press time.

Barreto originally won the Republican nomination for the District 58 house seat in 2014, winning a race against John Turner, a former Blue Mountain Community College president who now serves as the mayor of Pendleton. Barreto handily



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## PENDLETON

# Man dies from self-inflicted wound after standoff

Police respond to report of armed and intoxicated man

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Police surrounded a Pendleton home for about five hours on Sunday, unsure of what was happening inside.

They had responded to a report of an armed and intoxicated man who had threatened his wife with a hunting rifle, but all police efforts to communicate with him had failed.

After receiving a warrant, police raided the home and found the man in the basement unresponsive with a gunshot wound. He was taken to the hospital but died later that evening.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said the information the man was armed and drunk demanded

police take caution and follow certain processes, but that did not lessen the frustration felt by first responders.

“What if we could have gone into the home sooner?” he speculated. “... Will the outcome be different?”

Police at 10:31 a.m. Sunday received a 9-1-1 call from the man’s wife at 110 N.W. Seventh St., according to the Pendleton police reports. Alcohol played a role in the man’s life, Roberts said, and the wife and their two children fled the home, but she feared he turned the rifle on himself.

Pendleton police responded to the two-story home, along with officers from Oregon State Police and the Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office. Police were in body armor with assault rifles in hand. Neighbors reported police took positions in their yards near the house,

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A combined police tactical unit moves out in response to a standoff situation Sunday at a house near Northwest Seventh Street and Bailey Avenue in Pendleton.

