

PENDLETON

Sydney Jones will reign over 2019 Round-Up Court

New class includes twin sisters

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Twin sisters will serve together on the 2019 Pendleton Round-Up Court.

Raelin and Robie Davis join Queen Sydney Jones and princesses Addie Kilgore and Mallory Walters as Round-Up royalty. The twins, age 20, attend Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

Queen Sydney Jones, 20, will reign over the 109th Pendleton Round-Up in September. The Pendleton High School graduate participated in Rhythmic Mode Dance Team, symphonic band, Link Crew and National Honor Society. Jones majors in biology at Carroll College in Helena, Montana.

The 2017 Round-Up princess is a longtime volunteer, warming up court horses, doing retail sales and riding in nearly every parade for the past 10 years. She is a Happy Canyon Night Show cast member.

“Being a part of the 2017 court was an irreplaceable and memorable experience that transformed me into a better, more articulate and poised woman,” Jones said. “My love for the western lifestyle has only grown since my time as a princess.”

She began riding horses in 2008



Sydney Jones



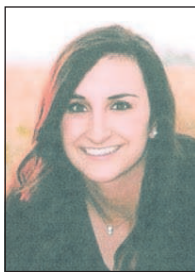
Addie Kilgore



Mallory Walters



Raelin Davis



Robie Davis

with mentor Toni Minthorn who taught her jumping skills. Jones’ two sorrels, Tilly and Rosie, know the routine and are ready to carry the new queen.

She is the daughter of Harper and Kim Jones.

Raelin and Robie Davis represent a family with deep Round-Up roots, starting with their grandfather Ernie Davis who supplied roping steers. Four family members rode on the Round-Up Court.

Although raised on the family’s Nevada ranch, they moved to Baker City in high school. Both competed at the American Quarter Horse Association World Show in Oklahoma City. Both study biochemistry at EOU.

Raelin excelled in FFA, National Honor Society and is a National High School Finals Rodeo qualifier and athletic scholar.

“From the time I could walk, my parents had me on the back of a horse,” said Raelin.

She worked starting colts, train-

ing horses and fine-tuning client horses at Eastern Slope Ranch in Baker City.

“Keeping the cowboy lifestyle is extremely important to me and my family,” said Raelin. “Hard work, loving your family, respecting your animals and being kind to others were values that were instilled in my upbringing.”

Robie graduated from Baker High School as class president, member of National Honor Society and an athletic scholar. She developed her horse skills in the North Eastern Nevada Horseman’s Association, Elko Youth Rodeo and the Silver State Stampede. She joined the high school rodeo team where she placed at state and went on to compete at the National High School Finals Rodeo.

“I would love to represent the industry that raised me, the people that have always supported me and the animals that have always impressed me.”

Raelin and Robie are daughters of Sandy Davis, of La Grande.

Kilgore, 19, was valedictorian of her class at Joseph Charter School, where she earned numerous awards while participating in National Honor Society, FFA, three sports, drama and visual arts.

The Oregon State University sophomore is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in communications. Kilgore started riding horses at five years old and worked her way through 4-H. She rode with the Tuckerettes precision riding drill team at the Chief Joseph Days rodeo where she also was the ninth member of her family to serve as CJD Queen.

Three of Kilgore’s relatives have been inducted into the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, including John Spain, Bonnie Tucker-Blankenship and Harley Tucker.

“Being on the Round-Up court would be extremely beneficial to my academic journey,” Kilgore said. “Well, let’s just say there is not a class you can take like this in college.”

Kilgore, who spent two summers fighting wildland fires, is the daughter of Wes and Sherri Kilgore.

Walters, 20, graduated from Pendleton High School with highest honors (4.38 GPA), and was a member of the National Honor Society. Her adventure with horses began at age eight riding trail and rodeo horses, before advancing to 4-H, Oregon High School Equestrian Team and American Quarter Horse Association competitions.

Walters completed her bachelor of arts degree in English and prelaw in less than two years at the University of Montana, where she graduated magna cum laude in 2018. Walters now lives in Pendleton where she will work for a local law firm throughout her princess reign. She will enter law school next year.

As a volunteer, Walter rode in numerous parades, served on the Pendleton Round-Up Wagon Train Committee, sold programs and cleaned grandstands.

“I am looking forward to forging new relationships with fellow riders, as well as advocating for the sport we all love,” Walters said.

She is the daughter of Cathy Walters.

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HERMISTON

Electricity rate increase goes to city council

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Hermiston Energy Services customers could see a \$2 increase in their monthly bill.

The Hermiston City Council will consider a recommendation for a rate increase during their council meeting on Monday. The regular 7 p.m. meeting at city hall will be preceded by a work session at 6 p.m. to discuss a cost analysis for Hermiston Energy Services.

According to a memo in the agenda packet by HES general manager Nate Rivera, buying wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration comprises 52 percent of the utility’s budget. BPA has raised the cost of wholesale power 38 percent over the past nine years.

The council last approved a rate adjustment in 2016. On Monday they will consider increasing the base rate for residential customers from \$14 to \$16 and the base rate for industrial customers from \$200 to \$250 starting Jan. 1.

The council will also consider updates to HES policies, include an option to pre-pay for service.

On Monday, the council will also discuss increasing the taxi vouchers for senior and

disabled riders from \$2 to \$2.50. The program allows senior citizens and disabled residents to purchase discounted tickets for one-way taxi rides, while the city subsidizes the rest of the cost of the ride.

According to a memo by Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, the city subsidized about 17,500 taxi rides in 2016 and 2017 but is on track to pay for almost 23,000 this year, which would put the city about \$27,000 over budget.

The city also provides a free bus service known as the HART. The HART has provided more than 8,000 rides during 2018 through October, putting it on pace to triple the number of riders from 2017. Morgan said those riders seem to be new to public transit, however, instead of people who have switched from using the taxi tickets to using the bus.

Monday’s council meeting will also include the October financial report, committee appointments, committee reports and an executive session to discuss labor negotiations. The full agenda packet can be found online at [hermiston.or.us/meetings](http://hermiston.or.us/meetings).

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City repeals River Quarter Enhancement Plan

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In April 2015, a representative from the Pendleton Development Commission’s advisory committee went before city council and recommended repealing the Pendleton River Quarter Enhancement Plan and starting over.

More than three years later, the council is following through on that suggestion.

The council voted unanimously Tuesday to repeal the river quarter plan, which covers the north side of Court Avenue from Southwest First Street to Southwest 10th Street, and are now an ordinance away from reverting the area back to central mixed use.

Passed by the council in 2010 following extended work by a dedicated committee, the river quarter plan created a special zoning overlay to encourage multi-story, multi-use developments by restricting certain types of buildings and setting standards for maximum building height and storefronts.

But the vision of a row of businesses that connected the downtown area to the Round-Up Grounds was never realized.

By 2015, a consensus emerged that although the river quarter plan was ambitious, its requirements and regulations made new development too expensive and unfeasible, even with a \$100,000 incentive earmarked for the river quar-

ter’s first development.

The development committee recommended scrapping the plan entirely and starting over, but the council demurred, arguing that the river quarter could be salvaged if the plan was edited. The plan was eventually sent to the planning commission for revision, but the commission didn’t take up the issue until March of this year.

By then, a group of river quarter business owners were regularly attending public meetings to demand the repeal of the plan because it was preventing new development in the area.

The commission reviewed a proposal from the group of Court Avenue business owners and similar plans from other cities, but the commission ultimately recommended repealing the plan and creating a new ad-hoc committee to create a new one.

With the recommendation in front of the council on Tuesday, the Court business owners encouraged councilors to follow suit.

Chad Miltenberger of Sign Men, a business at 803 S.W. Court Ave., said the area directly across from the river quarter has flour-

ished under less burdensome regulations.

“We as business owners have some really good ideas that we want to turn and burn on and have for quite a while,” he said. “But the zoning has not allowed us to do that.”

Councilor Scott Fairley, a former planning commissioner, said the city needed to provide any group that decided to revisit the

river quarter plan the same resources that went into creating it, such as a consultant. Although the council voted to repeal the river quarter plan, it will also have to approve an ordinance converting the land back to central mixed use, a standard zoning designation that allows for commercial or residential developments with the extra requirements of the river quarter.

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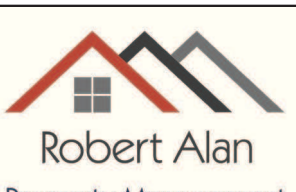
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