

# Round-Up gets ready to Let' er Buck!

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**P**ENDLETON — After last September's cancellation of the Pendleton Round-Up — just the third time in the storied rodeo's 111-year history — the wooden bucking chutes will again explode open as cowboys, cowgirls and spectators prepare to Let' er Buck.

Round-Up week gets underway Saturday, Sept. 11, with the Main Street Cowboys Dress-Up Parade at 10 a.m. The Kick-Off Concert is at 7 p.m., featuring headliner Billy Currington and opener Shy Carter (tickets are \$40-\$150).

Also leading up to the main event is the PRCA Xtreme Bulls Tour (\$31-\$53). The last stop before the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, it boasts a payout of \$110,000. Spectators will be treated to the top 24 bull riders in the country Sept. 13-14 at Happy Canyon Arena.



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Drummers perform during the Indian Dancing at the Pendleton Round-Up.

The Round-Up's main rodeo performances are Sept. 15-18 (\$13-\$24). It begins daily at 1:15 p.m. with the grand entry countdown and a booming blast from the cannon. In addition, slack (\$5) begins each morning Sept. 13-16.

The festivities also include the Happy Canyon Indian Pag-

nant & Wild West Show (\$13-\$24). Running Sept. 15-18, the nightly show starts at 7:45 p.m. And after the stage lights dim, head over to Goldie's Bar at the Canyon for gambling, live music and adult beverages.

The oldest Indian pageant in the world, Happy Canyon was designated as Oregon's official

outdoor pageant in 2011. Based on a script written more than a century ago, the pageant has added a few tweaks over the years that heighten the excitement. The volunteer cast and crew of 400 to 500 includes multi-generational families.

A senior package for Wednesday or Thursday provides tickets to the rodeo, the night show and a barbecue dinner for \$33. It's available for those older than 60.

Other highlights are a pair of American Indian Beauty pageants. They are Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at Roy Raley Park and Sept. 17 at 9 a.m. on Main Street.

While at Roy Raley Park, be sure to check out the Indian Village. Upward of 300 teepees are erected with tribal members from near and far taking up residency throughout the week. In addition, a vendor area offers items crafted by Native American artisans.

And, you won't want to miss the Westward Ho! Parade. With

all non-motorized entries, it gets hoofing and rolling — with wagons, stagecoaches, carriages and buggies dating back to the mid-1800s — Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Tim O'Hanlon, Round-Up parade director, said a dedicated crew meets weekly to paint, repair and work on wagons.

"There's a lot of history in these wagons," he said.

Adding to the festivities outside the arena, the Main Street Cowboys host The Greatest Free Show in the West. Entertainment includes musicians, comedians, magicians and more in downtown Pendleton Sept. 14-18. Also, there's a variety of craft/commercial vendors and food booths.

"I encourage everyone to experience everything that they possibly can during the week," said Mary Catherine Rivera, a Happy Canyon princess.

For more information or links to purchase tickets, visit [www.pendletonroundup.com](http://www.pendletonroundup.com).



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