

Pendleton Round-Up announces 2021 queen and court

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PENDLETON — For the first time in two years, the Pendleton Round-Up has a new court.

With the pandemic canceling the 2020 rodeo, the Round-Up retained its court for 2021. But with the rodeo officially revived and in the books, the Round-Up announced a new court Saturday, Nov. 27, led by Queen Addie Kilgore.

Kilgore, 23, is a veteran of rodeo courts, having served as the queen of the Chief Joseph Days court in 2015 and a Round-Up princess in 2019. The daughter of the late Wes Kilgore and Sherri Kilgore, the principal at McKay Creek Elementary School, Kilgore's Round-Up ancestry includes Hall of Fame members John Span, Bonnie Tucker-Blan-

kenship and Harley Tucker.

"Being able to honor my family's background combined with the amazing heritage and traditions of the Pendleton Round-Up is one of the greatest honors that I have ever had," she said in a statement. "I was raised in an environment that mimics the cowboy way; a strong work ethic, a love and commitment to family, a respect for animals, and kindness.

Kilgore has plenty of equestrian experience as well, her love of horses beginning when her grandparents bought her a pony at age

5. She's also accomplished academically, having been valedictorian at Joseph Charter School and graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in speech communication and business marketing. She's now pursuing a master's degree in elementary education.

Four princesses from across the state join Kilgore.

• Brooklynn Been, 19, of Pendleton, graduated from Pendleton High School in 2020 and is now enrolled in the nursing program at Washington State University.

The daughter of a steer

wrestler, Been competed in high school rodeo, where she qualified for the pole bending competition at state finals multiple times.

"I loved being a part of the rodeo world where everyone helps each other out even while competing against one another," she said.

• Cloe Davis, 19, of Adams, graduated from Weston-McEwen High School and is now pursuing a degree in agriculture from Blue Mountain Community College.

The daughter of Round-Up Arena Director Berk Davis, she rode in her first Westward

Ho! Parade at 18 months and has continued her family tradition of volunteering during Round-Up week by being a pennant bearer at the Happy Canyon Pageant and helping out in the 1910 Room.

• Madeline Hales, 20, graduated from Pendleton High School in 2020 and is now a sophomore at Oregon State University, where she is majoring in marketing.

She is the daughter and granddaughter of two past presidents and her family's history as directors and royalty stretches back generations.

Having attended her first Round-Up at nine-months-old, Hales most recent brush with rodeo history came when she rode Badger at the 2021 Westward Ho! Parade. Badger is a quarter horse who has rode in more than 30 grand entries, among other

Round-Up events.

• While most Round-Up court members hail from Eastern Oregon, Alexa Marandas is from Sauvie Island, an island in the Columbia River north of Portland.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in Portland in 2020 and is now a biology student at Oregon State University. Although she grew up on the west side of the state, she spent all her childhood summers in Long Creek in Grant County and her family's involvement in the Round-Up goes back to her great grandparents.

"Keeping the sport of rodeo and the western way of life alive have always been very important to me," she said. "I am so honored and excited to serve on this court and do my part in preserving what we do."

HERMISTON

Contractor charged with felony theft

By JAYSON JACOBY
Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — A Baker County grand jury has indicted a Hermiston building contractor on felony theft charges for failing to do work for a Baker City couple after they paid him \$150,000 this spring as the first installment on the construction of their home.

James A. Cavan, 41, is charged with aggravated first-degree theft, a Class B felony.

The grand jury issued the indictment Nov. 18.

Jeff and Angie Skillicorn hired Cavan to build a home and shop on their property in Baker Valley, Baker County District Attorney Greg Baxter said.

The couple has not had any contact with Cavan for several months, Baxter said.

The indictment on criminal charges follows a civil lawsuit that the Skillicorns filed on Aug. 13 in Baker County Circuit Court.

The suit names as defendants James and Felicia Cavan, doing business as Dreams to Reality.

The lawsuit includes a copy of the construction contract agreement between the Skillicorns and James Cavan, dated May 26, 2021.

The agreement calls for the Skillicorns to pay Cavan a total of \$457,700, including a \$150,000 deposit at the time the agreement was signed.

According to the civil suit, Cavan used \$29,500 of the \$150,000 deposit for materials and labors, which consisted of building the foundation for the Skillicorns' home. Cavan has not refunded the remaining \$120,500.

Jeff Skillicorn wrote in an Oct. 4 court filing that around July 20, Cavan told him he had lost his contrac-

tor's license and could not finish the home.

"Defendants have acknowledged their obligation to reimburse Plaintiffs and have expressed that they do not have readily available funds to reimburse Plaintiffs," the lawsuit states. "For that reason, Defendants offered to reimburse Plaintiffs using the proceeds from the sale of Defendants' house and principal place of business."

On Sept. 27 a default order was approved in Baker County Circuit Court and Cavan was ordered to pay the balance of the Skillicorns' deposit, \$120,500.

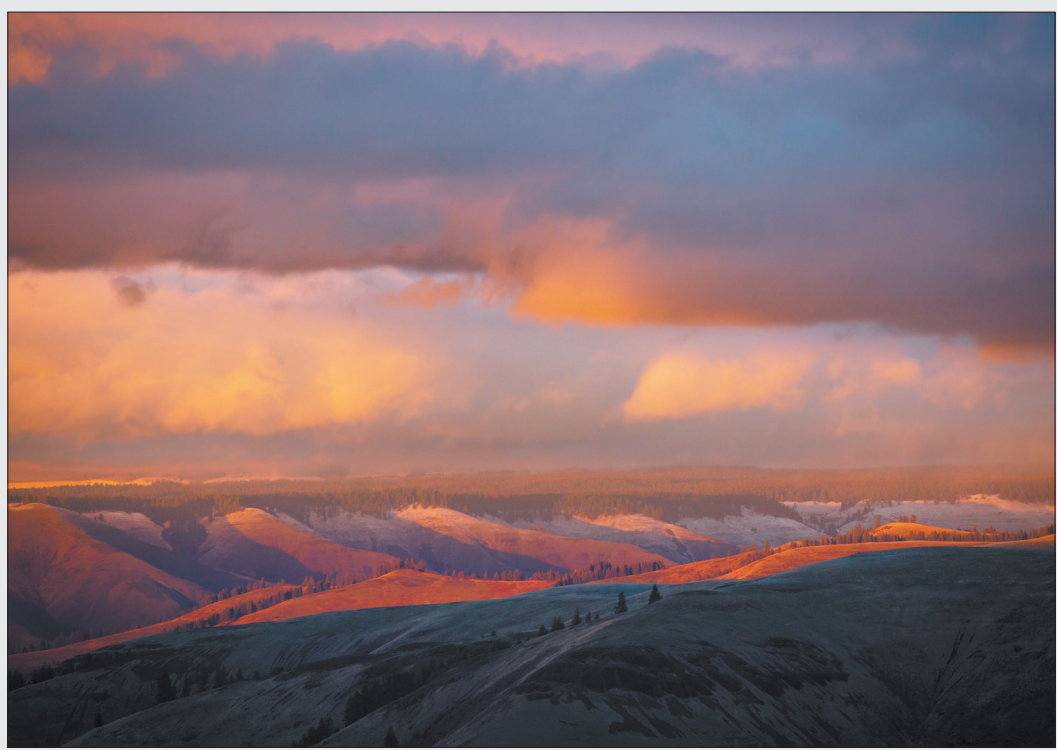
On Oct. 21, Judge Matt Shirtcliff signed a supplemental judgment ordering Cavan to pay an additional \$12,521.65 in attorney's fees and other costs.

According to the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, a contractor's license was issued to James and Felicia Cavan on June 24, 2016. That license has been suspended and is not active, according to the agency.

Disciplinary records from the Construction Contractors Board show the Cavans were fined \$1,000 in March 2021 for doing work without being certified as a lead-based paint renovation contractor.

Their license was suspended on July 22, 2021. The records don't list a specific reason for the suspension.

Setting sun warms the wintry Blues



The setting sun casts a warm glow across the landscape Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, in the foothills of the Blue Mountains near Deadman Pass southeast of Pendleton. Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian

LOCAL BRIEF

New doctor joins Good Shepherd Primary Care Clinic

HERMISTON — Good Shepherd Primary Care Clinic has a new family medicine physician.

Good Shepherd Health Care System in a recent press release announced Dr. Nicole Patching has joined Dr. David Shanley, Angie Hayes, family nurse practitioner, and JoDee Williams, doctor of nursing practice, at the clinic

at 620 N.W. 11th St. Suite M-103, Hermiston. Patching is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Patching was born and raised in Winnipeg, Canada, where most her family resides, according to the press release. She obtained her doctor of medicine at Saba University School of Medicine in Saba, Dutch Caribbean. Patching then completed



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her family medicine residency at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"My strong points are making sure that my patients understand what I am doing," she said in press release. "Communication and trust are key in helping my patients understand what is happening with their health."

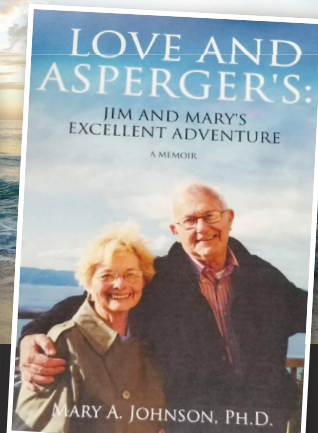
For more information, call 541-667-3830 or visit www.gshealth.org/good-shepherd-medical-group/primary-care-clinic.

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Mary A. Johnson, Ph.D., wife of the late Jim Hanks and former Pendleton resident, announces the publication of her second book,

LOVE AND ASPERGER'S: Jim and Mary's Excellent Adventure, a Memoir, set mostly in the Pendleton area. Available on Amazon.com



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House of Gucci (R)
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Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG13)
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King Richard (PG13)
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Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
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