

# Round-Up named best rodeo of its kind

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The Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association affirmed what locals have been saying for years — the Pendleton Round-Up is the best rodeo of its kind in the country.

According to a Thursday press release, the PRCA bestowed the Round-Up with the 2015 Large Outdoor Rodeo of the Year award.

The honor is determined by PRCA members.

“This award is special to the Pendleton Round-Up because we have always considered ourselves a ‘cowboys rodeo’ and we are truly honored to have received their vote,” Round-Up Association President Bill Levy said in a statement.

Round-Up Publicity Director Randy Thomas said the Round-Up has won the rodeo of the year award twice before — 2003 and 2010, when it shared the title with Cheyenne Frontier Days.

Thomas said the Wyoming rodeo claims the award most years, but this year the Round-Up came out on top.

It took the prize over fellow finalist the Frontier Days, as well as rodeos in Lovington, N.M., Ogden, Utah and Salinas, Calif.

Rodeo of the year wasn't the only award the Round-Up took in from the PRCA.

The Round-Up was also given the Remuda Award for having the best bucking stock in the rodeo circuit. That award was announced last month.

The press release states that the Round-Up worked with the top PRCA stock contractors and riding event representatives to ensure “that every cowboy drew a horse or bull capable of taking them to the pay window.”

Other Round-Up team members to receive honorifics from the PRCA were Bullfighter of the Year Dusty Tuckness, Clown of the Year Justin Rufford and Pick-Up Man of the Year Matt Twitchell.

“Coupled with winning the



The 2015 Queen Kylee Jensen leads the court during the ride in last September during the Pendleton Round-Up.

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Remuda Award for the most consistent and even bucking stock; winning the Large Outdoor Rodeo of the year has made 2015 a truly outstanding success,” said Bill Quesenberry, who was Round-Up president during the 2015 rodeo. “It is a special tribute to all of our hard working volunteers who make the Pendleton Round-Up happen.”

While the Round-Up Board of Directors are in Las Vegas to accept the awards and take in the National Finals Rodeo, they'll be greeted by a familiar sight.

Two frequent performers at the Happy Canyon Night Show and Professional Bull Riders events — Bryson Bronson and a local painted horse named Chinook — will present the U.S. flag during the NFR's opening ceremony Saturday.



Courtesy of Pendleton Round-Up Dave O'Neill (left) and Randy Bracher celebrate their winning the Remuda Trophy, given to the rodeo that cowboys think supplied the best and most consistent bucking stock.



Pendleton Round-Up directors celebrate their win as the best large outdoor rodeo in the country, as voted by the PRCA.

Courtesy of Pendleton Round-Up

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## OBITUARIES

### Ronald Morgan

June 6, 1946 to Nov. 28, 2015

Ronald Morgan, 69, of Gresham passed away Nov. 28, 2015. He was born June 6, 1946 to Leon and Joyce (Edmanson) Morgan in Portland.

Ronald graduated from Benson High School and served as a Marine in the military shortly after graduating high school. He also attended some classes at Mt. Hood Community College.

He married Suzanne Zachor in 1966 and together they raised two children in Joseph. Ronald retired as mail carrier with the U.S. Postal service. He was a life member of the VFW. He also enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family.

Ronald is survived by his wife of 49 years, Suzanne; daughters Anna and Kristan; grandchildren Mychael, Anthony, Jaymes, Genna, Andrea, Mia and Sofia.

A committal service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery at 2 p.m. Dec. 7. A celebration of life gathering will follow from 3-7 p.m. at the Rock Creek Community Hall. Visit [www.batemancarrollfunerals.com](http://www.batemancarrollfunerals.com) for additional information.

## Weather Forecast

Courtesy of Weather Underground. [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com)

|         | High | Low | Condition    |
|---------|------|-----|--------------|
| Dec. 10 | 37   | 22  | Rain         |
| Dec. 11 | 34   | 21  | Snow         |
| Dec. 12 | 31   | 20  | Snow showers |
| Dec. 13 | 32   | 18  | Snow showers |
| Dec. 14 | 31   | 14  | Overcast     |
| Dec. 15 | 29   | 16  | Snow showers |

### Phases of the moon

| Dec. 11  | Dec. 18     | Dec. 25   | Jan. 21      |
|----------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
|          |             |           |              |
| New Moon | 1st Quarter | Full Moon | Last Quarter |

### WALLOWA COUNTY SUNRISE, SUNSET NOV. 25-DEC. 1

(from the U.S. Naval Observatory)

| WED        | THUR       | FRI        | SAT        | SUN        | MON        | TUES       |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dec. 9     | Dec. 10    | Dec. 11    | Dec. 12    | Dec. 13    | Dec. 14    | Dec. 15    |
| Rise: 7:17 | Rise: 7:18 | Rise: 7:19 | Rise: 7:19 | Rise: 7:21 | Rise: 7:21 | Rise: 7:22 |
| Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  | Set: 4:06  |

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