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Brad Goodrich of Stanfield dismounts his horse on his way to marking a 9.5 seconds in tie down roping Saturday at the Pendleton Round-Up.

HOME TURF ADVANTAGE

By ERIC SINGER

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Brad Goodrich makes no secret about it: the Pendleton Round-Up is his favorite.

He loves the prestige and the Old-West feel that rodeo gives off, but most of all, the Stanfield resident loves it because of the proximity to home.

"I've told my wife that I'm going to rope here until they have to wheel me

out on a stretcher," Goodrich said. "I might be 80 years old and can't win anything but I'll still be roping here."

Competing in his 30th Round-Up during the second performance on Thursday, Goodrich, the 2004 Round-Up All-Around champion and 2008 tie-down champion, was able to put on a good performance for many family and friends

that were in the crowd looking on, finishing in 9.4 seconds for the best time of the second round up to that point in the rodeo.

On Saturday, he turned in a time of 9.5 seconds to place fourth in the short-go, which earned in a 2nd place finish overall in the event with a total time of 29.0 seconds on three head.

He finished just behind

Texas cowboy Chase Williams, for the overall event win. Shane Erickson of Terbonne won the all-around trophy in Pendleton.

Goodrich is also a three-time winner of the tie-down roping at Hermiston's Farm-City Pro Rodeo with wins in 2001, 2003, 2006. In 2006, Goodrich was also crowned the all-around champion of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo.

Bill to clean Columbia River added to the new water package

Sens. Wyden, Merkley pushing for passage

By GEORGE PAVEN

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Congress is making headway on establishing a grant program for environmental cleanup projects in the Columbia River Basin.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley reintroduced the Columbia River Restoration Act last year, along with fellow Oregon Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Suzanne Bonamici and Peter DeFazio, all Democrats. The bill was added into a broader package of water legislation last week, called the Water Resources Development Act, which did pass the full Senate last week.

Grants would help pay for things like reducing pollution in the Columbia River, cleaning up contamination, protecting fish and wildlife habitat and promoting community engagement. A collaborative group would also assess trends in

water quality and identify problems throughout the basin. That group would consist of representatives from state and local governments, tribes, industry, conservation groups and landowners.

"The Columbia River is a cornerstone of our cultural history, used for commerce, fishing, recreation and agriculture," Wyden said in an announcement. "The Pacific Northwest relies on this vital resource remaining clean and healthy to meet our needs."

The Columbia River Restoration Program would fall under the Environmental Protection Agency. It would not add any new regulations, but provide a competitive source of funding dedicated to the basin.

In 2006, the EPA designated the Columbia River Basin a priority "large aquatic ecosystem" in the same class as the Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, Gulf of Mexico and Puget Sound. Yet the basin is the only one of those large ecosystems that receives no dedicated funding to clean up and monitor toxic chemicals.

Best dam run seeks participants

There's still time to get in shape for the Columbia River Best Dam Power Run.

The event features 10K and 5K runs and a family fun walk Saturday, Oct. 15 near McNary Lock and Dam, east of Umatilla off Highway 730. The 10K race starts at 9:30 a.m., the 5K at 9:45 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m. The registration fee for each of the events is \$25.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/columbiariverbestdampowerrun or www.columbiariverrunmarathon.com. Both sites include a link to Its Your Race registration and online question/contact submission.

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Kayak race paddles into Boardman

An invigorating kayak race is planned on the Columbia River at Boardman.

Presented by the Boardman Kiwanis and sponsored by the River Lodge and Grill, the race is Saturday, Oct. 1 beginning at 10 a.m. at the River Lodge, 6 Marine Drive, Boardman. Participants, who must be 18-and-older, will

paddle their way to Boardman Marina Park. The winner will receive a free night stay at the River Lodge and breakfast for two. There is no registration fee.

For those needing a watercraft, a limited number of kayaks can be reserved on a first-come basis. The Morrow County Sheriff Marine

Patrol will monitor the race for safety. In addition, kayakers must wear an approved life jacket.

For a link to a registration form, go to www.visitsage.com/event/139. For more information, contact debbieradie@gmail.com.



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