

Round-Up Hall of Fame mixes up epic bar battle

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PENDLETON — After a two-year hiatus because of the global pandemic, the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame is shaking things up with its signature fundraiser. The Battle of the Bars is returning bigger and better than ever, Casey White-Zollman, Hall of Fame vice president, said in a press release.

Before local bartenders mix things up, the event starts with a cornhole tournament. The fun begins Friday, April 1, at 4:45 p.m. outside the Let 'er Buck Room on the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds, 1205 SW Court Ave. Doubles teams can join the tournament for \$50 per team by signing up at 4 p.m.

"Cornhole has really exploded around the country over the past few years, so we hope people will come play in the tournament and then stick around for Battle of the Bars," said Ken Lebsock, Hall of Fame Battle of the Bars director.

There will be two divisions of play for the double-elimination tournament. Bags will be provided to contestants. There is a 50% prize purse. For information about registering, call 541-969-4721 or 541-310-0791.

And then get ready to rumble as the event moves inside the Let 'er Buck Room at 6 p.m. for the traditional Battle of the Bars competition. Local bartenders will fight it out mano a mano as they create signature drinks using Pendleton Whisky.



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Bartender Kristen Shea pours Pendleton Whisky while competing during a past Battle of the Bars in Pendleton. A fundraiser for the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, the 2022 event, which includes a cornhole tournament, is April 1 in the Let 'er Buck Room at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

Entry is free — people must be 21 or older to attend. Tastes and votes for each cocktail can be purchased, along with beer, wine and other traditional cocktails. Food from Mario's Basque Bar B-Q will also be available for purchase.

People can vote for their

favorite Pendleton Whisky drink until 8 p.m. Then the evening continues with music, raffles and

drinks along with the announcement of the winning cocktail. The victorious bar or restaurant will gain bragging rights and a plaque to commemorate their win.

"We've really missed having this event the past two years," said Hall of Fame President Carl Culham. "It's going to be a lot of fun having everyone back at Battle of the Bars, supporting the Hall of Fame while they enjoy time back together."

The Battle of the Bars is one of the largest yearly fundraisers for the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame. The museum operates on membership fees, donations, grants, fundraisers and the time com-

mitment of volunteers.

Founded in 1969, it preserves the history of Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon. Exhibits include everything from a full-sized teepee, wagons and clothing to delicate beadwork, saddles and photographs. In 2011, it received honorable mention in True West Magazine's Top Western Museums.

The Hall of Fame is adjacent to the Round-Up Grounds at 1114 SW Court Ave. It operates late-March through November — Tuesday-Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — and entry is free. For more information, call 541-278-0815, visit www.rounduphalloffame.org or search Facebook.

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