Host Pendleton Round-Up Court and Happy Canyon Princesses

Courts Tour State Capitol And Receive Honors In Both Legislative Chambers

Salem, OR – Members of the Pendleton Round-Up Court and the Happy Canyon Princesses traveled from eastern Oregon today to tour the Capitol and meet with elected officials. The Round-Up Court is composed of Queen Kylee Jensen and Princesses Marissa Baumgartner, Emily Sorey, Paula Thompson and Kendra Torry. The Happy Canyon Princesses are Josephine Penney and Mary Harris. Both Courts were honored by Senator Hansell in the Senate Chamber and by Representative Barreto in the House Chamber.

“It was great to meet with all the folks from the Round-Up Court and Happy Canyon today,” said Rep. Greg Barreto (R-Cove). “I hold these young community leaders in the highest regards. It’s truly a privilege to get to know such incredible Oregonians.”

The first Pendleton Round-Up was to be a frontier exhibition of picturesque pastimes, Native American and military celebrations, and cowboy racing and bronco busting for the championship of the Northwest. Rep. Jodi Hack founded the barrel racing competition and has played an integral role in the Pendleton Rodeo since then.

“I am so proud of these amazing young women and the heritage they continue to preserve and promote as they represent the Pendleton community, Round-Up and Happy Canyon,” said Rep. Hack (R-Salem).

“What an honor it was to host an outstanding group of young women who represent our part of the state so well,” said Sen. Bill Hansell (R-Athena). “It was a pleasure to be a part of this great day.”

Native Americans have been a central component of the Pendleton Round-Up since its inception. Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation - the Umatilla, Cayuse, and Walla Walla Indians - have all taken part in this historic event.


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