



## Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon

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## Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame announces new board members

PENDLETON, Ore. – The Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame is excited to announce three new members of its Board of Directors: Ken Lebsock of Pendleton, Tricia Towne of Pendleton, and Matt Wood of Helix.

Ken Lebsock, was raised in Pendleton and has been married to Rhonda Lebsock for 37 years. They have two sons, Jake and Jordan, and Ken has volunteered for the Pendleton Round-Up since for decades. He began in elementary school by selling soda in the rodeo stands, then graduated from Pendleton High School (go, Bucks!) and served on the World Famous Fence Crew since 1990. Ken helped to open the Stripping Chute Bar for past Round-Up Director Mike Ledbetter, followed by the Load Out Bar (section DD Bar). He has also volunteered for Happy Canyon. Ken recently retired from the Pendleton School District, and also previously owned Thews Sheet Metal. He says he is proud to have been asked to serve on the Round Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame Board.

Tricia Towne and her family are longstanding members of the Pendleton community. Tricia retired after nearly 30 years of employment from the InterMountain Education Service District. She also worked part-time in the Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon retail store for several years and continues to assist with tickets and retail every year. Tricia has served on multiple boards within the community, including the Umatilla County Federal Credit Union, as well as Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS). She is a longtime Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon volunteer, including more than 25 years for Happy Canyon and more than 11 years for the Round-Up. Her support is echoed by her family's commitment to volunteerism. Tricia's husband, Jim, and sons Shawn and Keith, each have dedicated more than two decades to these organizations. Currently Shawn is serving as a Director for the Happy Canyon Association. Tricia is excited to serve as a member of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors and looks forward to contributing to her community in this new aspect.

Matt Wood was born in Pendleton and grew up in Echo where he graduated high school. After a brief stint as an electrician apprentice, he attended Blue Mountain Community College and Western Oregon College, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in History. For almost 30 years, Matt and his wife, Cindy (Helix School secretary), have lived and farmed near Helix. He initially worked for his maternal grandfather and now farms with his son, Willie. Matt has also been a building contractor for nearly 20 years and a Helix Cemetery sexton for 25 years. For several years he was a part-owner of the Helix Tavern. Matt briefly helped with the "barrier crew" at the Round-up and has helped with Westward Ho! Parade announcing.



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He is a former Helix Rodeo Board member, past president of the Umatilla County Historical Society, and is currently on the Oregon Farm Bureau State Board of Directors.

The Hall of Fame Board of Directors also recently elected its 2022 slate of officers:

- President: Carl Culham
- Vice President: Casey White-Zollman
- Secretary: Shelby Spriet
- Treasurer: Karen Vanderplaat

Other board members include: Steve Hart, Aaron Hines, Eliza Wagner, Leslee Williams and Mary West. Pendleton Round-Up President Karl Farber and Happy Canyon President Kenzie Hansell also serve on the Board.

Though the Hall of Fame is a stand-alone organization from the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon, its board members are appointed by the presidents of the Round-Up and Happy Canyon. Board members may serve up to two three-year terms.

Those interested in membership to the Hall of Fame or making a donation should contact Membership Director Leslee Williams, [ruphalloffame@gmail.com](mailto:ruphalloffame@gmail.com).

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*The Pendleton Round-Up & Happy Canyon Hall of Fame is located at 1114 SW Court Avenue, adjacent to the world famous Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. The Hall of Fame Museum operates March-November of each year and entry is free. Visit [www.rounduphalloffame.org](http://www.rounduphalloffame.org) for more information, and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ruphalloffame](http://www.facebook.com/ruphalloffame).*