

SOFTBALL: Winner of the tournament will play in the Little League World Series

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airport supplied the party accessories and signage.

Several of the signs proclaimed "212 degrees," which a few of the players explained.

"Water can't boil at 211 degrees, but it can at 212 degrees," said right fielder Ellie Samford.

"It's all about that extra degree," Jeness said.

"Every time we make an error..." Duchek said.

"... it reminds us to shake it off," finished right fielder Kylie Parsons.

They will take that resolve with them to San Bernardino. The team advanced to the regional finals after coming from behind to defeat Southeast Portland 8-4 last Wednesday in Redmond. They will arrive in San Bernardino



Sue Lilienthal grabs DeLaney Duchek in a headlock while joking around during a send-off for the Pendleton 11/12-year-old all-star team Tuesday at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton.

Thursday afternoon and play Montana on Friday morning in pool play. After additional games against Utah and Alaska, the team will be seeded in a bracket against the rest of the 12

teams for single-elimination play.

But before focusing on that, the team needed to thank their public. They hiked up the steps to the airport's upper balcony, shouted "thank you" to the crowd of 100 or so below and gave a high-decibel whoop. They posed for photos under the airport's bucking horse, then slapped hand with fans lined up on both sides of the hallway leading to the tarmac. A few players wiped tears. The pair of airplanes took off just as the sun sunk to the horizon.

The team that wins the regional tournament will play next month in the Little League Softball World Series in Portland.

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Airport Office Administrator Erica Stewart serves cake to Josie Wilson during a send-off for the Pendleton 11/12-year-old all-star team Tuesday at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton.

COUNCIL: New fire station is contingent on voters passing a bond

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station would hurt parking prospects for future development.

Although Mayor Phillip Houk and Councilor Becky Marks liked the idea of a downtown fire station, they joined the other councilors in supporting the St.

Anthony site to show a united front.

Ciraulo said he misspoke when he said Pendleton Cinema was the overwhelming favorite among the 53 attendees of a series of public meetings to discuss the possible fire station sites.

Although Pendleton Cinema was the preferred

site, Ciraulo said they were both generally well-liked.

A new fire station is contingent on voters passing a bond, which the council has tentatively set for the May 2017 ballot.

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WATER: Expect to finish construction by March 2017

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pace of growth, the port is planning to build a 15-mile pipeline to pump additional effluent to Madison Ranches near Echo.

Neal said the project will benefit both sides, providing water to the farm and creating flexibility for the port to handle its wastewater.

"It's a good fit," Neal said. "You can grow basically any crop with that process water."

Neal said they expect to start construction in September and finish by March 2017. The pipeline will run underneath both Highway 730 and Interstate 84 between the port and Madison Ranches. The entire project is expected to cost between \$12-\$13 million, and has been backed by the state Infrastructure Finance Authority.

Neal said the number of acres the port can use to apply wastewater will



Wastewater generated by businesses at the Port of Morrow is used to help irrigate nearby farmland.

nearly double following the build-out.

"We obviously have had a lot of growth the past couple of years," he said. "We're trying to play catch-up and add some capacity."

The port currently pumps wastewater to three different farms around Boardman, totaling roughly 6,000 acres. Ron McKinnis, engineer at the port, said they would have to build a wastewater treatment facility if they

didn't use land application. Not only would that be more expensive, but he said the farms would also lose out on water rich in nitrogen and phosphorous.

"It really is a good recycling project," McKinnis said. "There's a good crop benefit at the end of the day."

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