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Staff photo by George Plaven
BMCC instructor Pete Hernberg, left, works with Taylor Nedrow to fix a laptop computer as part of the college's data center technician program.

HERMISTON

Keepers of the cloud

Class trains students for jobs at data centers

By **GEORGE PAVEN**
East Oregonian

Every time someone updates their status on Facebook, fires off an urgent email or buys a new product online, that information goes to live in massive buildings filled with computer servers known as data centers.

Eastern Oregon, in particular, has

become a popular location for some of the biggest companies on the Web to expand their server farms. Amazon began operating its first data center in Boardman in 2011, and will soon be adding its fifth and sixth. Meanwhile, Facebook has committed to building its third data center in Prineville, and Google broke ground in March on a new \$600 million center in The Dalles.

With each new facility comes the need for trained employees to make sure servers are installed properly and running smoothly. Realizing the opportunity for local workforce development, Blue Mountain Community College has established a one-year certificate program designed to prepare students

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Lawsuit in Portland leads to playground closures in Pendleton



Orange fencing surrounds a play area that is under construction at Community Park in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Oregon delegates react to DNC

By **KRISTENA HANSEN**
Associated Press

Several Oregon delegates kicked off the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Monday listening to Bernie Sanders in a packed, rowdy room of his supporters, who booed when the Vermont senator tried rallying them behind Hillary Clinton.

Sanders' bid was part of a larger, organization-wide effort to prevent further division within the party after Sunday's resignation of Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Her plans to step down after the convention this week stem from thousands of emails that were leaked over the weekend showing DNC staff favored Clinton during the primary.

The revelations reignited strong feelings among some Sanders supporters, who have had mixed feelings about his endorsement for Clinton weeks ago in an effort to defeat GOP nominee Donald Trump in November.

Matthew Keating, an Oregon delegate pledged to Sanders who also worked on his local campaign, said it was a "wise move" for Wasserman Schultz to resign and agrees with Sanders about shifting their focus to defeating Trump.

"Sen. Sanders is a man of his word, and he said early on he was going to support the nominee," Keating told The Associated Press. "We can hold our head high, but we have vitally important work still to do ... We're not going away. This movement doesn't end with a convention or an election."

More than half of Oregon's 61 dele-

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Parks & Litigation

Cities respond to court's ruling on legal immunity

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

An open hole in Portland led to three closed playgrounds in Pendleton.

State law has long protected cities from lawsuits that result from parks and recreation use, but that changed in March thanks to an Oregon Supreme Court

decision.

The decision sprang from a case where Portland Parks & Recreation dug a hole at a park to fix a sprinkler head.

A legally blind woman jogging in the park injured herself in the hole and sued the worker who dug the hole and his supervisor.

The case wound its way through the legal system all the

way to the Oregon Supreme Court, which ruled that the city's legal immunity in this case didn't extend to its employees, effectively rendering recreational immunity moot. The ruling means an injured party could sue a municipal employee and the municipality would defend

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"The risks aren't just a hole in the park or a bad playground. They come in all shapes and forms."

— **Donnie Cook**, Pendleton Parks and Recreation director

PENDLETON

Seattle Cossacks contort atop classic Harleys



Staff photo by Antonio Sierra

The Seattle Cossacks perform at Pendleton Bike Week.

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

The motorcycle stunt acts at the first two Pendleton Bike Weeks are a study in contrasts.

While the inaugural bike week featured a high-flying stunt group with a DJ playing dubstep in the background, the Seattle Cossacks are decidedly more traditional.

Performing on vintage Harley Davidsons, painted white and maroon to match their old-fashioned uniforms, the Cossacks' bikes are

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