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- Vanilla Ice at Wildhorse Resort & Casino

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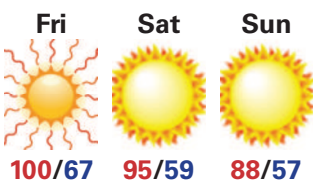


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"Bad Moms"

From the guys that made the Hangover movies comes an R-rated comedy about three mothers cutting loose. For showtime, Page 5A

Weekend Weather



Clinton's pledge: Steady hand at 'moment of reckoning'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steeled for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."

Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of voters watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experience as secretary of state senator and first lady,

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Tammie Parker, vice president of human resources for BMCC, center in red, talks to a group of swim supporters about the problems with the pool at the college on Thursday in Pendleton.

SINK OR SWIM

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Deteriorating BMCC pool stirs passion during tour

By KATHY ANEY
 East Oregonian

Blue Mountain Community College and the local swimming community have found themselves in troubled waters.

That was evident Thursday evening as the college hosted a tour of its broken-down pool.

The facility gets heavy use. Pendleton High School, Hermiston High School and Pendleton Swim

Association swim teams practice and compete at the pool. The swimming association teaches classes here. Adult swimmers from the community swim laps and participate in water aerobics.

The pool shut down this the summer as usual and was drained as it is every three years, but instead of opening up in September, it could stay closed if a solution doesn't float to the surface soon.

An overhaul would cost an

estimated \$2.3 million.

About 125 people showed up Thursday night at the McRae Activity Center for a tour of the pool. They followed BMCC Vice-President of Administrative Services Tammie Parker and watched as Parker pointed out cracked concrete, rusty pipes, inefficient pumps, insufficient HVAC system and sheetrock bulging from moisture. Her audience stood at the edge of the bone-dry pool and looked grave.

Many wore swim team t-shirts.

"The pool basically needs a redo," Parker said. "It needs to be resurfaced. It needs new decking. Everything in the pump room needs replacing."

Ventilation is an issue that recently came to light. State standards that prevent moisture build-up or chemical byproducts inside enclosed pool areas have become more strict over time. An inspection in the near future

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PENDLETON

Swedish exchange student returns for 60th class reunion

By KATHY ANEY
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There's no argument about who traveled the farthest for the reunion of the Pendleton High School Class of 1956.

Jan Stoltz, who some say was Pendleton's first exchange student, flew from his home in Lund, Sweden. That's almost 5,000 miles as the crow flies, though most crows top out at about 80 miles per day and they certainly don't fly over Greenland.

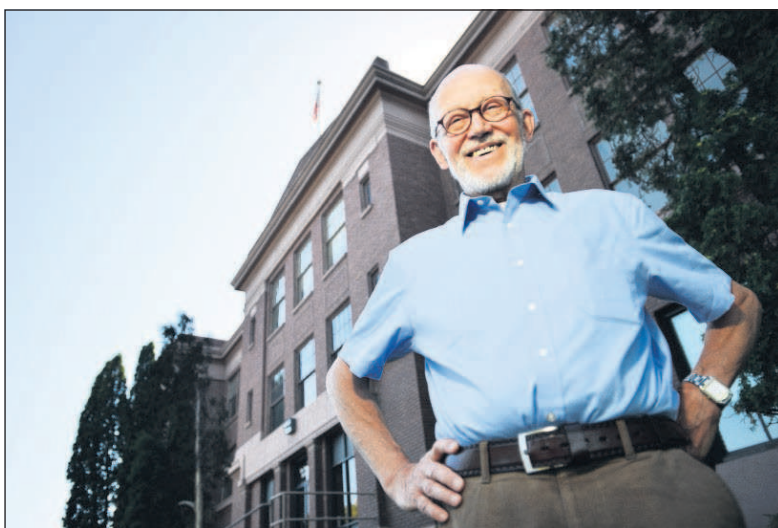
Pendleton continues to pull Stoltz back. This is the third time the youthful-looking 78-year-old has returned to town since his memorable senior year at PHS.

That original journey to Eastern Oregon resembled the plot of "Trains, Planes and Automobiles." He traveled by boat to Quebec and by train to New York City. He flew to Los Angeles, San Francisco and then Portland and rode the final leg to Pendleton on a bus.

A contingent of well-wishers greeted the 17 year old at the bus stop. Stoltz remembers feeling stunned by the attention. The welcoming committee included a photographer from the *East Oregonian*. The next day, Stoltz opened the newspaper to see a photograph of himself on the

front page.

The teen stayed at the home of *East Oregonian* editor Bud Forrester. Stoltz unpacked his few possessions in the bedroom



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Jan Stoltz, of Lund, Sweden, was Pendleton's first ever exchange student and traveled all the way from Scandinavia to attend his 1956 class reunion this week in Pendleton.

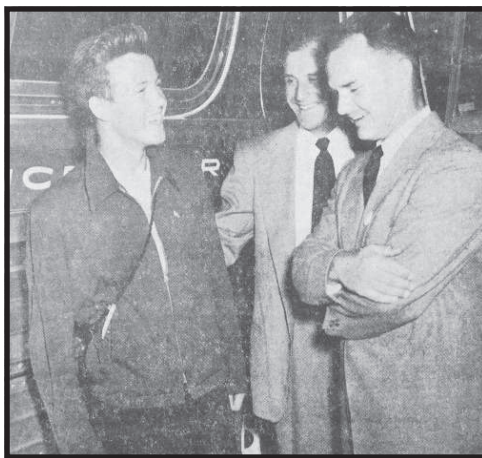
he shared with Forrester's son, Mike, and set off on a trip to the beach with his host family. Back in Pendleton, Stoltz watched the Pendleton Round-Up with fascination.

"I had never seen rodeo," he said. "This was the Wild West."

As the start of school approached, his host father suggested a haircut.

"Mr. Forrester sent me to the barber to get a crew cut," Stoltz recalled. "My hair had a James

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EO file photo

A 17-year-old Jan Axel Stoltz arrives in Pendleton in 1955 as part of the Rotary exchange program. He was greeted by Don Fossatti, high school principal, and George Corey, president of the Pendleton Rotary Club.

HERMISTON

Use of force doubles, complaints stay put

By ALEXA LOUGEE
 East Oregonian

Hermiston police officers used force 14 times in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, twice as many times as the year before and a little higher than the national average.

Police Chief Jason Edmiston presented his report to the Hermiston Safety Committee before Monday's city council meeting and provided a copy to the *East Oregonian*.

The department classifies a use of force as "any incident which rises to the level of more than just the application of handcuffs on a person." If officers have to use any physical controls, such as an arm bar take-down or leg sweep, the incident is considered use of force and placed under review.

The department used force in 0.94 percent of its 1,492 arrests in the last year. The police department has consistently held use of force incidents to less than one percent for at least the last six years.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' police-public contact survey, among persons who had contact with police in 2008, 0.7 percent had force used against them. This is the same national percentage for 2005 and 2002, other years when the survey was conducted.

Every use of force by the Hermiston department is reviewed through an internal

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