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## PENDLETON



Water from recent rainfall leaks through the roof of the main fire station and falls into buckets and on the ground Monday at the main fire station in Pendleton. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

# Fire hall set for ballot

\$9.93M bond would cover station at old St. Anthony site, equipment

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
East Oregonian

The members of the Pendleton Fire Department and other supporters have eight months to sell a new fire station to the public.

The Pendleton City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday that will put the question of a \$9.3 million fire station as a part of a \$9.93 million bond proposal to voters on the May 2017 ballot.

Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo and his predecessors have long argued that the department's current station at 911 S.W. Court Ave. is inadequate, in both its facility and its location.

Among the building's issues are a small garage that makes it difficult for emergency vehicles to go in and out, exhaust residue from diesel engines that creates a health risk, and exposed wiring and other fire hazards that would make it tough for the department to pass its own inspection.

The city's potential solution is to sell the current station property and build a new facility at the old St. Anthony Hospital property on Southeast Court Avenue.

Ciraulo also requested an additional \$630,000 for a new

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This contributed image shows an aerial view of the proposed concept for the new Pendleton fire station. Contributed image

**"It's always a sad sign when the firefighters on the fire engine are younger than the fire engine they're riding on."**

— **Mike Ciraulo**, Pendleton Fire Chief

## HERMISTON

# Warming station looking for space to rent for winter

Will stay open every night for three months

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

The Hermiston Warming Station is looking for a home.

Trish Rossell said the nonprofit, which formerly operated under the umbrella of St. John's Episcopal Church, now has its own 501(c)3 nonprofit status and is interested in renting a space somewhere in Hermiston for the winter.

In the past the temporary homeless shelter has been open only on days when the temperature dips below freezing, but Rossell said this year it will operate seven days a week during December, January and February no matter the temperature.

"We elected to do that because we thought that a consistent schedule would be better for the people we serve," she said.

The schedule will keep the station's clients from showing up only to find that the shelter isn't open for the night, or from needing to find internet access

each day to check the shelter's Facebook page. The downside is that the shelter is only allowed to house guests for 90 days out of the season, so Hermiston's homeless population will have to weather cold days in November and March on their own.

Two years ago the Warming Station temporarily rented space downtown, but last year used the ARC of Umatilla building, which had more space but is used for other activities during the day and early evenings. Rossell said they

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## UMATILLA

# Approval not in cards for poker dealer school

But license granted for card room at Lamplighter Motel

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
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The Umatilla city council approved a social gaming license for a card room at the Lamplighter Motel on Tuesday, but the license does not include permission for a dealer school the manager had previously requested.

In August the city council struck down an attempt by Troy Lindstrom to open the Oregon Dealers Institute of the Northwest, a trade school training students to become professional poker dealers, in a storefront on Sixth Street.

According to minutes from the Aug. 16 meeting, the council felt the school would violate the city's zoning rules forbidding gambling as a standalone business. Part of the curriculum at the school would involve giving students live experience dealing games where real money was at stake.

"While the current City zoning in this area does allow for a school to teach card dealing, the aspect of gambling or exchanging of monies is not allowed as a standalone business," city manager Russ Pelleberg wrote in a staff report.

During the August meeting Lindstrom

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# What to know as standoff trial begins

26 charged with conspiracy, 11 have pleaded guilty

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PORTLAND — Trial is gearing up this week for armed ranchers who took over a national bird sanctuary in rural Oregon to oppose federal management of public lands.

Jury selection starts Wednesday in the case against Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy and others who helped seize Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2. They are charged with conspiring to prevent federal employees from doing their jobs. Several others were indicted, and many have pleaded guilty.

Most key figures were arrested during a Jan. 26 traffic stop that ended with police fatally shooting Arizona rancher Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, a spokesman for the occupation. Others left after Finicum's death, but four holdouts extended the standoff to 41 days.

Here's a recap of the takeover and a look at what to expect at trial:

### Who are the defendants?

Occupation leaders and brothers Ammon and Ryan Bundy; two of the last holdouts, David Fry and Jeff Banta; as well as Shawna Cox, Kenneth Medenbach and Neil Wampler. All are charged with conspiring to impede U.S. Interior Department employees at the refuge through intimidation, threats or force.

On Tuesday, prosecutors filed a motion to dismiss the conspiracy charge against another defendant, Pete Santilli, an independent broadcaster who was present at the standoff. His attorney had argued his actions

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**Ammon Bundy**



**Ryan Bundy**