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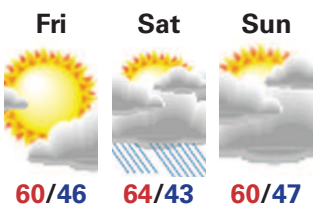
Your Weekend



- "Ravenscroft" at BMCC
- Bob Clapp Theatre
- Chief Clarence Burke bronze statue dedication
- Rockin' Auction Gala at Pendleton arts center

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Weekend Weather



Watch a game



Santiam vs. Stanfield
 Friday, 6 p.m., at Stanfield

Air service to return to Pendleton

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Commercial air service will return to Pendleton.

The U.S. Department of Transportation approved the city's waiver petition Thursday, meaning the federal government will continue to subsidize air travel despite Pendleton's recent failure to meet boarding requirements.

After the sudden demise of SeaPort Airlines, DOT appointed Boutique Air to provide air service to Pendleton through the end of 2016, but the future beyond that point was uncertain until the department's announcement.

Pendleton hasn't had commercial air service since SeaPort grounded flights Sept. 21, but airport manager Steve Chrisman wrote in an email that the current estimated start time for Boutique is the first week of December.

"We're excited about the arrival of Boutique Air, which will be a much improved service over our previous carrier," he said. "With our

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BOARDMAN

Coal dock dead in the water



The controversial Coyote Island Terminal, a proposed coal terminal at the Port of Morrow, will not go forward after both the port and the Oregon Department of State Lands agreed to drop the issue.

With \$50 million spent, port agrees to withdraw coal terminal plans

By GEORGE PLAVERN
 East Oregonian

After five years of planning and legal battles, a proposed coal dock at the Port of Morrow in Boardman has been dumped.

The Coyote Island Terminal, part of the controversial Morrow Pacific Project, would have shipped 8 million tons of coal per year down the Columbia River for export to Asia. It was initially pitched by Ambre Energy North America — now Lighthouse Resources — in 2011, promising to add 2,000 new jobs for the area.

However, the Oregon Department of State Lands in 2014 denied a key permit needed to build in the river, citing interference with a long-standing tribal fishery. An appeal was scheduled for later this month before an administrative law judge, but sides instead came to an agreement Thursday. Local tribes, environmental organizations and the states of Wyoming and Montana, which would have supplied coal to the dock, have also signed on to the agreement.

As part of the deal, the port will withdraw its application for the dock, and the Department of State Lands will withdraw the findings from its permit denial. Essentially, it wipes the slate clean for the port to pursue other project at the site, without

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World War II Navy veteran Lew Dearborn of Pilot Rock walks down a hall lined with high school students with other veterans and their wives Thursday during a Veterans Day ceremony at Pilot Rock High School.

THANK YOU

Pilot Rock students honor veterans for their sacrifices

By PHIL WRIGHT
 East Oregonian

Students at Pilot Rock High School lined the halls Thursday morning to thank a procession of veterans and active military members for their service.

For the fourth year, the small town school district provided free breakfast for military members and veterans and then gave a concert in their honor. Pilot Rock schools superintendent Steve Staniak led off the assembly with a word of thanks. He said the observance also teaches students about the sacrifices others made on their behalf.

Chief Warrant Officer Don Ford of the Oregon National Guard was the guest speaker. He told the packed gymnasium that

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he enlisted in the Army at 17 and two years later was on a peace-keeping mission in Kosovo. In all, he said he spent more than five years on deployment in combat areas.

Less than 1 percent of the U.S. population serves in the county's military, he said.

"Serving in the military requires sacrifice," said Ford. "Great sacrifice."

The men and women in uniform leave behind the security and comfort of home

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Chief warrant officer Donald Ford talks about sacrifice and his five deployments overseas during his time in the Oregon National Guard on Thursday during a Veterans Day ceremony at Pilot Rock High School.



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