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Snowy conditions return to Main Street in Pendleton as a cold front pushed through the region Tuesday. The Pendleton School Board voted Tuesday to add five days to the end of the school year to make up for the seven days the district canceled due to inclement weather.

PENDLETON

School district to add one week to school year

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

The Pendleton School District now has a plan in place to make up for its snow days, although it doesn't jive with the wishes of many parents and teachers.

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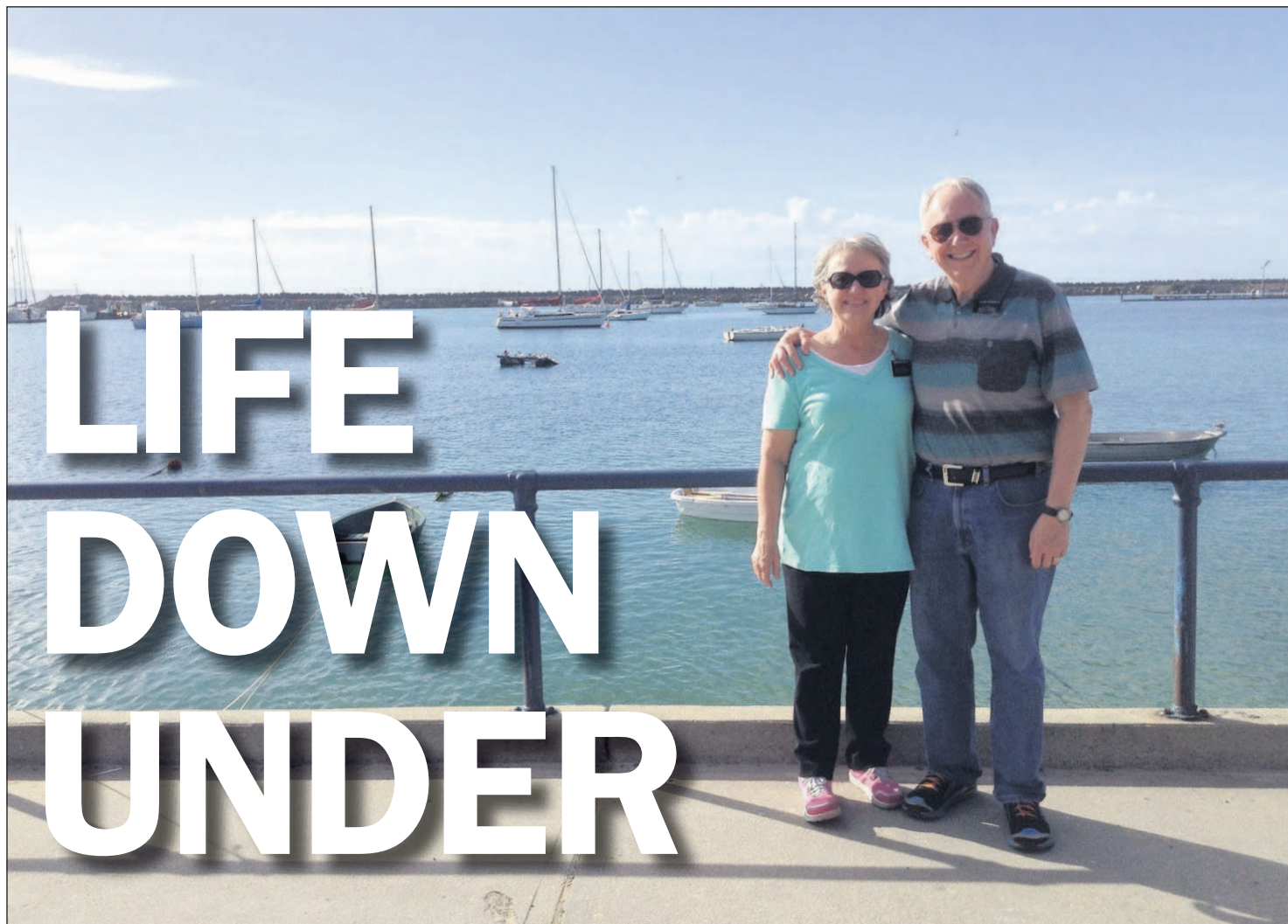
The last day of school for grades K-11 is now June 15. High school seniors' last day is June 2, but April 13 will be a special "seniors only day," while the rest of the grade levels will have the day off for parent-teacher conferences.

Unless Pendleton is beset with more school-canceling weather, district officials think this move will push the school system beyond the state's minimum number of instructional hours, although the board also voted to

apply for an Oregon Department of Education waiver to count 14 hours of inclement weather time as instructional hours. That would get high school seniors above the threshold.

Referencing the results of a public survey the district conducted to gather opinions on making up snow days, board member Dale Freeman questioned why the board wanted to add school days when a majority

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Sheila and Garry Reynolds pose for a photo during a weekend outing in Melbourne, Australia.

Contributed photo by Sheila Reynolds

LIFE DOWN UNDER

Hermiston couple returns from mission in Australia

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Unexpected glimpses into the lives of everyday Australians punctuated Garry and Sheila Reynolds' life for the past 18 months.

The retired Hermiston couple returned home last week from a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Melbourne, Australia, where they spent 40 to 50 hours a week preserving digital copies of historical documents at the

Public Records Office Victoria. "It gave us real insight into the type of life people lived," Garry said.

That life was often a difficult one. Death inquests from the 1800s, for example, discussed women who died after their heavy skirts caught fire while cooking and children who fell into tubs of scalding hot water used for laundry.

"There would be a fisherman who got a hook caught in his hand, and from that he got gangrene and died," Garry said.

"It was an unbelievably dangerous time."

Other records provided more light-hearted quirks of personality, such as Louisa Elizabeth Morant's official, notarized last will and testament from 1938 that for some reason had a lemon butter recipe scribbled upside-down on the bottom, perhaps as a last-minute bequeathment.

Sheila snapped a picture of the recipe and tried it later. "It was delicious!" she said.



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There was also a will that had a precisely trimmed rectangular hole in the center. Someone had apparently taken the phrase "I'm cutting you out of my will" literally.

In a collection of "petty sessions" court records (the equivalent of today's municipal courts), whimsical doodles covered the margins next to descriptions of the proceedings.

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MISSION

Tribes elect new BOT secretary

Kat Brigham replaces recalled David Close

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

A familiar face is coming back to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees.

Tribal voters elected Kat Brigham Tuesday for CTUIR board secretary. Brigham replaces David Close, who was recalled in October.

Brigham garnered 155 of the 455 votes cast. Five others also ran for the seat including Leila Spencer, Lawonda Bronson, David Wolf, Roberta Kipp and Jiselle Halfmoon.

Brigham previously served as tribal board secretary for 10 years before vacating the seat to run for board chair in 2015, when she lost to incumbent Gary Burke. In an interview Tuesday night, Brigham said she missed working for the tribes and wanted to return.

"I just want to thank everyone for their support," Brigham said. "I'm looking forward to getting back."

There are a number of projects on the horizon for the tribes, Brigham said, including expansion of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino and construction of a new education facility.

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Army to allow completion of Dakota Access Pipeline

By BLAKE NICHOLSON
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Army said Tuesday that it will allow the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access oil pipeline to cross under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, clearing the way for completion of the disputed four-state project.

However, construction could still be delayed because the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, which has led opposition, said it would fight the latest development in court.

The Army intends to cancel further environmental study and allow the Lake Oahe crossing as early as Wednesday, according to court documents the Justice Department filed that include letters to members of Congress from Deputy Assistant Army Secretary Paul Cramer.

The stretch under Lake Oahe is the final big chunk of work on the 1,200-mile

pipeline that would carry North Dakota oil through the Dakotas and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. Developer Energy Transfer Partners had hoped to have the pipeline operating by the end of 2016, but construction has been stalled while the Army Corps of Engineers and the Dallas-based company battled in court over the crossing.

The Standing Rock Sioux, whose reservation is just downstream from the crossing, fears a leak would pollute its drinking water. The tribe has led protests that drew hundreds and at times thousands of people who dubbed themselves "water protectors" to an encampment near the crossing. ETP says the pipeline is safe.

Details of the tribe's legal challenge to the Army's decision were still being worked out, attorney Jan Hasselman said. But tribal chairman Dave Archambault



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This Sept. 2016 file photo shows a section of the Dakota Access Pipeline under construction in Morton County, N.D. The Army notified Congress Tuesday, that it will allow the \$3.8 billion pipeline to cross under a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota, completing the four-state project.

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