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Layers of fog hang on the hills overlooking the Minam River on Thursday north of Elgin.
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RETURN OF THE COHO

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Coho salmon smolts shoot out of a hose into the Lostine River on Thursday outside of Wallowa. The Nez Perce tribe is reintroducing the fish to the Lostine River after a 31-year absence of a coho salmon run.

Nez Perce, ODFW reintroduce salmon species to Grande Ronde Basin

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

The Lostine River flowed gently Thursday afternoon through Wolfe Ranch near Wallowa, where a truck hauling young coho salmon backed slowly down a gravel drive to the water's edge.

For the first time in 31 years, coho were released into the Grande Ronde Basin, following a ceremony hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Approximately 50 people gathered to celebrate the occasion, marking a major milestone in the effort to restore a once-abundant fishery.

Guests watched from just upstream of the tribe's Lostine salmon weir as a thick hose connected to the tanker



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belched tens of thousands of finger-size smolts into the river. Silver flashes darted around the stream bank before the fish eventually took to the current and began their long journey to the Pacific Ocean.

All together, eight trucks transported half a million coho — or kállay in the Nez Perce language — to the Lostine River from the ODFW hatchery at Cascade Locks where they were reared. Tribal officials said

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Coho salmon smolts swim close to the banks of the Lostine River after being released Thursday east of Wallowa.

PENDLETON

City's first marijuana dispensary to open Saturday

Separate proposed shop permitted despite large public opposition

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Four months after Pendleton voters legalized marijuana sales, the city will get its first recreational pot shop.

Kind Leaf Pendleton has received both its state and city marijuana licenses, allowing it to open its doors Saturday at 8 a.m., according to Kind Leaf co-owner Brandon Krenzler.

Krenzler said it will be thrilling to open the store, especially after navigating a regulatory process that includes a site plan approval, background checks and thousands of dollars in licensing fees.

Besides the drug itself, Krenzler said Kind Leaf will also sell other marijuana products like edibles, topicals and vaping equipment.

Not including Kind Leaf's three owners, Krenzler said the store will employ eight people.

In addition to being the first dispensary in Pendleton, Kind Leaf is also the first cannabis retailer in Umatilla County. The county and every other city in it have opted to ban marijuana sales.

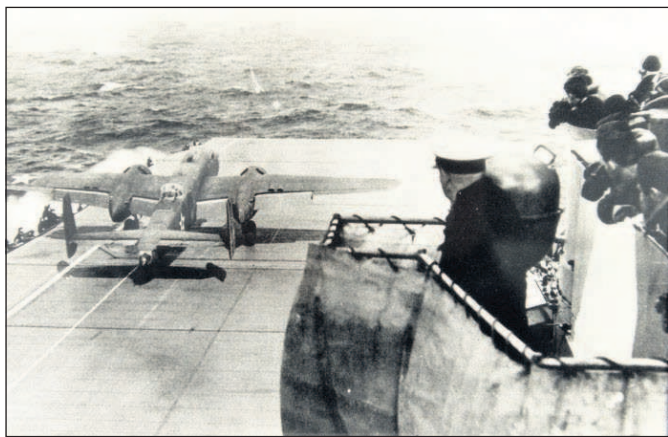
Pendleton joins a handful of Eastern Oregon cities with a legal marijuana market, including Huntington, Sumpter and La Grande, although the latter only allows medical marijuana.

Pendleton has proven to be attractive to prospective mari-

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PENDLETON

Remembering the Doolittle raiders



File photo

A B-25 bomber from the 17th Bombardment Group takes off from the deck of the USS Hornet on April 18, 1942, on its way to bomb the city of Tokyo, Japan. Sixteen bombers took off from the carrier on the raid that was lead by Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle.

Celebration at airport on April 29 for 75th anniversary

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

Only remnants remain of the bustling Army base at the Pendleton airport during World War II, but organizers are looking to revive the spirit for a day.

The Oregon National Guard and the Pendleton Air Museum are sponsoring the Doolittle Raiders Gala April 29 at the National Guard Armory.

The gala is in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Raids.

Led by Lt. Col. James Doolittle and featuring a group of soldiers stationed in Pendleton, the 80 members of the Army Air Corps' 17th Bombardment Squadron,

"It takes a special kind of bravery to know that you're not coming back to safety."

— **Armando Borboa**, on the Doolittle mission

the "Doolittle Raiders," flew a one-way bombing mission to Japan in response to the Pearl Harbor attacks, boosting American morale. All the planes landed in hostile territory. Eight men were killed in action or executed as prisoners of war, while many others were tortured and starved throughout the length of the war.

Armando Borboa was researching the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor when he learned that the Doolittle Raiders were also celebrating their diamond jubilee.

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