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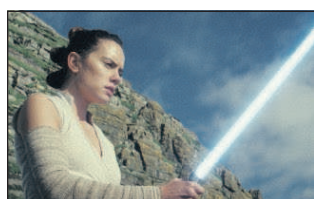
Your Weekend



- Pancakes with Santa in Hermiston
- Ice skating with Santa in Pendleton
- Inland Northwest Musicians concert

For times and places see Coming Events, 5A

Catch a movie



Lucasfilm via AP

Space wizards wave some glow sticks around while a bunch of stuff explodes in the highly anticipated "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
36/31	40/31	46/41

Watch a game



Putnam vs. Pendleton

Friday, 7 p.m., at Pendleton

STANFIELD Liscom to resign at end of year

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

Stanfield School District Superintendent Shelley Liscom announced her plans to resign at Wednesday's school board meeting. She will stay through the end of the school year, serving her last day with the district June 15.

Liscom sent an email message to district staff Thursday morning informing them of her decision.

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Pendleton Whisky sold for \$205M

East Oregonian

The Pendleton Round-Up's branded whisky has been sold to a Mexican liquor conglomerate for \$205 million.

Becke, S.A.B. de C.B., the parent company of the Jose Cuervo line of

tequilas, announced the purchase of the Pendleton Whisky brand from Hood River Distillers on Thursday.

According to a press release, Pendleton is just one of a growing number of brands under the Mexico-based company's umbrella.

"The Pendleton Whisky brand

will fill an important strategic position in our portfolio," said Mark Teasdale, president and CEO of Proximo Spirits, the American subsidiary of Becke. "We expect to build on the remarkable success of Pendleton using our resources as a full-service, global spirits company."

Round-Up Publicity Director Randy Thomas said the sale was a success story.

"It's a very positive thing for the Round-Up," he said.

Launched in 2003, Pendleton

See WHISKY/8A

PENDLETON



Freshman Autumn Saxton, center, and Bella Baumgartner serve up salad and macaroni and cheese from the Pendleton High School culinary program's food truck Wednesday in Pendleton. The culinary program uses the food truck to serve hot meals to guests once a week at the Pendleton Warming Station.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

PHS food truck 'open for business'

Students serve meals at warming station

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

To better deal with temperatures dipping into the 20s Wednesday night, Kristin Swaggart and her two Pendleton High School volunteers wore jackets and beanies instead of their usual chef gear as they got ready to start serving food to the city's homeless.

The trio was at work outside the Pendleton Warming Station in the state-of-the-art food truck recently purchased by "Chef K" and the school's culinary arts program with a \$100,000 grant from Farmers Insurance.

The warming station is featured prominently in the culinary program's plans to deploy its newly purchased food truck into

the community and expand its field operations.

Some kinks were still being worked out: as freshman Autumn Saxton washed her hands before handling the food, water stopped flowing out of the faucet. Saxton's hands were thoroughly lathered by the time Swaggart was able to get the generator back online.

The food truck was made possible by the grant from Farmers Insurance, which required an extended campaign from the

teacher and Pendleton High School. Her food truck concept was one of the top vote getters in the country and when the prize was announced at a special ceremony in November 2016, students rushed Warburg Court.

Swaggart acquired the truck over the summer, fully loaded with the type of equipment expected for a nationally competitive program. The truck's appliances include an

See PHS/8A

PENDLETON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Mike and Gilda Ciraulo are the first place winners of the classic residential decorating class of the Pendleton Christmas Lighting Contest with their home at 203 N.W. Ellis Ave. in Pendleton.

Fire chief wins Christmas lighting contest

East Oregonian

Awards for the Pendleton Christmas Lighting Contest were given in three categories following judging by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, who said there were a lot of really good displays, and some were tough decisions.

For the business category, winners were Pendleton House Historic Inn (1), Calico Country Florist (2) and Bella Cosa (3). Classic residential decorating honors went to Mike and Gilda Ciraulo, 203 N.W. Ellis Ave. (1), Stu and Susie Clem, 539 N.W. 21st St. (2), and

Michael and Jenny Corey, Northwest Ingram and North Main Street (3). For homes displaying contemporary decorating themes, winners were 2040 S.W. Quinney Ave. (no name given - 1), Hunter Gray, 1819 S.W. 45th St. (2), and Hazel Dietz, 1906 S.W. 44th St. (3).

ECHO

Councilor confronted over criminal record

Convicted of possessing child pornography

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The Echo City Council adopted a code of ethics and social media policy on Thursday night, but Councilor Lou Nakapalau was not there to cast his vote after being confronted before the meeting by a member of the media about documents showing he had previously been convicted of possessing child pornography.

Pam Reese, an Echo business owner, said Nakapalau showed up early to the VFW hall where the meeting was being held, but walked out without a word after a reporter from KVEW-TV in the Tri-Cities asked him about the documents.

Reese has been a vocal opponent of Nakapalau

since October, after the Echo councilor told Joe Wilson, a gay filmmaker from Hawaii, that he would spit on Wilson's grave after he died of AIDS and called Wilson an anti-gay slur on Facebook.



Nakapalau

According to court documents obtained from Clark County, Washington, by the East Oregonian on Thursday morning, Nakapalau was found guilty in 2000 of nine felony counts of possessing "a depiction of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct." Sentencing records state he was sentenced to 60 days custody in the county jail (52 served on work release) and was not allowed to possess a personal computer during his post-incarceration supervision.

See NAKAPALAU/8A

