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- **A-Town Throwdown**
- **Saturday in Arlington**
- **Celebrate Walla Walla wine festival**
- **Kim Russo: The Happy Medium at Wildhorse**

Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
77/51	72/52	77/57

Trump approves tough tariffs on China

By **KEN THOMAS**
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has approved a plan to impose punishing tariffs on tens of billions of dollars of Chinese goods as early as Friday, a move that could put his trade policies on a collision course with his push to rid the Korean Peninsula of nuclear weapons.

Trump has long vowed to fulfill his campaign pledge to clamp down on what he considers unfair Chinese trading practices. But his calls for billions in tariffs could complicate his efforts to maintain China's support in his negotiations with North Korea.

Trump met Thursday with several Cabinet members and trade advisers and was expected to impose tariffs on at least \$35 billion to \$40 billion of Chinese imports, according to an industry official and an administration official familiar with the plans. The amount of goods could reach \$55 billion, said the industry official. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss the matter ahead of a formal announcement.

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BMCC GRADUATION

Many paths to a college degree

Commencement brings celebration and reflection

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

To the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," 161 Blue Mountain College graduates processed to their seats at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The mood was a mixture of

elation and solemnity. The grads, clad in blue gowns, mortarboards and tassels, ranged in age from 17 to 62. They hailed from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Arizona. Eleven were veterans.

For student speaker June Kilgore, the journey to graduation day was especially hard-won. Kilgore grew up with a single mom who struggled with addiction. After high school, she made an aborted attempt

at college, eventually finding herself "bouncing around from couch to couch and completely addicted to substances."

Before the elevator of her life hit the bottom floor, she had lost a marriage, a home and nearly her life. She was living in a trailer in her father's driveway when she found the resolve to change.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A BMCC graduate expresses her feelings with a sign atop her mortarboard Thursday night during commencement exercises at the Pendleton Convention Center.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Courtney Keeler opens a tube of string cheese for her son, Adam, 2, while eating lunch with him and her daughter, Megan, 4, on Wednesday at the Umatilla-Morrow Head Start summer meals program in Hermiston.

Summer Lunchin'

Local schools provide free meals for students

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
East Oregonian

The small grassy area behind Umatilla-Morrow Head Start office in Hermiston slowly filled on Wednesday afternoon, as children and parents lined up for the

summer lunch program. The free program, which runs weekdays from June 11 to Aug. 10, offers daily meals from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for kids of all ages, and has developed into a place where children can find a nutritious meal and enjoy a variety of games and lessons.

"It's fun stuff and good eats," said Alea Garrett, a middle schooler who has come to the pro-

gram with her mom and siblings since last summer. Her mother, Melissa Garrett, said the activities were her children's favorite part of the day, and that she was pleased with the variety of meals offered.

Toni Eddy, UMCHS children's nutrition manager, said they try to vary the daily menu. One day this week they served tuna salad sandwiches, and another there were

crunchy Hawaiian chicken wraps. Each day they also serve fresh fruit, vegetables and milk.

"It meets a need financially for the parents, and nutritionally for the kids," Eddy said.

She said the program has been active for at least five years, and that all free meal programs in the area help fill a need during the

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Sister's lets light in



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The scaffolding was removed from the renovation on the second story of the Sister's Cafe building Thursday, exposing the five grand windows on the facade of the old Robinson building on Main Street in Pendleton. The owners of the building received a \$126,000 facade grant from the Pendleton Development Commission.

Arlington tries to prohibit bothersome drones

Residents complain of being followed, pilot can't be found

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Civic leaders of Arlington are looking to keep drones from harassing residents. But state law may keep the effort from taking off.

The Gilliam County Sheriff's Office provides law enforcement for the town in the Columbia River Gorge, and sheriff's Lt. Jon Terland said reports of drones causing problems in Arlington began in January.

"There were several complaints of drones following kids home from school," he said.

That also came out during the

April 4 city council meeting, when Superintendent Kevin Hunking reported the school year was going well, according to meeting minutes, but "there appears to be a problem" with drones following students home or as they walk between the two school buildings.

Terland said the complaints continued into May of drones "generally harassing people," including from a woman who reported one hovered outside the second-story window of her home.

No one knew who was flying the devices, Terland said, and by the time a deputy responded, the drones would be long gone. He said the Arlington City Council was looking for a way to curb the misbehavior.

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