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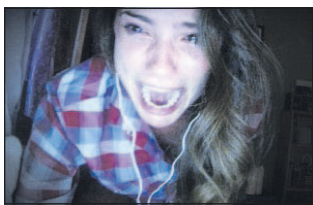
Your Weekend



- Power Team at Irrigon
- High School gymnasium
- Agape House parking lot sale in Hermiston
- Boots, Buckles and Spurs Western Dance

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Catch a movie



High Schoolers are attacked by the Skype ghost of a dead friend in the horror film, "Unfriended."

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
71/41	69/38	70/40

PENDLETON More charges added for former teacher

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Former Pendleton High School substitute teacher Timothy Frey is facing additional charges of having sex with a 17-year-old student.

A Umatilla County grand jury on Tuesday indicted Frey, 26, on eight counts for second-degree sexual abuse, according to Umatilla County Circuit Court records. The district attorney's office will arraign Frey based on the indictment Friday morning in Pendleton.

Pendleton police detective Brandon Gomez and Cpl. Jon Lehman testified to the grand jury, according to the indictment, as did the girl. The indictment alleges Frey and the girl engaged in oral sex and sexual intercourse five times

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Frey

PENDLETON City puts drone dollars to work

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

With Gov. Kate Brown and the accompanying fanfare long gone from Pendleton, city officials are now tasked with turning a \$1.7 million financial package from the state into actual economic development at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport and the Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Range.

Steve Chrisman, economic development director and airport manager, said the city will build hangars on 11 acres in the southwestern portion of the port.

Although the city promised to build three hangars and 20 storage units as a part of the deal, Chrisman said the state will allow flexibility on the final number.

One of the plans the city is considering features three hangars that can be subdivided based on the needs of the tenants. The plan was designed by Jivanjee Circosta Architecture, the firm responsible for the Pendleton Heights housing development.

City officials have long maintained that a lack of storage for

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Who are you looking at?

A pair of juvenile great horned owls can be seen in a nest near Motanic Road on Wednesday outside of Mission. The great horned owl, also known as the tiger owl or the hoot owl, is a large owl that ranges all over north and south America.



LEFT: Water in two of the spillways at the McNary Dam allow surface passage for juvenile fish as they migrate down the Columbia River near Umatilla. Surface passage is less stressful in young fish by giving them a direct passage through the dam.

BELOW: A crew works on repairs for one of the fish screens that keeps juvenile fish from entering the turbines and reroutes them around the McNary Dam. Each turbine has three fish screens, one for each turbine.

Staff photos by E.J. Harris

Going with the flow

McNary Dam evolves to boost fish passage

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

An electronic message board keeps track of how much power is generated in real time at McNary Dam east of Umatilla. The sign displayed 479 megawatts Thursday afternoon, or enough electricity for 240,000 homes.

That's good news for residents when they flip on the light switch, but harnessing that energy comes at a cost to native salmon and steelhead. Hydroelectric dams pose an immense barrier across the Columbia River, standing in the way of migratory species as they swim from their natal streams to the Pacific Ocean and back again as adults.

Improving fish passage is a priority at McNary Dam, where federal agencies operating the river's hydro system are required to maintain a 96 percent survival rate for juveniles during springtime and 93 percent over summer. Officials with Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers say projects completed in recent years are helping them to meet or exceed those targets, and have paid off with huge salmon returns the past two years.

Passage at the dam works both ways, helping young fish move quickly and safely out to sea while also allowing adults back upstream to spawn. "This is a highly rigorous and complex system," said Kevin Wingert, BPA spokesman. "Ev-

erything kind of has to be put into balance."

Juvenile fish can make it down past the dam through a couple of different routes, either diving into the spillway, chancing through the generator turbines or screened into a bypass channel that loops all the way around over the Oregon shore and back into the river on the opposite side.

The channel, which is essentially a long winding pipe, was re-routed in 2011 to dump fish a half-mile into the middle of the river, providing better protection from predators. Construction cost between \$11-\$13 million, and includes several transponder, or PIT, tag readers

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Mining claim owner urges armed supporters to stand down

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press

GRANTS PASS — A man who owns a gold-mining claim on federal land in southwestern Oregon asked for help defending it after U.S. authorities ordered him to stop work, but he is now telling his armed supporters to back off.

Rick Barclay said Thursday that he hoped to prevent his fight with federal regulators from turning into the kind of high-profile standoff at a

Nevada ranch last year.

He initially called in a local chapter of constitutional activists known as the Oath Keepers because he thought the U.S. Bureau of Land Management would seize the equipment on his mining claim outside Grants Pass. The agency had served an order to stop work at the mine after finding it lacked the necessary paperwork.

Armed activists started showing up Monday at the mine and a rural property about 20 miles away, Oath

Keepers spokeswoman Mary Emerick said. She said the group was still recruiting people to help provide security for the mine but would not say how many activists were there.

A total of eight people, two of them armed with pistols, could be seen at two staging areas outside Grants Pass. They refused to answer questions.

The Oath Keepers' website said the group was not trying to confront the Bureau of Land Management, and Emerick said the group was vet-

ting everyone who showed up.

Bureau of Land Management spokesman Jim Whittington said the agency has fielded threatening phone calls, but he would not give details because the calls were under investigation.

Now, Barclay is telling his supporters that the mine is not under attack, posts online by "keyboard warriors" have gotten out of hand and he was not interested in a repeat of the Cliven Bundy ranch standoff.

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