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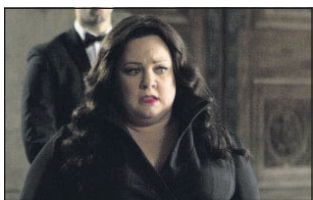
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- Scottish music Friday at Pendleton Art Center
- Old Iron Show through weekend at Roy Raley
- Helix family 5K fun run and walk Saturday

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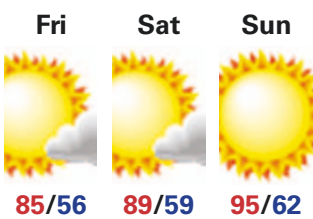
Catch a movie



Larry Horricks/Twentieth Century Fox
Melissa McCarthy stars in the action comedy, "Spy."

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Weekend Weather



Bill extends rape statute of limitations to 12 years

Goes to Gov. Brown now for signature

By **PETER WONG**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Senate voted Thursday without opposition to lengthen Oregon's limitations on prosecutions for rape from six to 12 years.

The 28-0 vote sent House Bill 2317 to Gov. Kate Brown for her expected signature.

The Senate acted despite a call by Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, for a 20-year statute of limitations or none at all, as is the case in 25 states.

"Rape victims need maximum opportunities for justice," Knopp said. "The right thing to do would be to enact a 20-year statute of limitations."

However, if the Senate had amended it, the bill would have had to return to the House with just a few weeks remaining in the 2015

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Photo contributed by Willamette Valley Vineyards

The new Pambrun Vineyard in Milton-Freewater will be located in the Walla Walla American Viticultural Area in the SeVein vineyard property.

Willamette Valley winery coming to Milton-Freewater

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**
East Oregonian

A popular and well-known Willamette Valley winery is branching out to Eastern Oregon and setting new roots — literally — just outside Milton-Freewater.

Willamette Valley Vineyards, one of the state's top wine producers, has purchased 42 acres of land within the

Walla Walla American Viticultural Area where the company will plant its first ever vineyard east of the Cascades.

The move comes as Willamette Valley Vineyards, based near Salem, is focused on opening smaller estate wineries in prime wine country statewide. Christine Collier, winery director, said the Walla

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Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan address a gathering of city fire and police chiefs about the changes to the Umatilla County Communications Center on Thursday at the Stafford Hansell Government Center in Hermiston.

Dispatch bill divided up

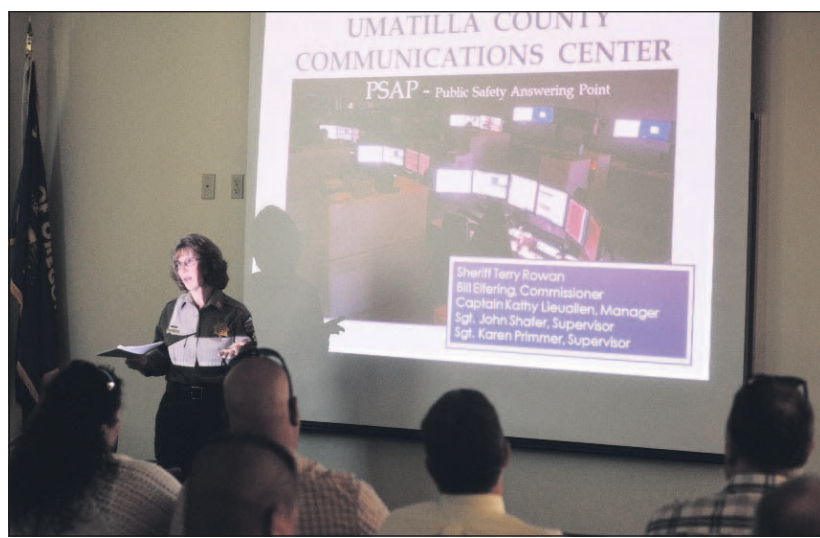
Cities asked to pay 10 percent this year

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Four small cities in Umatilla County will pay something for the sheriff's office to dispatch their non-emergency calls this year, but the full bill won't come due for several years.

And Umatilla County Commissioner Bill Elfering promised he would lead an effort to form a dispatch services oversight board to help smooth future misunderstandings.

Elfering, Sheriff Terry Rowan and key sheriff's administrators faced hard questions and criticism in Hermiston Thursday from about 20 local police, fire and city leaders and staff who wanted to know more about how the sheriff's office



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Umatilla County Communications Center Manager Capt. Kathy Lieuallen talks about the new dispatch center with county police and fire chiefs on Thursday in Hermiston.

charges for dispatch services.

Rowan became sheriff in 2013, and he said he dug into the organization's budget and found smaller

cities were not contributing their equal share for dispatch. In 2014,

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Mulvihill points to successes as OEIB folds

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

The Oregon Education Investment Board is about to become the latest political casualty of the fall of ex-governor John Kitzhaber, but as it disbands, its Eastern Oregon representative stands by what the board accomplished.

"It's very trendy to say 'Here's another failed education initiative,' but you can't ignore what we did," Mark Mulvihill said. "We changed the culture."



Mulvihill, the superintendent of the InterMountain Education Service District, said Oregon school districts' increased focus on early childhood education, dual credits in high school, attendance, equity for disadvantaged students and career technical education was driven by the work of the OEIB. Those cultural changes will live on long after the board is gone, Mulvihill said.

"We're never going back to the old days on early learning," he said.

When the board was created in 2011 it was the keystone of Kitzhaber's grand vision of a "unified education system" — a seamless, efficient model

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TV scripts earn Pendleton grad spot at USC film school

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

It's been a Hollywood story since time immemorial — a boy from rural America moves to Los Angeles to try to beat the odds and make it in the entertainment industry.

That's Wil Sitz's story to an extent, except he's already beaten the odds to get there.

After graduating from Pendleton High School Saturday, Sitz will leave Eastern Oregon to attend the USC School of Cinematic Arts and major in writing for screen and television.

According to the program's website, thousands apply each year from around the world, some of them already accomplished playwrights and prose writers. An aspiring television writer, Sitz was one of

26 undergraduate applicants selected for next year's incoming class.

While a passion for writing isn't new to Sitz, his love for television didn't come until more recently.

Sitz's mother, Michelle, said Wil and his siblings watched children's programming like "Sesame Street" when they were young. When weak reception made TV difficult to watch, the Sitz family decided to forgo television for other entertainment options.

"We read and did other things," Michelle said.

A voracious reader, Wil also took to writing.

Self-imposing a writing schedule, Wil spent much of his free time writing a fantasy novel.

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Pendleton graduating senior Wil Sitz will be heading down to California to where he is going to study writing for screen and television at USC.



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