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- Bram Brata jams at Heppner City Park
- Music on the lawn at Hamley's Saloon

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Catch a movie



Universal Pictures/Amblin Entertainment

Jurassic World stomps its way into theaters with bigger, badder dinosaurs

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
82/44	79/48	83/52

Escape plot may have had inside help

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — Investigators believe a female prison employee had agreed to be the getaway driver in last weekend's escape by two killers but never showed up, a person close to the case told The Associated Press.

The manhunt, meanwhile, dragged into a sixth day with a renewed burst of activity by searchers in the woods close to the prison after bloodhounds were said to have picked up the convicts' scent. And Gov. Andrew Cuomo said investigators are also "talking to several people who may have facilitated the escape."

David Sweat, 34, and Richard Matt, 48, used power tools to cut through steel and bricks and crawled through an underground steam pipe, emerging from a manhole outside the 40-foot walls of the maximum-security Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, about 20 miles south of the Canadian border, authorities said.

The person close to the investigation said authorities believe Joyce Mitchell — an instructor at the prison tailor shop, where the two convicts worked — had befriended the men.

Compromise could allow pot prohibition

Legislature considering letting voters to ban marijuana businesses

By **HILLARY BORRUD**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A compromise under consideration by the Legislature would allow elected officials in cities and counties that voted against Measure 91 — the November initiative to legalize marijuana for adults

— to pass bans on medical and recreational pot businesses.

The question of whether to allow cities and counties to ban marijuana businesses had once again threatened to stall progress in Salem this week on legislation to set up Oregon's new legal pot system.

Senate Minority Leader

Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, said in an email late Tuesday night to other lawmakers that he would not support the bill under consideration unless it allows city councils and county commissions to prohibit medical and recreational retailers.

A committee scheduled to

work on the issue Wednesday canceled its meeting, but by the end of the day a group that represents city governments around the state was circulating a compromise proposal that Ferrioli and another lawmaker working on the issue described as promising.

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Ferrioli



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Glenn Chownings of Hermiston wanted to give proper recognition to his belief in America. So 15 years ago he had a friend build a 65-foot-tall flag pole on which he flies a 18-by-25 foot U.S. flag.

BOLD GLORY

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

There is something very American about Glenn and Erin Chowning's house.

The picturesque white farm house, built in 1907, sits in a grove of trees surrounded by amber waves of grain. Rocking chairs line the wrap-around porch. An antique tractor sits at the gate. And above it all, a 450-square-foot American flag waves gently in the breeze.

"I had a bigger one up there, but it bent the pole," Glenn said.

Now the Chownings settle for a star spangled banner that is "only" 18 feet tall and 25 feet wide. The flag, which can be seen clearly from Highland Extension and West Orchard Avenue, has become a bit of a Hermiston landmark.



Contributed photo

Friends and family of Erin and Glenn Chowning help take down their 18-by-25 foot flag during a ceremony on July 4, 2014.

"We constantly get calls from people," Glenn said.

Some of them are Hermiston residents, calling to express their appreciation for the patriotic display. Other times the Chownings get a knock on their door from

out-of-town visitors who enjoyed the view after waking up at the nearby Pioneer RV Park.

That's what it's there for. Born at the start of World War II and raised in the patri-

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Flag Day is Sunday, June 14. The holiday, which was instituted by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, celebrates the anniversary of the official adoption of the stars and stripes as the flag of the United States of America in 1777.

HERMISTON

Drill simulates moments after smoke clears

School district, police plot out steps to take after emergency

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

A Hermiston school shooting training exercise took a step toward realism Thursday, and the school district plans to expand it over the next couple of years.

Superintendent Fred Maiocco said the rehearsal to reunite students with families after an emergency was the capstone to more than a year of training. Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said while no scenario can account for all real-life variables, hands-on training helps people understand their roles in an emergency.

The last few years in June the district has held planning sessions dealing with a

school emergency, such as a shooter or a gas explosion. District and school staff held the tabletop portion Thursday morning at Hermiston High School with Hermiston police and fire services and Oregon State Police. Then it was time for the simulation of what to do after police take out a threat.

High school football players and some district and support staff hunkered down in classrooms until officers came to move them onto buses that hauled them to Armand Larive Middle School, where other staff were observers and some played the role of anxious parents eager to get to their children. Maiocco said the exercise answers questions about what students and

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Photo contributed by Hermiston School District

Hermiston students and faculty participate in an emergency drill Thursday at Armand Larive Middle School.



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