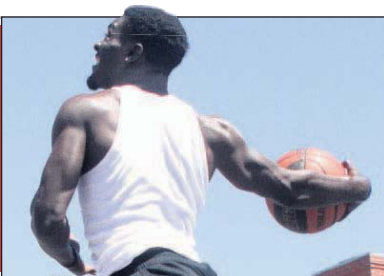
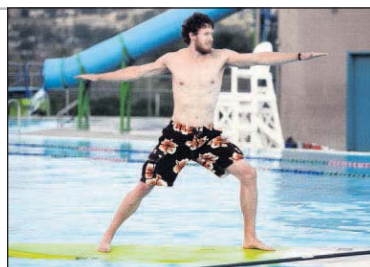




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Drought dings winter wheat

Low quality could chop crop's dropping prices

By ALISON NOON
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — Intense drought conditions have shrunk the kernels and disrupted the proteins of winter wheat crops in Montana, Washington, Oregon and Idaho, the region that produces a fifth

of the U.S. harvest.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service classified a large percentage of the region's winter wheat as below-average quality on Monday.

Farmers in the Northwest are nervous that the uncharacteristically low quality of their product could slash the crop's already declining prices.

"The problem is flour is made with the center part of the kernel and if there's not much there they can't make flour out of it," Rick Diehl, a farmer in East Helena,

Montana, said. He and other growers in western Montana have observed shriveled kernels and empty beards where kernels never developed in their fields of hard red winter wheat.

Blake Rowe, CEO of the Oregon Wheat Commission and Oregon Wheat Growers League, said the heat wave in May and June caused Oregon's prominent soft white winter wheat to develop more protein than is desirable for baking products.

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State to pitch in for school upgrades

By SEAN HART
East Oregonian

Taxpayers in local school districts that need facility upgrades could save millions of dollars through a new state grant program.

Senate Bill 447, which is awaiting the governor's signature, creates a matching grant program for school districts that secure voter approval of general obligation bonds for capital projects. Instead of taxpayers shouldering the entire burden for school upgrades, the districts could receive as much as \$8 million in matching funds.

With both the Hermiston and Umatilla school districts considering asking voters to approve bonds, the program could have a significant local impact.

Wade Smith, deputy superintendent for Hermiston schools said with an expected

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Goodwill Avenue

Volunteers from near and far help paint house

By JONATHAN BACH
East Oregonian

Last week, Leonard and Dorothy Bullock's house was raw wood covered by a mismatched rainbow of peeling blue, green and white paint. Now, it could be the best-looking home on the block.

People from around the community — and some from even further — showed up over the weekend to the Pendleton home after a call for volunteers to help paint the run-down house went viral on Facebook.

Leonard Bullock, a retired fork lift driver, sat in his well-used seat Monday on his deck at 214 S.W. Goodwin Avenue. The 75-year-old often smiled with his pale blue eyes through tortoiseshell glasses. He said he has lived at the address since May 15, 1982.

Dorothy Bullock, 70, whom he met at a Walla Walla church and married in 2000, sat to his right. The two were both married three times before they met through Leonard's brother. They have no children together but share the home with four dogs.

Leonard estimated the paint had not been redone since he and his late wife moved in. Leonard said he has been on Social Security since 1995, when he

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"(Leonard's) a very nice man. I'm glad we can put a new life on his house."

— Jesselee Leachman, volunteer

More photos online



Michael Brooks, of Albany (in black), and Jordan Powell, of Salem (in red), work on a wildland fire crew and heard about the effort to paint Leonard Bullock's house. They joined dozens of others who spent Saturday painting and doing chores around the yard.

PENDLETON

Bike week to ride into town

East Oregonian

Starting Wednesday, Pendleton Bike Week organizers expect the rumble of thousands of motorcyclists to join the regular humdrum of Pendleton traffic.

Following five months of preparation and promotion, the first annual Pendleton Bike Week will descend on the Round-Up City Wednesday, running through the weekend.

In addition to drawing from Northwest population hubs like Portland, Boise, Spokane and Seattle, co-founder Eric Folkestad said he has received word that riders will come from as far away as Los Angeles and Texas.

Folkestad said he expects 1,000 motorcycle enthusiasts per day over the five-day event.

One of Pendleton Bike Week's main events is the Sheriff Til Taylor Ride Wednesday.

The ride, which is named in honor of the former Umatilla County sheriff who was killed in jailbreak in 1920, will start in Salem and Olympia, Wash. Wednesday morning before culminating in a ceremony honoring law enforcement at Til Taylor Park at 3 p.m.

Folkestad said Tillamook County Sheriff's Office deputies and FBI agents from Seattle will be some of the participants in the ride, with proceeds from the event going toward local law enforcement.

The week's festivities will revolve around the Pendleton Convention Center and include line dancing, nightly concerts, stunt shows, a tattoo competition, a beauty pageant and other rides that will take visitors across the region.

Despite the predicted influx of people, Folkestad promised the event wouldn't get rowdy.

PENDLETON

Mack's birthday ride

Octogenarian loves to push himself

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Mack Temple cycles thousands of miles each year. His calves look like contoured steel and his lungs use oxygen as efficiently as a marathon runner.

Temple is 80.

The retired wheat farmer cycled 80 miles Saturday morning in what he and other members of the Pendleton On Wheels bike club call "Mack's Birthday Ride." Temple has ridden his age for a couple

decades now. This year was no different except for the landmark birthday.

The cyclists traveled Highway 37, Despain Gulch, Stanfield Meadows, a portion of Lexington Highway, through Echo and returned to Pendleton via Despain Gulch and Highway 37.

The newly minted octogenarian admits he is competitive. Early on in the ride, he spotted the lead group of several much younger men in the distance.

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Retired Pendleton wheat farmer Mack Temple celebrated his 80th birthday this last weekend by going on an 80-mile bike ride through the area.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

