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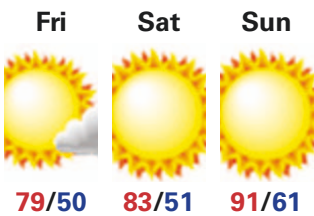
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Jesse Eisenberg and Kristen Stewart star in the stoner action-comedy, "American Ultra."

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Weekend Weather



Court rules pot odor 'not inherently offensive'

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

As the state continues to sort through marijuana regulations, a recent court ruling could affect a Pendleton ordinance prohibiting the odor of marijuana from spreading to another property.

The Court of Appeals ruling on Wednesday was the result of a case involving criminal mischief charges brought against a Philomath man.

According to the ruling, a Philomath police officer obtained a warrant to search Jared William Lang's apartment after neighbors repeatedly complained about the smell of marijuana smoke emanating from Lang's residence.

The officer searched Lang's home on suspicion of second-degree disorderly conduct, the warrant citing a section of state statute that forbids people from

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Another fire erupts near John Day

Ricco Ranch, Dixie Creek Standard Creek evacuate

By NANCY MCCARTHY and GEORGE PLAVERN
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Wildfire has once again erupted in rural Grant County, this time Thursday evening near Prairie City, prompting a familiar refrain of smoke-filled skies and residents on evacuation alert.

The blaze is located six to eight miles north of Prairie City and 12 miles west from its closest point to the still-raging Canyon Creek Complex south of John Day. Forest Service officials said the two fires aren't expected to join.

By 5:30 p.m., the newly discovered Jerry's Draw Fire had already grown between 50 and 100 acres and was

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Staff photo by Angel Carpenter

A new fire that started Thursday evening is endangering Prairie City.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Stanfield librarian Penny Anderson takes part in the poverty simulation Thursday in the Stanfield Elementary School gym. While getting a payday loan, she discovers the guy behind the counter (played by Echo Principal Keith Holman) has shorted her some cash.

STANFIELD

A mile in their shoes

Poverty simulation helps educators understand lives of poor students

By SEAN HART
East Oregonian

Students who live in poverty face a number of challenges that can negatively impact their educational performance.

To better understand what these students and their families experience, Stanfield and Echo school district staff participated in a poverty simulation Thursday provided by CoActive Connections.

Lori Beamer, director of operations and outreach for the Salem-based organization, said many of the barriers impoverished students encounter are not immediately apparent to people who have not experienced them.

For example, a student who fails to turn in homework may not have a room or another quiet place to study, she said, or may have to care for other siblings while parents are working. A parent who misses a conference with a teacher may lack money for child care or transportation or may be unable to attend because of work hours, she said.

After a previous simulation at a middle school in the state, Beamer said teachers there began offering home visits for parents who missed conferences when they realized what these students and families face.

"The goal is that the educators and the staff are able to move forward and improve outcomes for those students and, therefore, improve outcomes for the community as a whole," she said. "When students feel respected, when they feel understood, when barriers that exist are broken down because they're identified and discussed, then students have a much greater chance at achievement."

Stanfield School District Superintendent Shelley Liscom said that because so many of the district's students live in poverty, she wanted her staff to "walk a mile in their

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HEPPNER

Morrow County Fair shows off homegrown talent

By JADE MCDOWELL
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The Morrow County Fair is serving up a little slice of Americana all week, showcasing homegrown talent in everything from playing the fiddle to raising animals.

Jordan Schaible-Hendren, 16, of Irrigon had the livestock part down. She said she has shown animals at the fair so many times she has lost count, but she still looks forward to it every year.

"I grew up showing," she said. "It's just an experience I love doing. Every year is new."

This year she brought a sheep and a goat, which she was busy showing off during the 4-H/FFA conformation on Thursday afternoon.

She didn't walk away with the top prize, but the judge did single her out to the audience, praising her focus.

"She's definitely intense," he said. "I love a showman who comes to show."



Kaelyn Lindsay, of Heppner, guides her steer around the ring Thursday during conformation at the Morrow County Fair in Heppner.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Schaible-Hendren said she enjoys bonding with her animals and experiencing the ups and downs of raising livestock, from worry when they escape to happiness when they are thriving. But fair time is a whole different experience.

"Stepping into the ring is like

going into another world," she said. "Outside the ring you're all excited and running around, but in the ring you're in the zone."

Area musicians also had their turn in the spotlight Thursday.

At the talent show that afternoon, seven acts — all girls between the

ages of 10 and 17 — competed for a chance to move on to the state fair.

MaLinda Morter, 12, from Ione, was last year's winner. She said before the show that she had made a mistake during last year's state fair performance and was hoping for a chance to redeem herself.

"I just like singing in front of people," she said.

She sang and played the keytar, performing a rendition of Sabrina Carpenter's "Middle of Starting Over" and coming in third place.

Second place went to Hannah Finch, an 11-year-old viola player originally from North Carolina who will be starting sixth grade in Heppner in the fall.

It was Daytona Tracy, 12, from Hermiston who won the talent show with a spunky tap dance number set to "Forget About the Boy" from the Broadway musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Tracy said she has been dancing
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