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## Your Weekend



- Betty Feves Gallery 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- Man Up Yoga Fundraiser in Hermiston Saturday
- Josh Gracin concert at Pendleton Arts Center

For times and places see Coming Events, 5A

## Catch a movie



Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer/Columbia

Daniel Craig stars as James Bond in, "Spectre." For showtime, Page 5A For review, Weekend EO

## Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
57/39	62/46	54/38

## PILOT ROCK Officer placed on leave

Relying on help from other departments

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Pilot Rock has no police officer to patrol streets after placing Gary Thompson on administrative leave. The Pendleton Police Department and Umatilla County Sheriff's Office are picking up the slack in the small city.

The city placed Thompson on leave Oct. 30. Mayor Virginia Carnes said she could not discuss what led to that action because it is a personnel issue and also was the topic of the city council's closed-door session Tuesday night.

Thompson graduated from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Class in November 2014 and went to work for the Umatilla Tribal Police Department. He then took the job in 2015 with Pilot Rock.

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# Rolling on the river

Pendleton's parkway celebrates 30 years along the Umatilla



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
Pedestrians walk down the Pendleton River Walk on a crisp Wednesday afternoon in Pendleton. The parkway has offered Pendleton residents access to the scenic beauty of the Umatilla River for 30 years.

## Amy Bedford dogged city officials in her sweet, persuasive way in 1985

By KATHY ANEY  
East Oregonian

Early champions of the Pendleton River Parkway had a daunting task in the 1980s — persuading property owners along the proposed two-and-a-half-mile walking path to sign easements.

Pendleton River Parkway Foundation members went in pairs. Eventually, every property owner signed.

The parkway, now known as the Pendleton River Walk, turned 30 this year. Planning started more than a decade earlier. The original vision

## Reconnect to the River

Saturday, 10 a.m.  
Roy Raley Park  
Free BBQ and music at noon  
Activity stations along trail  
Look for the weekend EO for more on the River Walk

included a walking path, pedestrian bridge, plaza, wildlife preserve with nature trails, picnic area and boat basin and a series of low dams with flood gates.

Amy Aldrich Bedford, a demure See RIVER/8A



Staff photo by E.J. Harris  
A beaver sits in the reeds along the Umatilla River on Wednesday in Pendleton. Pedestrians walking the Pendleton River Walk can see all sorts of wildlife while strolling along the river.

## Schimmel keeps Obama on track

Native youth grill the president

By KATHY ANEY  
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Jude Schimmel sat at Pres. Barack Obama's right shoulder Thursday afternoon and guided a discussion between the president and a panel of Native youth.

Near the end of the hour-long session, Obama leaned over and said in a low voice to Schimmel, "What's next?"

"Closing remarks," Schimmel said, leaning close and putting a hand on his shoulder. "It's all you."

He laughed and started talking.

The session, part of the White House Tribal Nations Conference, focused on helping tribal youth reach their full potential. Schimmel, 21, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, has emerged as something of a spokeswoman for Native youth.

Schimmel participates in



AP Photo/Evan Vucci  
President Barack Obama talks with Native Youth Delegates during the 2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference, on Thursday in Washington. From left, Jude Schimmel, Obama, Tatiana Ticknor, of the Yup'ik/Tlingit/Dena'ina, Brayden White, of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Blossom Johnson, of the Navajo Nation, and Philip Douglas, of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

Generation Indigenous, an organization Obama launched last year after he and the First Lady visited Standing Rock Sioux Indian Nation in North Dakota. Gen-I seeks to engage with Native youth and improve their lives. Schimmel was featured at the White House Tribal Youth Gathering at the

White House in July.

On Thursday, after self-introductions by Schimmel and the four youth panel members, Obama spoke directly to Schimmel, noting her success as a point guard for the University of Louisville. Jude, who

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## Who qualifies for Oregon Promise college grant?

New program covers tuition costs for many students

By SEAN HART  
East Oregonian

Students graduating from high school this year have a promising opportunity to obtain an associate's degree for only \$300.

Passed in July, Senate Bill 81 dedicated \$10 million to the new Oregon Promise program that will essentially cover the entire cost of tuition at any of Oregon's 17 community colleges for students who meet certain requirements, according to information from the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Students who receive an Oregon high school diploma or GED certificate in the spring or summer of 2016 with a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or better who enroll at an Oregon community college in the fall of 2016 qualify for the grant program as long as they will have resided in Oregon for at least 12 months before enrolling for the 2016 fall term.

Blue Mountain Community College Vice President of Public Relations Casey White-

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