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## Your Weekend



- **Photo exhibit opens at Pendleton Arts Center**
- **Tree, shrub giveaway at Roy Raley Park**
- **Blue Mountain A's 40th birthday celebration**

For times and places see **Coming Events, 5A**

## Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
80/52	76/47	72/47

## PENDLETON Farmers market back on Main St.

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The Pendleton Farmers Market will return to Main Street.

Mary Ann McCune, president of the Farmers Market board, announced Thursday the market would open May 6 on Main Street, just as it has for the past 13 years.

The market was in danger of moving off the 300 block of Main after some business owners complained about big trucks blocking views and foot traffic to their stores. The city warned the market that it would lose its street closure permit if vendors continued to violate a condition of that permit — not parking in front of MaySon's Old Fashioned General Store and Alexander's Chocolate Classics.

Pendleton City Manager Robb Corbett said he and McCune discussed each other's concerns, and he credited the market with spending "quite a bit of time" talking to downtown businesses. He called the market an asset to downtown.

"It was always our hope that we could continue to keep them there," Corbett said. "I think what we were able to do is reach as good of a compromise as each of us is able, to attempt to meet the minimum needs of the

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## PENDLETON

# Apartments get approval

Planning commission OKs 100-unit complex

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
East Oregonian

The people responsible for the Pendleton Heights housing development have set their sights higher.

The Pendleton Planning Commission

on Thursday unanimously approved a plat modification that will accommodate a 100-unit apartment complex, instead of the 40 townhouses that were originally planned.

When Jivanjee Circosta Architecture initially pitched Pendleton

Heights, the plan was to build 72 townhouses on land east of Olney Cemetery.

Co-developer Doug Circosta said tenants are already renting the 22 townhouses completed in the first phase and the 10-unit second phase is nearing completion.

Circosta said the company began

to veer from the original course when they realized some tenants were living as roommates in units that had been intended for families.

"The need is strong and the rents for the duplexes are still a bit higher than what a lot of the market can

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## Forest plan discussion draws crowd from both sides of issue



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**OPB producer Phoebe Flanigan holds a microphone for former Joseph mayor Peggy Kite-Martin as she makes a statement about the Blue Mountains Forest Plan during a taping of 'Think Out Loud' on Wednesday at BMCC in Pendleton.**

# Thinking out loud

Show was hosted, aired on OPB

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
East Oregonian

An overflow crowd of about 100 people gathered Wednesday evening at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton — coming from as far as Baker City, Joseph and even Bend — looking for answers to the same basic question.

Who should be allowed to do

what, and where, on the Blue Mountains national forests?

Those decisions are ultimately guided by the Blue Mountains

Forest Plan, which is undergoing its first revision since 1990. It has been a slow, laborious process as the Forest Service attempts to balance all manner of public interests, from access and recreation to logging and conservation.

The stakes were laid out during Wednesday's discussion of the forest plan, which was recorded and aired Thursday on "Think Out Loud" on Oregon Public Broadcasting. Host Dave Miller moderated a panel of guests that included Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin; Darilyn Parry Brown, executive director of the Hells Canyon Preservation Council; King Williams, a natural resources consultant based in

**"I think some people believe that every acre can provide every use for everyone. It can't. It's going to take compromise from everyone."**

— **Steve Beverlin**, Malheur National Forest supervisor

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## Dinner recognizes county's 'health heroes'

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
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Partners in public health gathered in Hermiston on Wednesday to discuss the state of health in Umatilla County and recognize the county's "health heroes."

During the second annual Umatilla County Public Health Fundraiser and Awareness Dinner, Pendleton physician Jonathan Hitzman, who also serves as the county's health officer, was named this year's official Health Hero.

"He really walks the talk when it comes to public health," Umatilla

County Public Health director Meghan DeBolt said before telling Hitzman that the department would not be what it is today without his help.

"It has been an absolute pleasure," he responded.

DeBolt also recognized Gloria Corona, who handles human resources and accounting for the department, as the Public Health Employee of the Year.

She recognized two Public Health Partners of the Year. The first was the Umatilla County Planning Department, which has

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**Dr. Jonathan Hitzman of Pendleton speaks about public health in Umatilla County during the Public Health Fundraiser and Awareness Dinner.**

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