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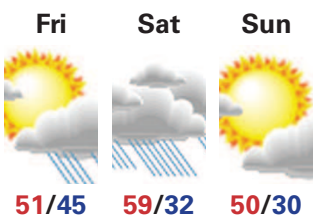


Disney via AP

A beautiful young woman is held captive by a beast in a mansion filled with human souls trapped in furniture and dishware in Disney's "Beauty and the Beast."

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Weekend Weather



HERMISTON Fair moves forward without manager

Hoping for more volunteers this year

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

The change in venue for the Umatilla County Fair has come with a shift in staffing, too.

The county commissioners laid off the fair's manager and maintenance head last fall and talked about having staff at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center staff run the fair. But the operations plan for EOTEC that the county commissioners and Hermiston City Council will jointly review Monday does not include giving

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Umatilla County cuts drug court

Court-supervised treatment program serves 90 people, has six employees

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
East Oregonian

Umatilla County is cutting its drug court program due to reductions in funding from the state. The move is effective June 30 and means laying off six employees.

Larry Givens, chairman of the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners, said the county has a general policy of not backfilling when the state stops providing money.

"We've seen that happen time and time again," Givens said, "... and we're at the point we can't

keep doing that."

Drug court provides court supervised alcohol and drug treatment for offenders. County counsel Doug Olsen said the decision to end the program came Wednesday

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Givens



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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Teacher Sherril Cain receives a hug from second-grader teacher Diana Ellis during a retirement party for Cain on Thursday at Sherwood Elementary School in Pendleton.

A life in the classroom

Pendleton teacher Sherril Cain retires after 59 years

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
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Teacher Sherril Cain reacts after receiving a tee-shirt from principal Theresa Owens during a retirement party Thursday at Sherwood Elementary School in Pendleton.

Sherril Cain has technically been retired for more than two decades, so when the staff of Sherwood Heights Elementary School in Pendleton surprised her with a going away party, they sang "Happy re-retirement to you" to the tune of "Happy Birthday."

After working as a full-time teacher from 1958 to 1995 and a substitute teacher since then, Cain decided to let her substitute license expire on Friday, marking the end of 59-year career in education.

Pendleton School Board chairwoman Debbie McBee was on hand to congratulate Cain, delivering a short speech where she noted the history Cain brought to the district.

Cain, who will turn 81 on Friday, was quick with her reply.

"I have a lot of history," she said.

Cain said she always wanted to be a teacher and would sometimes take on that role when she was younger, whether it was dropping off homework for the neighbor boy when he missed school or filling in as a substitute for

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More than 450,000 Oregonians would lose health coverage under proposed GOP plan

By **PARIS ACHEN**
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SALEM — As many as 465,000 Oregonians would be unable to afford coverage and lose health insurance by 2026 under the U.S. House GOP health care proposal, according to an analysis released by the state Thursday.

And it would cost the state an

additional \$2.6 billion through 2023 to maintain Medicaid coverage extended to 375,000 Oregonians and subsidized by the federal government under President Obama's Affordable Care Act, the state analysis says.

The Republican plan, known as the American Health Care Act, would also cost 42,000 jobs, the state says.

"This bill is not about improving health care. This bill is about giving

tax breaks to the wealthy," said Gov. Kate Brown, during a news conference Thursday where she took no questions.

The Governor's Office did not specifically address an emailed question about whether Brown intends to have Oregon make up the losses from the federal government, if the GOP bill becomes law. However, Brown and her communications director,

Chris Pair, said she plans to share the report with federal officials and Congress to "influence their deliberations on the AHCA."

Most of those who would lose coverage now benefit from the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid program.

In addition to losses in Medicaid

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