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Roughly 225 people took part in a March for Science on Saturday in Pendleton.

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HERMISTON

Path open for more housing

New zoning make development easier in town primed for growth

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The Hermiston city council took steps forward Monday toward its goal of promoting more housing development in Hermiston.

The council added multi-family dwellings as a conditional use in a commercial zone off Highland Avenue and also gave planning staff the green light to begin researching and preparing code amendments that will make residential development easier and more profitable in Hermiston.

"Let's get some more houses built," mayor David Drotzmann said.

The council held a public hearing Monday on creation of a neighborhood commercial overlay zone that would add multi-family dwellings and mini-storage as allowable uses on a roughly 8 acre section of land along Highland Avenue west of Southwest 11th Street.

No apartment buildings are currently

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PENDLETON

Final four set in search for new superintendent

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

The Pendleton School Board narrowed the search for a new superintendent to four candidates. Board chair Debbie McBee said the finalists will be in Pendleton on Wednesday, May 3 to meet district staff and the community.

The district in a written statement Monday announced the finalists as:

- Aaron D. Chavez. Chavez has been the superintendent at Wahluke School District in Washington since 2010. The district has 2,450 students.

Before Wahluke, he was superintendent at Brewster School District (1,000 students) for three years and superintendent/principal at Almira School District (100 students) for two years. Chavez spent six years in the classroom as a teacher before becoming an administrator.

He has a bachelor's degree in social sciences from Eastern Washington University and a master's in administration from Heritage University, Toppenish, Washington.

- Christopher J. Fritsch for the last

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STREET SCIENCE

Earth Day events in Pendleton showcase everyday applications of science

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

Coinciding with rallies in hundreds of cities all over the globe, about 225 people gathered Saturday morning at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton to participate in the March for Science, emphasizing the importance of scientific work in the local community.

Supporters trekked down Court Avenue, some carrying signs, before returning in silence to the park along the Pendleton River Parkway where event organizers also held a Community Science Fair, featuring food, music, informational displays and hands-on activities for kids.

Dick Smiley, a retired plant pathologist for Oregon State University, took part in the march wearing a shirt that read "Science is not a



liberal conspiracy," echoing the political overtones of marchers nationwide who protested the policies of President Donald Trump.

Phil Richersen, a groundwater expert from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, demonstrates to several children what happens when pollutants such as fertilizer and cow manure get into the ecosystem.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

"Scientists are often feeling under threat in today's environment," Smiley said. "We needed to show as much support and encouragement for science funding as possible."

Andrea Mann, who spearheaded the Pendleton march, said the purpose of the demonstration was to highlight the value of science while also reflecting on the value of Earth Day.

"Science has so much to do with everything we touch," Mann said.

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Farmers fear losing immigrant workers under Trump crackdown

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — The head of Bethel Heights Vineyard looked out over the 100 acres of vines her crew of 20 Mexicans had just finished pruning, worried about what will happen if the Trump administration presses ahead with its crackdown on immigrants.

From tending the plants to harvesting the grapes, it takes skill and a strong work ethic to produce the winery's pinot noir and chardonnay, and native-born Americans just aren't willing to work that hard, Patricia Dudley said as a cold rain drenched the vineyard in the hills of Oregon.

"Who's going to come out here

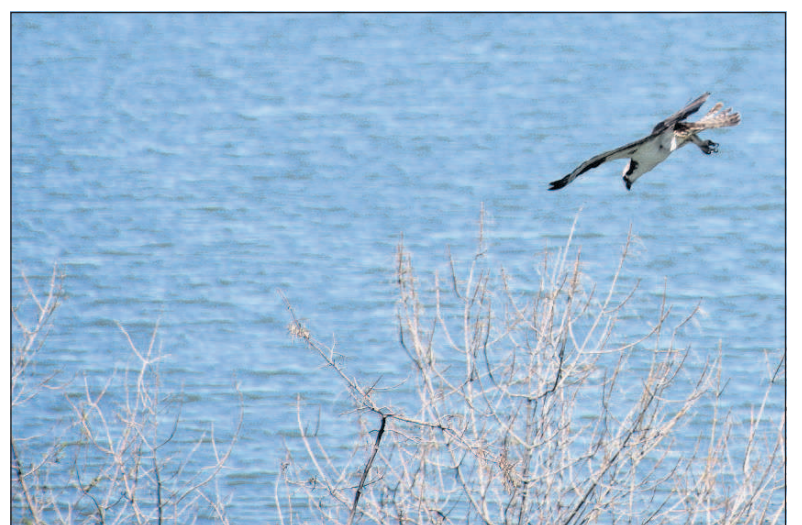
and do this work when they deport them all?" she asked.

President Donald Trump's hard line against immigrants in the U.S. illegally has sent a chill through the nation's agricultural industry, which fears a crackdown will deprive it of the labor it needs to plant, grow and pick the crops that feed the country.

Fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and cattle farmers and owners of plant nurseries and vineyards have begun lobbying politicians at home and in Washington to get them to deal with immigration in a way that minimizes the harm to their livelihoods.

Some of the farm leaders are Republicans who voted for Trump and are torn, wanting border

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Next state bird?

An osprey dives over the top of some shrubs near the shore of McKay Reservoir while hunting on Friday south of Pendleton. A bill is moving through the Oregon Legislature that would designate the species as the state bird. It has passed the Senate and is currently in the House rules committee.

