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Documentary highlights pipeline protest

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A film highlighting resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline in Standing Rock, North Dakota, will be shown in Pendleton.

Dan Nanamkin, a water protector who was present at the camps in Standing Rock, will speak during the screening of "Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock." The free event is Friday at 5 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Donations will be accepted.

The documentary premiered on Earth Day at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City. It has received positive reviews and currently has 9.9 out of 10 stars on the Internet Movie Database. The 84-minute film captures the story of the American Indian-led defiance fighting for clean water, the environment and the future of the planet.



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The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and others gained international attention as they protested the Dakota Access Pipeline, which crosses near

their reservation.

Local water protectors, including Willa Wallace, Jiselle Halfmoon and Anson Crane, invite community

members to attend the documentary screening. Those in attendance can learn more about what took place at Standing Rock, what the movement stands for and the purpose of the defiance. In addition, information about local environmental issues, such as proposed pipelines in Boardman, also will be available.

A two-day bake sale to help with costs of the event concludes Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon at the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Governance Center in Mission. Items available include chocolate chip and pumpkin chocolate chip cookies and pumpkin cream cheese muffins.

For more information, contact casey.brown.lynn@gmail.com or 541-429-0593. For more about the film, search Facebook or visit www.awakethefilm.org.

Merkley to speak in Pendleton, Heppner

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The third Congressional representative to visit in two months, U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley will hold town halls in Pendleton and Heppner this weekend.

The junior Democratic senator will hold town halls at Blue Mountain Community College and Heppner Elementary School on Sunday, where he will discuss "what we need to do to strengthen our state and our nation," a Merkley press release states. Although several

members of Congress have faced raucous crowds at town hall meetings since Trump assumed office, town halls Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, recently held in Weston and Boardman were relatively subdued. A town hall held by Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden also came and went without incident.

Merkley will hold the Pendleton town hall at BMCC on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. The Heppner town hall at the elementary school is later that day at 5:30 p.m.

High-speed chase ends with crash, arrest

HERMISTON — Local police caught a fleeing driver after a high-speed chase early Wednesday crossed the Umatilla and Morrow county line.

Chester Brent Paradiso, 45, of Irrigon, is in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on multiple charges stemming from the chase.

Morrow County undersheriff John Bowles in a written statement reported a Umatilla County sheriff's deputy began the pursuit Wednesday at 1:41 a.m. near Umatilla. The fleeing driver took Interstate 82 south to Interstate 84 westbound.

Paradiso reached speeds above 100 mph as he entered Morrow County, and Morrow County sheriff's deputies near the Paterson Ferry exit joined the pursuit.

Oregon State Police tried to spike the car's tires near milepost 171, Bowles reported, but the driver

avoided the trap. Paradiso next took the exit for the Port of Morrow and circled the south side of Boardman. Police used spikes again near Paul Smith Road and the canal access road, and this time were successful.

"Mr. Paradiso's vehicle got stuck in some brush after crashing through a gate blocking access to the canal road," according to Bowles.

Deputies from both counties took Paradiso into custody and found he was driving with a suspended license and had methamphetamine.

Bowles reported the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the pursuit, and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office will handle charges stemming from the property damage.

Paradiso faces initial charges of attempt to elude/flee, reckless driving, and possession of methamphetamine.



Paradiso

Corbett gets high marks in council evaluation

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Councilors gave no written feedback on city manager's job performance

By ANTONIO SIERRA

East Oregonian

By the numbers, the Pendleton City Council's evaluation of city manager Robb Corbett was glowing. But words that reflect the council's opinion won't be found on official public record.

The city council met behind closed doors to discuss Corbett's evaluation April 18, and after a public records request, the city provided the *East Oregonian* with a copy of the document Tuesday. The city has fought to keep councilor comments out of public record in previous years.

Noticeably absent from his evaluation were the coun-

cilor's written comments, a prominent feature of past city manager evaluations, although Corbett continued to get sterling marks.

Each member of the council was given the opportunity to rate Corbett as "exceeds expectations," "meets expectations," or "needs improvement" in 16 different categories that evaluated his duties and "core values."

Corbett received a total of 46 "exceeds expectations" and 94 "meets expectations." He received only three "needs improvement," from the council, receiving a single tally in the "fiscal responsibility," "communication" and "leadership" categories.

Under Oregon law, the city council is allowed to call an executive session, a meeting held behind closed doors that can be convened under special circumstances, to discuss the city manag-

er's evaluation. The verbal comments made during executive session are protected from public scrutiny but the document itself is public record.

Mayor John Turner said the council decided to keep their comments verbal this year, a move he thought would lead to more honest discussion on Corbett's evaluation rather than exchanging written comments.

When asked if the change was meant to shield council opinion from the public eye, Turner laughed and said "no I don't think so."

Corbett said there was no difference for him to receive comments on his evaluation verbally or in print.

The 2017 evaluation represents a slight improvement from the year before, which was largely positive. Corbett maintained the same number of "meets expectations" ratings while increasing his share of

"exceeds expectations" and decreasing the amount of "needs improvement" scores.

The written comments in 2015 and 2016 were largely positive, although some councilors were critical of some of Corbett's staffing decisions.

Turner described Corbett as being a "conscientious guy" and rated him highly on his communication skills, pointing to his public outreach initiatives like the city newsletter and the "Coffee with the City" series of meetings.

Corbett served as the city manager of Burns, Prineville and Sutherlin before he was hired by Pendleton in 2011, replacing longtime city manager Larry Lehman. After the council evaluated Corbett, the council raised his salary to \$123,356.

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Get rid of old prescription drugs Saturday

HERMISTON — You can turn in old prescription medications Saturday at one of three collection sites in Umatilla County during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

The federal Drug Enforcement Agency works with local agencies to hold the events from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to get unused and unwanted prescription drugs off the streets. Locals can take their pills and other solid prescriptions, such as patches, to the following sites: Hermiston Police Department, 330 S. First St., Hermiston; Umatilla Tribal Police Department, 46400 Timine Way, on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Pendleton; and Pilot Rock Police Department, 143 W.

Main St., Pilot Rock.

The local agencies are among the 180 sites in the Pacific Northwest participating Saturday. Jason Edmiston, Hermiston police chief, said liquids and needles are off limits, but the service is free and no questions asked. Police Capt. Darryl Johnson will be on hand to oversee the vent.

Hermiston police during past drug take backs, Edmiston said, received around 150-200 pounds of substances.

For more information, visit www.dea.gov and click on the take-back links, including for a list of more sites.

Grief center hosts fundraiser, information event

PENDLETON — The public is invited to a kick-off fundraiser for an Eastern

Oregon grief program.

People can learn more about Cason's Place: Grief Support for Children and Families of Eastern Oregon, as well as make donations. The event is Friday from 5:30-7 p.m. at Oregon Grain Growers Distillery, 511 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. A no-host bar will be available and appetizers will be served.

The nonprofit organization is named in memory of Cason Terjeson, who died in an Eastern Oregon farming accident in 2007. His parents, Matt Terjeson and Jan Peterson-Terjeson, and sister, Lydia, gained help through the Dougy Center in Portland. The Terjesons and others have met regularly to make plans to create a similar facility in Umatilla County.

For more information, contact 541-377-3049, janpt.loss@gmail.com, search

Facebook or visit www.casonspacel.org.

Hermiston FFA sets plant sale

HERMISTON — Vegetables, flowers and student designs are featured in the Hermiston FFA Chapter plant sale.

The event is Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hermiston FFA greenhouse at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

Money from the sale will help support the FFA program. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/HermistonORFFA.

BMCC to cut ribbon on Boardman workforce training center

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BOARDMAN — Blue Mountain Community College will cut the ribbon Thursday on its new Workforce Training Center in Boardman, which officially opened April 3 to the public.

The ceremony will run from 4-6 p.m., including an open house, tours and dedication of the "Carlson Room," named after Louie and Betty Carlson of Heppner. Cam Preus, BMCC president, and Chris Brown, board chairman, will be on hand, along with the Boardman Chamber of Commerce and an appearance by Timber, the BMCC Timberwolves mascot.

The Workforce Training Center is the first of three major construction projects to be finished after voters approved a \$23 million bond in May 2015. The Precision Irrigated Agriculture facility in Hermiston will celebrate its grand opening on June 29, and the Facility for Agricultural Resource Management in Pendleton should be completed by September.

The Workforce Training Center is located along Olson Road in Boardman, adjacent to the SAGE Center, and hosts BMCC's data center technician, industrial systems and early childhood education programs.

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