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## Your Weekend



- Pendleton Farmers Market kicks off season
- Thousand-yard shoot Saturday in Ione
- Hermiston celebrates Cinco y Seis de Mayo

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

## Catch a movie



Disney-Marvel via AP

All your favorites are back, plus a baby tree monster, in Disney-Marvel's "Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol. 2."

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## Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
63/43	57/39	61/39

## Family and friends rally to help after ATV accident

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**  
*East Oregonian*

Chase Ammons, a Pendleton resident and father of two, was badly injured in an ATV rollover two weeks ago.

He is still in critical condition and as family and friends hope for his recovery, they are trying to help where they can.

Ammons, 30, crashed his ATV April 20 near Highway 11 and Southeast Court Avenue. No one else was involved in the crash. He was immediately taken to St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton, then Good Shepherd in Hermiston, and then life-flighted to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington, where he has been since.

Ammons' father Dave said his son was in a coma until a few days ago and is now awake, but there are a lot of complications.

"He had part of his skull

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# Turn off for fun



Photo illustration by E.J. Harris and Drew Langton

## Event encourages families to get outside

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
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As America moves closer to a smartphone in every pocket and a Netflix subscription in every home, going an entire week "screen free" isn't nearly as easy as it was during the first national Screen Free Week in 1994.

This year's Screen Free Week, May 1-7, is taking place in a much different environment — one where the average American spends 10 hours and 39 minutes a day looking at a screen, according to a 2016 Nielsen Company study, including four and a half hours watching television or movies.

Going cold turkey on digital entertainment (participation still allows for screen time needed for a job or schoolwork) might be too much for some, but on Wednesday night families in Umatilla were at least making a dent.

A "screen free" event sponsored by the OSU Extension

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Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Children play with a giant beach ball during Screen Free Week at Hash Park in Umatilla.

## House GOP rallies, passes ACA repeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Delivering at last, triumphant House Republicans voted Thursday to repeal and replace the "Obamacare" health plan they have reviled for so long, overcoming united Democratic opposition and their own deep divisions to hand a major win to President Donald Trump.

The 217-213 vote was a narrow victory, and ultimate success is far from assured since the measure must still make its way through a highly skeptical Senate. But after seven years of campaign promises and dozens of show votes, Republicans finally succeeded in passing a health care bill that has a chance of becoming law.

They weren't waiting for final passage to celebrate.

"What a great group of people!" Trump exclaimed at the White House, arms raised to salute the dozens of lawmakers who hurried to join him in the Rose Garden immediately after the vote. Set aside for the moment were the feuds and philosophical divides that nearly sank the bill time and again.

And at the same time, the Republicans had begun to show that perhaps they can come together and govern the country now that they control Washington in full.

"Make no mistake, this is a repeal and a replace of Obamacare, make no mistake about it," Trump declared. "Premiums will be coming down, deductibles will be coming down, but very importantly it's a great plan."

Rep. Greg Walden, chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee that was instrumental in creating the bill, sent out a press release immediately after it passed celebrating the moment.

"For seven years, our constituents, patients, friends, and family, have suffered under a one-size-fits-all law that is collapsing under its own weight," he said. "The American Health Care Act will put patients, families,

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Contributed photo by Daryl LaBello

A team of freshmen from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, including Pendleton High School graduate Ryan Lacey, are in the finals for a competition sponsored by NASA. From left to right, team member Jesus Ferrand, team leader Jack Grant, professor and adviser Claudia Ehringer Lucas, team member Cheyenne Reed and Lacey.

## 'Space gym' concept gets noticed by NASA

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
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Ryan Lacey chose to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University so he could eventually pursue a career at NASA. More than halfway through his freshman year, he has NASA's attention.

The Pendleton High School graduate and a team of three other Embry-Riddle students have made the finals for NASA's Revolutionary Aerospace Systems Concepts Academic Linkage competition, a contest that invites college students to submit concepts that will improve human space exploration.

**PROMISE & POTENTIAL**

**Editor's note:** Promise & Potential is an ongoing series following young adults as they leave high school and head into the world.

The contestants are asked to create concepts for a certain piece of technology, like a Mars transport vehicle or a deep space airlock system.

Although the team's idea emerged from at least 180 entries to make the final field of 14, Lacey said that the concept — a

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