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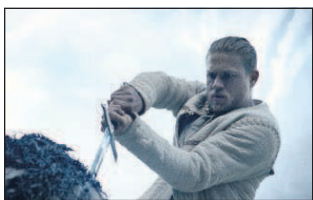
Your Weekend



- Cattle Barons Weekend
- Buckaroo BBQ Challenge
- "The Odd Couple" at BMCC Bob Clap Theatre
- Milton-Freewater Junior Show and sale

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Catch a movie

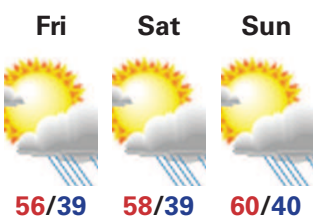


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An orphan pulls a sword out of a rock, propelling a series of CGI-laden battles in "King Arthur: Legend of the Sword."

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Weekend Weather



Hanford's collapsed tunnel may have gone unnoticed

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The large sinkhole that caved in a tunnel filled with radioactive waste at a sprawling Washington state nuclear waste repository may have gone unnoticed for days before its discovery because workers do not patrol tunnel sites daily, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Energy said Thursday.

The sinkhole was found Tuesday, prompting an emergency at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation with evacuations of some workers and orders for others to stay inside buildings scattered across the 500 square-mile

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Rob Brooks, with the National Weather Service, talks about the different types of weather with a group of Sunridge Middle School sixth-graders during outdoor school at the Kiwanis Camp in the Umatilla National Forest east of Pendleton.

A rite of passage

Pendleton sixth-graders hit the forest for Outdoor School

By GEORGE PLAIVEN

East Oregonian

Gorgie Jones-Hoisington cupped the moth tightly in both hands as she rushed over to show her teacher, Chris Schulze, at Buck Creek Camp in the Umatilla National Forest.

Field studies had just wrapped up Thursday afternoon at Pendleton Outdoor School, where roughly 90 sixth-graders were given an up-close look at the environment from local experts. Jones-Hoisington, 12, used what she learned to correctly identify the moth she caught earlier as



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Sunridge sixth-grader Gorgie Jones-Hoisington holds out a moth she found Thursday during outdoor school.

"These experiences can awaken something in kids they don't forget."

— Chris Schulze, Sunridge science teacher



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Sunridge sixth graders Gavin Clark, Rebekah Edmonds, Sage Wyland and Grace Moses make leaf imprints on Thursday.

female, based on its size.

"Those are good moments," Schulze said as Jones-Hoisington hurried to her next activity. "It makes you proud as a teacher."

Outdoor School is an annual rite of passage for sixth-graders in Pendleton, as well as fifth-graders in Hermiston, as they head out

into the forest for several days of hands-on activities and adventure. The program brings kids to Buck Creek, adjacent to the North Fork Umatilla Wilderness Area, for three days of hiking, campfires, art projects and interactive science.

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County work group to focus on housing shortage

By JADE MCDOWELL

East Oregonian

Cities in Umatilla County have been spearheading individual efforts to tackle their housing shortages, but county planning director Tamra Mabbott hopes to bring all those heads together to promote housing development county-wide.

Mabbott is forming a work group to find solutions to the county's housing crunch. To guide their efforts, her department put together an inventory of residential lands in both the unincorporated parts of the county and inside each of its 13 cities. Residential lands on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation were not included.

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Room to grow

City	Residential	Undeveloped
Adams	185	32
Athena	492	20
Echo	383	62
Helix	85	13
Hermiston	5,510	915
Milton-Freewater	2,026	109
Pendleton	5,509	522
Pilot Rock	687	61
Stanfield	759	94
Ukiah	178	43
Umatilla	1,875	265
Weston	367	66
County	4,081	570

Total residential parcels, and number that are undeveloped.

Spray grapples with predicted influx of eclipse tourists

By AARON SCOTT

Oregon Public Broadcasting

Upward of a million people are expected to flood Oregon for the solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, which has cities across the state scrambling to prepare. Some have been planning for months. Others are just beginning.

Nestled along the John Day River is one of the smallest towns in the eclipse's path of totality: Spray. Population: 160 people, one convenience

store, one gas pump and one small food counter that closes at 6 p.m.

Drop into this bucolic setting 8,000 to 12,000 visitors for the eclipse, and you have a mind-boggling ratio of about 100 tourists for every townsman. How is that going to work?

On the evening of May 2, some 20 people gathered in a church recreation room that doubles as a community center to try to figure

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