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Twentieth Century Fox via AP

Everything probably goes just fine and everyone's innards likely stay inside their bodies as a crew of earthlings explore a distant planet in "Alien: Covenant."

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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
72/50	72/49	76/50



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Morrow County is considering Bombing Range Road as a green energy corridor, where multiple renewable energy facilities could connect to the grid via a single transmission line.

GREEN CORRIDOR

Pilot project seeks to balance agriculture, energy in Morrow County

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

As more wind and solar projects take shape in Eastern Oregon, the Umatilla Basin finds itself caught between interests.

On the one hand, Oregon utilities must provide an increasing amount of energy from renewable sources, and green energy developers are eager to build around the region. Farmers, however, worry about a mess of transmission lines criss-crossing their property to connect to the power grid, cutting over fields and taking valuable land out of production.

The conflict is so great that Gov. Kate Brown established an advisory committee in October 2015 to brainstorm possible solutions. After more than a year of meetings, the committee issued its final report in February, taking stock of local agriculture and energy needs.

Morrow County officials also asked to work with the state Department of Land Conservation and Development on a pilot project that, if successful, would allow multiple renewable energy facilities to combine into a single large

"It's a whole lot better to have this corridor with one big transmission line through it than four small corridors over a 10-mile area."

— **Kent Madison**,
Madison Ranches in Echo



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Siting a portion of the Boardman to Hemingway transmission line on Navy land is crucial to establishing a green energy corridor across Bombing Range Road in Morrow County.

transmission corridor — eliminating the veritable spiderweb of power lines that would be required to connect each individual project.

In a letter dated March 30, Gov. Brown expressed support for the project and directed the department to work with Morrow County on crafting temporary rules later this year. Carla

McLane, Morrow County planning director, said there are no concrete plans in place, but the advisory committee was critical to lay the groundwork and create goodwill.

"We are at the point where we have this

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HERMISTON Supporters speculate why school bond failed

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
East Oregonian

The Hermiston School District's \$104 million bond failed decisively in Tuesday's election, and the district will spend the next few months trying to figure out what went wrong and what its next steps will be.

"At Monday's school board meeting, the members will begin to unpack some of what they're hearing from community members and via social media," said district superintendent Dr. Fred Maiocco, adding that the district was in conversations with a third party to help gather community feedback in a more structured way.

He added that once the new board is seated, the

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Freshman Emily Rinehart, the only non-senior in the fledgling CommuniCare Club at PHS, introduces a grant recipient Tuesday night at the Pendleton Center for the Arts during the miniature foundation's first grant award ceremony.

PENDLETON

Learning to give

Teens reach out with student-led foundation

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Eight teenagers finished a long humanitarian journey Tuesday night by giving away \$8,000.

Last fall, the Pendleton High School students formed a tiny foundation called the CommuniCare Club. The philanthropists-in-training learned about nonprofits from advisor Jill Gregg. They raised \$500, which was

increased by the Harold and Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation with an additional \$7,500. The students invited nonprofits to apply for grants funding projects geared toward homelessness or scholarships.

After fielding a dozen requests totaling \$20,000, the students conducted interviews and site visits.

Whittling the list down was incredibly difficult, the teens discovered. They didn't anticipate caring quite so much.

"I didn't expect it to be as emotional as it was," said Dania

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