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Shoppers browse through sale items at the J.C. Penney store in Pendleton. The store is closing after being in business in the same place for 106 years.

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As Pendleton's oldest store liquidates, memories flow

Pendleton J.C. Penney stayed put for 106 years

By **KATHY ANEY**
East Oregonian

Michelle Mizerka-Peters' office is a Spartan affair, devoid of leather couches, plush carpet or any other hint of ostentatiousness. With yellowing tile floors and basic furniture, the biggest perk of the century-old office is an expansive, birds-eye view of the general manager's domain — the sprawling main floor of the Pendleton J.C. Penney store — through a wide, glass-free window.

These days, the view is a bit jarring. On a recent day, she looked down at a dozen-or-so customers who roamed the floor. Above the browsing patrons hung bright going-out-of-business signs. "Nothing Held Back. Everything Must Go. Store Closing."

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Retired J.C. Penney employees Suzie Fortier and Nora Pointer worked a combined 60 years at the Pendleton store.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

"I just loved the people — I miss the customers so much. Everyone shopped there and it seemed like everyone worked at Penney's at some point."

— **Nora Pointer**, retired J.C. Penney employee

BOARDMAN Mega-dairy responds to petition to halt business

Argues stay on permit would cripple operation

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

The owner of a controversial new mega-dairy in Morrow County says his farming practices go above and beyond what's required to protect the environment, and efforts to halt his operation would cause "tragic" injuries to the cows already on site.

Greg te Velde, a California dairyman with more than 40 years of experience, recently opened Lost Valley Farm on a portion of the former Boardman Tree Farm following an extensive permitting process.

Lost Valley Farm was approved in March by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Department of Environmental Quality, which jointly administer the state's confined animal feeding operation, or CAFO, program. Officials described the permit as the most restrictive of any CAFO to date, ensuring the dairy would properly handle waste from up to 30,000 cows.

Opponents, however, are urging regulators to change their minds. A coalition of groups has filed a petition for reconsideration, arguing the dairy does not go far enough to protect water quality. The petition also asks for a stay of Lost Valley's CAFO permit.

Members of the coalition include the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Center for Biological Diversity, Center for Food Safety, Columbia Riverkeeper, Food & Water Watch, Friends of Family Farmers, Oregon Physicians for Social Responsi-

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School staff 'took the fight' to assailants

Middle school principal released from hospital; teenagers jailed

By **ANDY PORTER**
Union-Bulletin

COLLEGE PLACE — Two teenagers were being held Friday for an assault that injured the principal of John Sager Middle School Thursday afternoon and locked down that school and College Place High School.

One of the suspects, Jaymond Oakhurst, 18, appeared this morning in Walla Walla County Superior Court. According to a police report presented in court, the second suspect is Lamont Oakhurst, 16, who is Jaymond Oakhurst's brother.

At the court hearing, Judge John Lohrmann set bail for Jaymond Oakhurst at \$100,000. The amount was recommended by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jill Peitersen based on the seriousness of the alleged offenses and concerns about Oakhurst's mental health "as he's presented here today."

During his first appearance, Oakhurst appeared lethargic and confused, speaking in a nearly inaudible, somewhat incoherent fashion. During questioning by Lohrmann, he kept his head lowered slightly and paused before answering routine questions about his age, address and ability to understand his constitutional rights.

He was returned to the Walla Walla County Jail after the hearing. He is being held on investigation of first-degree assault, second-degree malicious mischief and harassment. His younger brother was lodged in the county juvenile detention

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HERMISTON

A student-built neighborhood



The three student-built homes at Fieldstone Crossing on Southwest Angus Court in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
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Linda and Tim Turner are the first in a unique group of homeowners in Hermiston — they live in a house constructed largely by high school students, in a neighborhood growing at the rate of one home a year.

"We started driving by during the first year when it was being built, and we just fell in love with it," Linda said.

The Turners will soon get some new neighbors, as the third student-built home in as many years is now on the market.

On Friday, students got to show

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