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- Wildhorse Pow Wow all weekend at the casino
- Murder mystery dinner theater in Hermiston
- Ultimate Youth Smash at Bard Park, Stanfield

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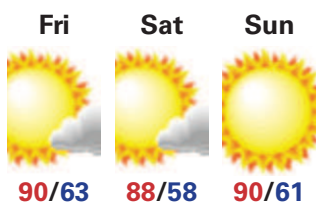
Catch a movie



Wilson Webb/Sony/TriStar via AP
A young getaway driver takes one last job to make a clean break from crime, but things don't go exactly as planned in "Baby Driver."

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Weekend Weather



Oregon Legislature passes worker scheduling bill

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — Workers in Oregon for large companies will know their schedules in advance, saving them from scrambling to arrange child care and enabling them to have more orderly lives, under a bill the state Legislature passed on Thursday.

The bill was described as being a first among U.S. states. Rep. Ann Lininger, D-Lake Oswego, one of its sponsors, said it could become a national model.

Under the bill, passed by the House on Thursday and previously approved by the Senate, retailers, food services establishments and hospitals that have 500 or more employees worldwide must give notice of schedules at least seven days in advance as of July 2018, and at least 14 days in advance as of July 2020.

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BOARDMAN



A whirlpool feature and a waterslide are two of the main attractions of the indoor pool at the new Boardman Pool and Recreation Center. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Get ready to recreate

Pool and Recreation Center grand opening this weekend

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

A project dreamed up more than 30 years ago will begin drawing people to Boardman this weekend.

The Boardman Pool and Recreation Center's grand opening is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center features an indoor pool, gyms, exercise equipment and a climbing wall.

Parks and Recreation board member Ray Michael said the first plans for the center were drawn up in the 1980s.

"Everyone wanted to have it," he said.

"But no one knew how to pay for it," chimed in parks and recreation secretary Lynn Prag.

Building the 43,000-square-foot center would require a bond, but the



The Boardman recreation center's multi-court gymnasium features a floating hardwood floor and numerous basketball hoops. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

hard part was figuring out how to pay for the center's yearly operating costs once it was built. In 2013 the parks district commissioned a feasibility study and began working with consultants on a plan. In November 2014 the community approved a \$12.39 million bond, and the district created a fund using money from sponsors and memberships to pay the center's operating costs. Boardman only has about 3,400

"I think it's not just the local community (that will use it). We've had a lot of questions from Hermiston and even Pendleton."

— Ray Michael, Parks and Recreation board member

residents, but booming businesses at the Port of Morrow bring in thousands more commuters during the workweek.

Many of the new recreation center's rooms bear the names of those businesses, and the port itself donated most of the exercise equipment. But Prag said there are still naming rights left for some rooms and smaller items.

"Our goal was to raise \$300,000 and we're approaching that," she said.

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Don't let your Fourth go up in flames

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Fire marshal Tom Bohm said he suspects illegal fireworks sparked the brush fire Monday in Hermiston that led to the destruction of a duplex.

Witnesses reported hearing what sounded like loud popping or fire crackers before the blaze, he said, and that would mean they were illegal in Oregon.

The Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal in conjunction with the June 23 opening of fireworks sales in Oregon warned state law "prohibits possession, use, or sale of any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or travels more than 12 feet horizontally on the ground" without a permit from the state fire agency.

That covers bottle rockets, Roman Candles, and firecrackers. Cami Satterwhite of Pendleton sells fireworks and put it this way: "Nothing in Oregon can fly or go 'boom.'"

Satterwhite operates the fireworks tent in the parking lot of the



Alaina Mildenberger of Athena hands a firework to her daughter, Sydney Carey, 7, as her other daughter, Addison Carey, 10, shops at the fireworks stand in the Walmart parking lot Thursday in Pendleton. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton Walmart for the Pendleton Lighthouse Church. She said the church gets all of the fireworks it sells from two distributors in the Portland area and that helps ensure the pyrotechnics are legal.

When customers ask why she

doesn't have bottle rockets or the like, she said she explains to them its the law. They understand, she said, but often ask if she knows where they can buy the illegal fireworks.

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State has struggled to profit off rangeland

By CLAIRE WITYCOMBE
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The nearly 600,000 acres of state rangeland leased to ranchers to graze livestock have struggled quietly to generate a profit for decades, even as similar management issues involving the Elliott State Forest are a higher priority and have erupted in public controversy.

But state lands officials say they continue to explore strategies to yield larger returns on eastern grazing lands.

In the 2016 fiscal year, it cost the state \$1.2 million more to manage its rangeland — a term that can denote grasslands as well as Eastern Oregon's iconic stretches of sagebrush — than it

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