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Mick and Karen French of Cannon Beach watch as a storm moves in at the South Jetty at Fort Stevens State Park.



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Waves crash over the South Jetty at Fort Stevens State Park as people take to the observation tower to watch the storm.



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Extreme high tides Thursday crash into the stairs at Tolovana State Park.

Storm waves pound Oregon Coast

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The Oregon Coast is used to crazy weather, but Thursday's offering was especially impressive.

There was tidal flooding in Nehalem and huge waves surged onto the road on the south end of Seaside. In Cannon Beach, foamy surf pushed right up to the Second Street barrier while people leaned over the railing above to watch.

Thunder and lightning made an appearance and a hail storm swept up the coast.

A coastal flood warning was in effect for the area through Friday afternoon and the National Weather Service said offshore buoys recorded ocean swell heights of up to 36 feet Thursday morning.

By the afternoon, wave heights were still near 30 feet and remained high through the evening.



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The observation tower at the South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park was a popular place to watch the storm Thursday.

Oregon joins challenge of net neutrality repeal

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Capital Bureau

Oregon has joined 20 other states and the District of Columbia in launching a legal challenge to the Federal Communications Commission's decision Dec. 14 to repeal a rule barring internet providers from blocking or charging more for access to one website over another.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., asks the court to overturn the decision to repeal "net neutrality" and to find it unlawful. The suit alleges that the decision by the FCC was an abuse of discretion and that it violated the U.S. Constitution and the Communications Act of 1934. Furthermore, attorneys general of the states argue that the action conflicted with notice-and-comment rulemaking requirements.

Other plaintiffs in the case are the attorneys general of New York, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia and Washington.

The FCC voted 3-to-2 along party lines to scrap the rule approved by the FCC in 2015. The commission's two



Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum.

Democrats voted against it. An investigation by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's Office found that commenters to the FCC on the proposed rule change illegally used the identities of Americans from around the country to give feedback on net neutrality. His office has identified at least 2 million fake comments.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has said the repeal of would have "lasting negative impacts for our economy and almost every aspect of our lives and would 'incentivize Big Cable over other companies.'"

Rosenblum spearheaded a letter from 18 state attorneys general to the FCC in early December urging commissioners to delay a vote until investigators could determine whether fraud was committed in the

change argue that it will benefit consumers by spurring more competition between broadband providers and cutting Internet providers' expenses.

FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, one of the two FCC commissioners who voted against the rule change, told NPR's 'The Takeaway' in December that half of U.S. households have only one choice for a broadband provider.

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BRIEFLY



Hermiston man hit, killed on Idaho freeway

A Hermiston man was killed Wednesday walking across an Idaho highway.

Lawrence Handel, 72, was struck by a car in Parma, Idaho, while walking across U.S. Highway 95. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Handel was struck by a northbound Ford Mustang driven by Gustavo Neri, 22, of Caldwell, Idaho.

According to Idaho State Police, Neri was wearing a seatbelt and was not hurt. The incident remains under investigation.

Pendleton man injured in Idaho car crash

A Pendleton man was injured Wednesday night in a car crash in central Idaho.

Osiias Edmiston, 21, of Pendleton, was driving eastbound on Highway 12 near Lewiston, Idaho, about 5:47 p.m. in a Chevy Impala when he pulled to the shoulder and began to make a U-turn.

His vehicle was struck by a Toyota Corolla driven by Karee Picard, 53, of Lapwai. Picard's vehicle, which also contained Francis Picard, 54, and a juvenile, was engulfed in flames. All three occupants of the Toyota were wearing their seatbelts and all three

were transported to St. Joseph Medical Center, Lewiston, with injuries.

House fire causes minor damage and evacuation

PENDLETON — A small fire forced seven Pendleton residents out of their homes Wednesday night.

The Pendleton Fire Department received a call about a structure fire on Southeast Ninth Street around 8:16 p.m., Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said. When authorities arrived, firefighters noticed some light smoke coming from the back of the house.

Based on the evidence at the scene, Ciraulo said the department thinks an electrical problem with a phone line and internet line caused wiring in the back of the house to burn. That was the only damage to the home.

A single home divided into four apartments, the house's residents were evacuated and given vouchers from the Red Cross to stay at the Rodeway Inn because power was shut off to the home.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 19
PENDLETON DELPHIAN CLUB, 1:30 p.m., Vert Club Room, 345 S.W. Fourth St., Pendleton.

PENDLETON MASTERS SWIM CLUB, 5-6 p.m., Round-up Athletic Club pool, 1415 Southgate, Pendleton. \$5 per session coaching fee; non-RAC members pay \$8 pool fee per session. (Tania Wildbill 541-310-9102)

PENDLETON EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY KITCHEN, 6-8 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

COLUMBIA GRANGE, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Grange Hall, 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. 6:30 p.m. potluck, 7:30 p.m. meeting. (Doris Reid 541-567-8663)

SATURDAY, JAN. 20
PENDLETON EAGLES STEAK AND LIVE MUSIC, 6-11:59 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Dinner from 6-8 p.m., music from 8 p.m. to midnight. Members and guests welcome. (541-278-2828)

SUNDAY, JAN. 21
PENDLETON EAGLES BREAKFAST, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Open to members and guests. (541-278-2828)

MONDAY, JAN. 22
BOARDMAN QUILT GROUP, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Quilt construction, quilting updates, education, history and friend-

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ship. Free. (Kathy Hyder 541-571-7009)

NARFE OF HERMISTON, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. No-host lunch. All federal employees, retirees and spouses are welcome. (541-567-2648)

IRRIGON MOOSE LODGE TACOS AND BINGO, 6-9 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St., Irrigon. Tacos from 6-9 p.m., bingo from 6:30-9 p.m. Open to members and guests. (541-922-1802)

WESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston.

VFW POST NO. 922 SOCIAL, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton. (541-278-2720)

SISTERS IN SONG REHEARSAL, 6:30-8 p.m., Pendleton High School choir room, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Community women's choir performs a variety of music in an atmosphere of supportive and good-humored cooperation. Spring concert May 20. No auditions required. (Lezlee Flagg or Cheryl Carlson 541-263-2755 or 541-429-0160)

INLAND NORTHWEST MUSICIANS CHORALE REHEARSAL, 7 p.m., Harris Jr. Academy gymnasium, 3121 S.W. Hailey Ave., Pendleton. No tryouts; all welcome. No rehearsals June-July-August or Christmas-New Year. (RaNiel Dunn 541-289-4696)

Call for Vendors!

Community Health Fair
Saturday, April 14, 2018
Pendleton Convention Center
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free Community Event to Promote Wellness
NO CHARGE TO HOST A BOOTH

To Reserve a Space
Call Emily @ 541-278-2627
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2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton, OR 97801

14th Annual Cattleman's Workshop

FREE!
No Pre-Registration Required.
Free Tri-Tip Lunch included!

Saturday, January 20th, 2018
Blue Mountain Conference Center - 404 12th Street, La Grande, OR

8:45 - 9:00	Workshop Introductions & Overview
9:00 - 10:00	"Quality Sells!" (Importance of Quality Beef Programs) <i>Robert Rebholtz Jr., Chief Executive Office & President, Agri-Beef Co., Inc.</i>
10:00 - 10:45	"How Retailers Add Value to Beef Cuts" <i>Jeff Van Lith, National Retail Sales Manager, Agri-Beef Co., Inc.</i>
10:45 - 11:15	Break (provided by sponsors)
11:15 - 12:00	"China/Pacific Rim Beef Export Market Update" <i>Brett Stuart, Founding partner of Global AgriTrends</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (provided by sponsors)
1:00 - 1:45	"Use of Genomic-enhanced EPD's to Improve Beef Quality" <i>Dr. Matt Spangler, Associate Professor, University of Nebraska</i>
1:45 - 3:00	"Ins & Outs of 2016 National Beef Quality Audit" <i>Dr. Deb VanOverbeke, Interim Assist Dean, Oklahoma State University</i> <i>Jesse Fulton, Associate Director - Producer Education, NCBA</i>

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