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Catch a movie



Twentieth Century Fox via AP

In the third installment of the YA dystopian series you probably forgot was still going, a group of teens run around a labyrinthine city in search of a cure in "Maze Runner: The Death Cure."

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Weekend Weather

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Audit finds state must do more to prepare for disaster

By ERICKA CRUZ GUEVARRA
 Oregon Public Broadcasting

Oregon is not prepared for a catastrophic disaster, according to an audit from the Secretary of State's office released Thursday.

The audit, which looked at state and local emergency management efforts, found the state failed to meet national baseline standards for emergency management, and that planning efforts lack on all levels of the state's emergency management system.

That's due in part to "inadequate" staffing statewide, including understaffing at the Office of Emergency Management.

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County begins overdue charter review

Applications open for review committee

By PHIL WRIGHT
 East Oregonian

Umatilla County is past due for a review of its home rule charter, the document that establishes the form and functions of county government.

The county is working to remedy that. The charter requires a committee of at least five county citizens to conduct the review every four years. The last review was in 2008.

County counsel Doug Olsen said the board of commissioners have a

goal of appointing seven citizens to the review committee by March 1. They would have until July 1, 2019, to deliver a report and any recommendations for changes to the charter.

"They can change any terms of the charter or introduce something different," Olsen said, while Commissioner George Murdock said the committee "can lay the

foundation to restructure county government."

Olsen and Murdock said commissioners would not serve on the committee so it would be free of their influence. Four locals so far applied to serve on the review committee: former county fair

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PENDLETON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Veterinarian Fiona Hillenbrand, center, checks the dental health of Tucker as veterinary assistant Erin Mills, left, and owner L'Rissa Sohapp work to keep the dog calm during a checkup Wednesday at the Pendleton Veterinary Clinic.

Veterinary clinic gets new digs

Fresh Start grant helps pay for new building

By ANTONIO SIERRA
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With the help of a local grant, the Pendleton Veterinary Clinic has a fresh start.

As a crowd flowed out the door of the clinic's new facility at 625 S.W. Emigrant Ave., owner Fiona Hillenbrand teared up as she thanked her staff and the city for their help at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Members of the Pendleton Development Commission then handed Hillenbrand an oversized novelty check for \$96,488, the commission's contribution to the project through its Fresh Start grant program.

After the ribbon was cut, clinic staff stationed themselves in various parts of the building to explain its features and how they are an improvement over the old facility at 1901 S.W. Court Ave.

Veterinary assistant Amy Kline was standing in the procedure room, the area where dogs and cats receive check-ups, dental work and other standard procedures.

Kline said the room now had four tables instead of one, allowing staff to do more work simultaneously. Additionally, all the tables are heated. From the tables, staff will be able to peek into a windowed intensive care unit to check on recovering pets.

The clinic has another room for surgeries and more complex procedures.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

A cat stares out of a holding cage in the cat ward Wednesday at the Pendleton Veterinary Clinic.

Scientists, Morrow County wheat farmers talk shop



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

OSU researchers Larry Lutcher, Duncan Kroese, Christina Hagerty and Judit Barroso (far right) dig up and examine some wheat plants Thursday in one of Sam Myers' fields. Myers is second from right.

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
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A group of wheat farmers and scientists sat down in a barn Thursday morning to talk shop — discussing challenges and potential solutions to wheat farming issues in Morrow County.

The meeting was part of "Shop Talk," a recent effort by the OSU Extension Service to meet with farmers to discuss how their research efforts align with practical application, said Christina Hagerty, a plant pathologist and assistant professor at OSU's Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center.

About 12 Morrow County wheat growers gathered at a Heppner farm off Little Butter Creek Road to address topics that included which

varieties of wheat may be most effective at managing pests or disease, and how to deal with weeds such as cheatgrass and thistle.

They also discussed the merits and drawbacks of open variety seed.

Open variety seeds can be saved and replanted, and can potentially save farmers money in the long run. But those seeds can also become more susceptible to disease if they don't have the modifications of newer seeds.

"It's less expensive to save seeds," said Hagerty. "But the older varieties where it's legal to save seeds also have an older set of genetics, and may not provide the disease resistance packages that come along with modern

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