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Your Weekend

- Spring Fest at July Grounds in Mission
- Community Days, fun run in Helix
- Music in the Park in Heppner

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Catch a movie



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Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
82/52	65/46	65/49

Bounds to get hearing in Senate

Sen. Grassley says all 100 senators, not just two, should decide appointment

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Hermiston native Ryan Bounds is headed to the Senate floor for confirmation after the Senate Judiciary Committee voted 11 to 10 on Thursday to forward his nomination for the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.



Bounds

Bounds' judicial nomination was thrust into the spotlight after liberal activists Alliance for Justice publicized four op-eds Bounds wrote for the *Stanford Review* during college, which spoke mock-

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HERMISTON GRADUATION



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston grads toss their mortarboards into the air Thursday night at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

Turning the tassel

Hermiston High's largest class ever tosses their caps at Toyota Center

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

As they graduated, Hermiston High School's class of 2018 celebrated everything that brought them to that point — as well as the changes ahead.

"I thank you for the love, the happiness and the tears, but most of all, our history," said valedictorian and class speaker Dylan Westfall. "Let's go see what's out there."

The largest class to graduate from Hermiston in the history of the school, 342 seniors walked across the stage at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. The class boasted 10 valedictorians and several successes in academic, athletic and musical endeavors, noted Principal Tom Spoo.

"The class of 2018 qualifies as one of the finest in Hermiston High School history," Spoo said. Students chose to remember



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Breana Wadekamper hugs school board member Jason Middleton after receiving her diploma Thursday night at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

not just the high points, but the challenges that had shaped them. Westfall noted several dates in the last few years that had been milestones for their class.

He recalled Nov. 25, 2017, the day Hermiston High School won the OSAA 5A football championship. He recalled one of the toughest days, when a classmate passed away.

"Moments like those test us as a family," he said. "That day, our family got a little closer."

The audience heard from Salma Anguiano, a student speaker who encouraged her classmates to be patient if they still hadn't figured out their path in life.

"Finding your passion will happen at an unexpected moment," she said. "My advice is to seize that moment when it comes."

Judge Dan Hill, the distin-

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Carol Frink is the Small Business Development Center director at BMCC and her department was just recognized with the 2018 Oregon SBDC Award for Excellence & Innovation from the United States Small Business Administration.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

New director turns around business development center

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Upon her return to the Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center in late 2015, Carol Frink knew she had an overhaul on her hands.

One of 19 such offices across Oregon, BMCC's center had fallen to dead last in the various metrics the organization uses to measure success, including its number of clients, the number of new businesses started under its guidance, and the number of jobs created.

In the two years since, Frink has

overseen a dramatic turnaround that culminated in two awards — 2018 Oregon SBDC Award for Excellence & Innovation from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Small Business Development Center Excellence Award for the Pacific Northwest region, which covers Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

Whether it's developing a concept, branding, financing, or human resources, the SBDC uses a team of five business advisers to provide free help to small business owners

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