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## Your Weekend



• **Imbibe @ Blue** brings together best wines, beers, spirits, chocolate and cheese at BMCC, Pendleton

• **Heart to Heart Candlelight Dinner** at First Christian Church, Milton-Freewater

• **Valentine's Dance** at Arc Umatilla County, Hermiston

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### Weekend Weather

FRI	SAT	SUN
40/27	36/24	31/20

## Trump will sign deal, call national emergency

The Senate easily approves border security compromise

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress steamed toward lopsided approval of a border security compromise Thursday that would avert a second painful government shutdown, but a new confrontation was ignited — this time over President Donald Trump's plan to bypass lawmakers and declare a national emergency to siphon billions from other federal coffers for his wall on the Mexican boundary.

Money in the bill for border barriers, about \$1.4 billion, is far below the \$5.7 billion Trump insisted he needed to build a wall along the Mexican boundary and would finance just a quarter of the 200-plus miles his proposal would construct. The White House said he'd sign the legislation but act on his own to get the rest, a move sure to bring legal action and other moves to block him.

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## Fire station takes shape

PENDLETON

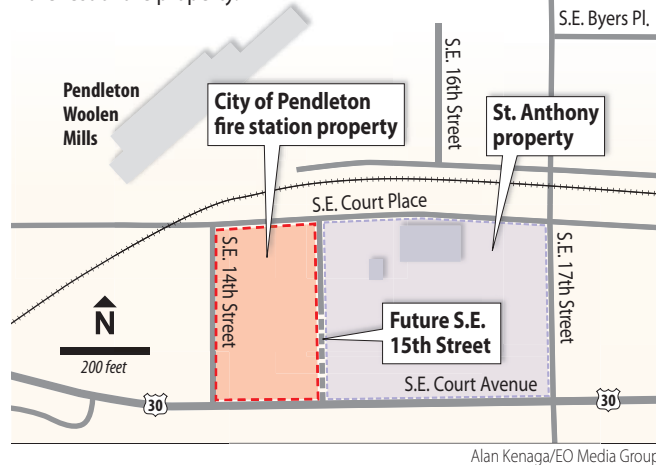


Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Workers cut a section of pipe for a sprinkler system while working on the building site for the new fire station on Wednesday in Pendleton.

### The 1400 block of S.E. Court Avenue

After passing a bond in 2017, the city of Pendleton purchased the west end of the property from St. Anthony for a new fire station. As the city constructs its new facility, St. Anthony is still trying to sell the rest of the property.



Alan Kenaga/EO Media Group

### First tenants on old St. Anthony property

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
East Oregonian

**D**ry winter months aren't usually a good sign for firefighters, but a late start to the snow season could allow the Pendleton Fire Department to actually reap some rewards over the summer.

Joseph Hull, the director business development/operations for McCormack Construction Co., said the project to build a new fire station at 1455 S.E. Court Ave. is on-budget and on track to complete the new facility by the end of July.

"We were blessed this year with this weather," he said.

Pendleton voters passed a \$10 million bond in 2017 to primarily build the new

station, and the city hired McCormack to act as the general contractor and construction manager.

Hull said the foundation and roof needed to be in place before the snow arrived for the season, and given that Pendleton didn't see significant snowfall until February, construction crews were able to have the interior sealed well before the snow touched down.

While the inclement weather stopped work on the new Southeast 15th Street that will flank the department's eastern side, Hull said McCormack simply moved workers to projects that needed to be done inside the building until the weather clears up.

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## Hermiston firefighters climb stairs to fight cancer

Hermiston firefighters to participate in stair climb to raise money for cancer research

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
East Oregonian

Firefighters are no stranger to scaling heights and putting themselves in strenuous situations to save others.

But in March, 10 Hermiston firefighters will voluntarily climb 69 floors of stairs, covering 1,356 steps in a quest to raise money for

leukemia and lymphoma research.

This is the 10th year that the Umatilla County Fire District 1 will have a team at the SCOTT Firefighter Stair Climb. The event, which takes place at Seattle's Columbia Center on March 10, draws firefighters from around the western United States, as well as a few international participants, according to UCFD Battalion Chief Corey Gorham.

Gorham said over the past nine years UCFD's fundraising efforts have yielded more than \$10,000, all from community donations.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston battalion chief Corey Gorham and his daughter, Maggie, 12, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 2012. Gorham and a team of Hermiston firefighters will be competing in the SCOTT Firefighter Stair Climb, a cancer fundraiser, in Seattle, on March 10.



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