

# NWS removes radar for replacement



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
**Crews work to lower the internal structure of the National Weather Service Pendleton radar dome Friday morning. The removal of the dome was a part of the endeavor to update and replace the radar system. The renovated radar system is expected to provide reliable data for the next 10 years, according to the National Weather Service.**

# County approves two grants

Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club, Pendleton Lodge receive grants from Umatilla County

By ALEX CASTLE  
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PENDLETON — The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners approved two grants on Wednesday, one of which will give \$10,000 to the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club and the other that will give \$6,000 to the Pendleton Lodge.

The Kiwanis Club will use its community development grant to replace the hand lines used to water the Milton-Freewater Cemetery with an irrigated sprinkler system. The Pendleton Lodge plans to use its economic development grant to assist in replacing its second story roof drains.

Lance Leonnig, co-owner of the Pendleton Lodge, hadn't heard that the grant had been approved until he was headed to work on more of its various projects on Thursday but was ecstatic at the news.

"I'm so happy, I'd really like to thank the county," he said. "I couldn't do this without their help. All these grants are doing wonders and I wasn't even really expecting to get it."

Leonnig said he asked for funding for an assortment of projects but that the \$6,000 will go toward helping bring parts of the building up to health and safety code. As is, the auxiliary bar located on

the lodge's second story doesn't have legal sinks due to ineffective drains.

Not only is one of the drainage pipes that runs all the way to the roof broken, but the area that the water is meant to drain to is also blocked from the curb. And even if the pipe wasn't busted and could extend to the curb, the city drain that has been paved over.

The money from the grant will help as Leonnig replaces and reorients the second story and roof's drainage system so that a legal floor sink can be installed upstairs.

While the grant is one step in the right direction for Leonnig and the Pendleton Lodge, he said he doesn't have a target completion date for what remains of a long list of projects.

Steve Timmons, who was instrumental in the Milton-Freewater Kiwanis Club's efforts to be awarded its \$10,000 grant, couldn't be reached for comment on Thursday.

However, the funding is the latest aid the group has received from the county in its work at the cemetery. Commissioner John Shafer said the county had previously donated old county signs that weren't being used to the Kiwanis Club to direct people around the cemetery.

Also out of the board of commissioners meeting, the county approved \$7,600 in advertising in the Other Oregon magazine, which is produced and published by the EO Media Group.

# Camp in Boardman demystifies manufacturing

By JESSICA POLLARD  
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BOARDMAN — Elaina Salgado has big plans for the future.

The 11-year-old, who is headed into the sixth grade at Windy River Elementary in Boardman, plans on becoming a veterinarian. And as of this week, she's also hoping to design and custom-make her own chair out of a tree stump.

She's one of 21 middle school kids from Morrow and Umatilla counties to participate in the second annual "Nuts, Bolts and Thingamajigs" camp, which focuses on manufacturing.

"I'm used to tools," she explained.

Prior to the camp, Salgado said she had helped her family out with maintenance projects around the house, including oil changes on her family's car.

But this week, she and the other campers took their math, science and manual skills to a new level when they built their



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
**Liam Heideman, 12, paints a step stool that he constructed as a part of the Nuts Bolts and Thingamajigs camp at Riverside High School in Boardman.**

own step stools and solar cars with the guidance of Ken Jacobs, a wood shop teacher at Pendleton's Sunridge Middle School.

Jacobs has been in the wood shop at Sunridge for five years, but has been working with kids for three decades. He said the projects this summer are no simple feat.

"It's challenging," he said. "They are more capable than we give them credit for."

the wood shop behind the school was bursting with the noise of power tools and the scent of wood. Kids were drilling, cutting, sanding and painting their stools while a troop of solar cars waited ready to roll for Friday's parent showcase in the next room over.

"You're sawing, you're sanding, you're measuring," said Colby Crowell, a soon-to-be sixth-grader at Windy River. "It's building stuff. I learned that manufacturing is building things, putting them together and designing them."

The camp is funded with a three-year tiered grant from the Fabricators and Manufacturers Association. The camp was made possible from a partnership between OSU Extension Service, the POM and Blue Mountain Community College.

"It really gives these students an opportunity to look at a wide range of manufacturing careers," said Kalie Davis, a workforce training program manager at the Port of Morrow.

## BRIEFLY

### Hermiston area man arrested in Tillamook

TILLAMOOK — Timothy Allen Kelly, of Hermiston, was arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force on July 23 for several charges including second-degree theft and burglary, as well as first-degree arson.

He is currently in custody in the Tillamook County Jail, awaiting transfer to Umatilla County.

The Hermiston Police Department believes that on Aug. 14, 2018, Kelly — 27 years old at the time — threw an explosive device through the window of 1100 West Sunland Ave. at approximately 4:30 a.m.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said at the time, the HPD had issues getting someone to accept ownership of the residence following the owner's arrest

and imprisonment for assault charges.

The home was occupied during the incident, which resulted in a broken window. No further damages or injuries were reported.

### Pratt announces run for sheriff

BOARDMAN — A sergeant with the Boardman Police Department is running for Morrow County Sheriff, according to a press release.

Mark Pratt announced Friday he's running for sheriff in the 2020 election.

"I am running for sheriff to provide a new vision and direction for the sheriff's office, which will provide improved services," he said. "I will work

on building partnerships in order to be more effective. I firmly believe working a collaborative environment is vital to provide quality service. I also plan on restructuring the current staff, which would allow 24-hour patrol service and improved customer service."

Pratt's career in law enforcement is a long one, beginning when he joined the Washington State Patrol Explorer Program as a teenager. He has served as a volunteer firefighter/EMT, reserve police officer, dispatcher and

deputy sheriff in Washington state, before moving to Morrow County. In 2000, Pratt began working as a deputy sheriff with the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. In 2016, he accepted a sergeant's position with the Boardman Police Department.

Pratt currently possesses an executive level law enforcement certification from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standard and Training, the highest certification issued by DPSST.



Pratt

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