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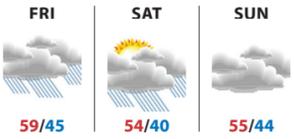
• **Paint the Theater Day**, Rivoli Theater, Pendleton

• **SAGE Center Movie Event**, Boardman

• **Echo Corn Maze and Field of Screams**, Echo

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Weekend Weather



Geotracking tech cuts off sports bets

Oregon Lottery Scoreboard app won't launch near reservation

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Some Pendleton-area folks might have a harder time than others signing onto the Oregon Lottery's new sports betting phone app.

The Lottery on Wednesday unveiled Scoreboard, the state's first and only legal online sportsbook. Lottery spokesperson Matthew Shelby said the rollout was a "bit like black Friday," with so many people trying to register the system bogged down for a while. As of 7 a.m. Thursday, Scoreboard had 2,300 accounts, he said, with deposits near \$80,000 and wagers a little more than \$15,000.

One local agreed to talk about his experiences with

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Going with the flow

Kelly Nobles indicates to Esmeralda Horn, the development and recreation manager for the city of Umatilla, a section of the Umatilla River where he hopes the city will consider installing a bridge and using a section of his riverfront property for a trail.

Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

With the help of a National Park Service grant, plans for a western Umatilla County trail network are rolling along the Umatilla River

By JESSICA POLLARD
East Oregonian

UMATILLA COUNTY — Plans for the Umatilla River Trails Project are beginning to take shape.

"With the support that has come along for it, we're moving. This thing's got legs," Umatilla County commissioner Bill Elfering said.

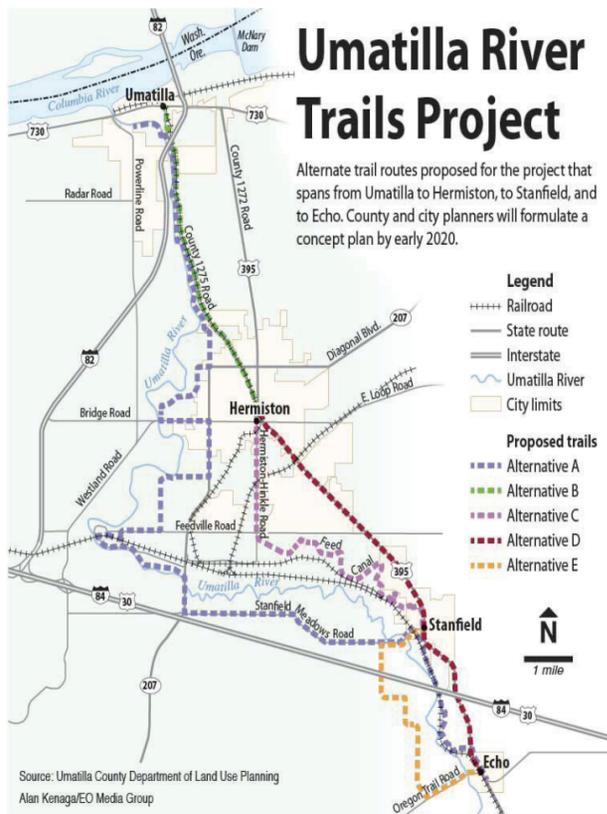
The project would connect Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield and Echo through a network of recreational trails, which the county released possible routes for at four open house workshops last week. They hope to develop a concept plan early next year.

Using colored stickers, attendees were able to place unofficial votes for the different options.

"Nothing is set in concrete yet; we know some of these routes won't be possible," Elfering said at the Hermiston open house, which took place Thursday at the Hermiston Community Center.

The county is hoping to keep the string of trails as close to the

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Local school districts get graded

Pendleton, Hermiston show minor changes from last year

By ANTONIO SIERRA AND JESSICA POLLARD
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UMATILLA COUNTY — The Oregon Department of Education released its At-A-Glance Profiles for schools and districts Thursday — brief dashboard summaries of how schools are doing, with data on attendance, student achievement and whether students are on-track to graduate.

Umatilla County's biggest school districts have been measured up to state expectations for proficiency, attendance, readiness and graduation for the 2018-19 school year.

Variations from year prior are minimal for Pendleton and Hermiston school districts, minus a few key areas.

Hermiston School District

A slight increase in the percentage of freshman students on-track to graduate has administrators at Hermiston School District smiling, as the district meets the state average.

"We're excited about that. That's a predictor of overall graduation rate," District Superintendent Tricia Mooney said.

She said the district's new graduation coach is likely in part responsible. The coach, Omar Medina, was hired in 2017. His role is to identify at-risk students in their early high school years and to provide extra support for them.

"For some of our kids, it's just about having a conversation regularly," Mooney said.

Across the board, the district's At-A-Glance results level up with state averages. The district is nearly to the state average for English Language Arts proficiency at the third-grade level, and is behind slightly for eighth-grade math.

Math proficiency dropped by 11% for eighth-grade migrant students and 9% for Hispanic and Latino students.

"We do have some room for growth," Mooney said.

She said that for the district,

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Oregon GOP accuses Democrats of hostile work environment

Complaint stems from Republicans nine-day walkout this summer

By LAUREN DAKE
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SALEM — A Republican in the Oregon Senate lodged a handful of formal complaints against his Democratic colleagues for creating a hostile workplace, in the wake of threats another Republican, State Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, made against Oregon state troopers.

Sen. Alan Olsen, R-Canby, accused Democrats — including top legislative leaders — of making

it uncomfortable for Senate Republicans to return to work after they staged a nine-day boycott earlier this summer.

Olsen's complaint alleges Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick's comments that the Republican walkout was an act of terrorism precipitated a "hostile workplace upon" the Republicans return. Olsen also blames Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, and House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, for failing to stop "the insidious language" and therefore allowing "fear and distrust to spread."

Olsen also filed a complaint against Sen. Sara

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State Sen. Alan Olsen, R-Canby, in the Oregon Senate on Jan. 14, 2019, in Salem. Olsen has accused Democrats — including top legislative leaders — of making it uncomfortable for Senate Republicans to return to work after they staged a nine-day boycott earlier this summer.



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