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Hermiston High School graduates throw their caps into the air at the end of commencement ceremonies Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. Kathy Aney/East Oregonian

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## HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CELEBRATE PASSAGE



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Hermiston High School seniors ready for graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.



The first Hermiston High School senior to receive her diploma waits to step onstage during graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.



Family members of a Hermiston High School senior hold congratulatory signs during commencement ceremonies Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.



Hermiston High School senior Ryker McDonald welcomes the crowd at the start of graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

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## Scoping out McKay Creek Basin

Pendleton selects firm to study drainage of entire creek, offer steps to mitigate flooding

By JOHN TILLMAN  
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — McKay Creek flooding in 2019 led to calls for a major study of the basin's entire length. Pendleton City Council at its meeting Tuesday, June 7, selected someone to handle the job.

The council selected Environmental Science Associates of San Francisco to examine how the entire McKay Creek Basin system functions



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McKay Creek runs calm Thursday morning, June 9, 2022. The Pendleton City Council on June 7 selected the firm Environmental Science Associates to examine the entire basin of the creek and make recommendations to mitigate flooding.

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### MORROW COUNTY

## A state of emergency

Commissioners call for state assistance to address unsafe drinking water

By ERICK PETERSON  
East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — Morrow County commissioners have declared a local state of emergency related to water quality.



Doherty



Lindsay

"Our legacy will be what we are doing now," Commissioner Jim Doherty said Thursday, June 9, in a special meeting with one agenda item: the emergency declaration. Doherty recently had involved himself in the testing of Morrow County wells. According to the commissioner and Paul

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## Part 2: Much abuzz at Pendleton's UAS range

*Editor's Note: This is part two of a three part story Oregon Public Broadcasting produced on the Pendleton Unmanned Aircraft System Range. The first part ran in a preceding edition of the East Oregonian, and part three is running in a subsequent print edition. The entire story is online at [www.eastoregonian.com](http://www.eastoregonian.com).*

By KRISTIAN FODEN-VENCIL  
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### Good fit for drone tech companies

Pendleton Economic Development Director Steve Chrisman said there's another reason Pendleton is popular. The city's mantra, "Let 'er Buck," fits well with fast-paced, high-tech businesses that don't want to be tied down with red tape.

"So many of these test sites are operated by government entities, universities. Folks that maybe are more interested in printing research papers than they are in understanding what the customer wants," he said.

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