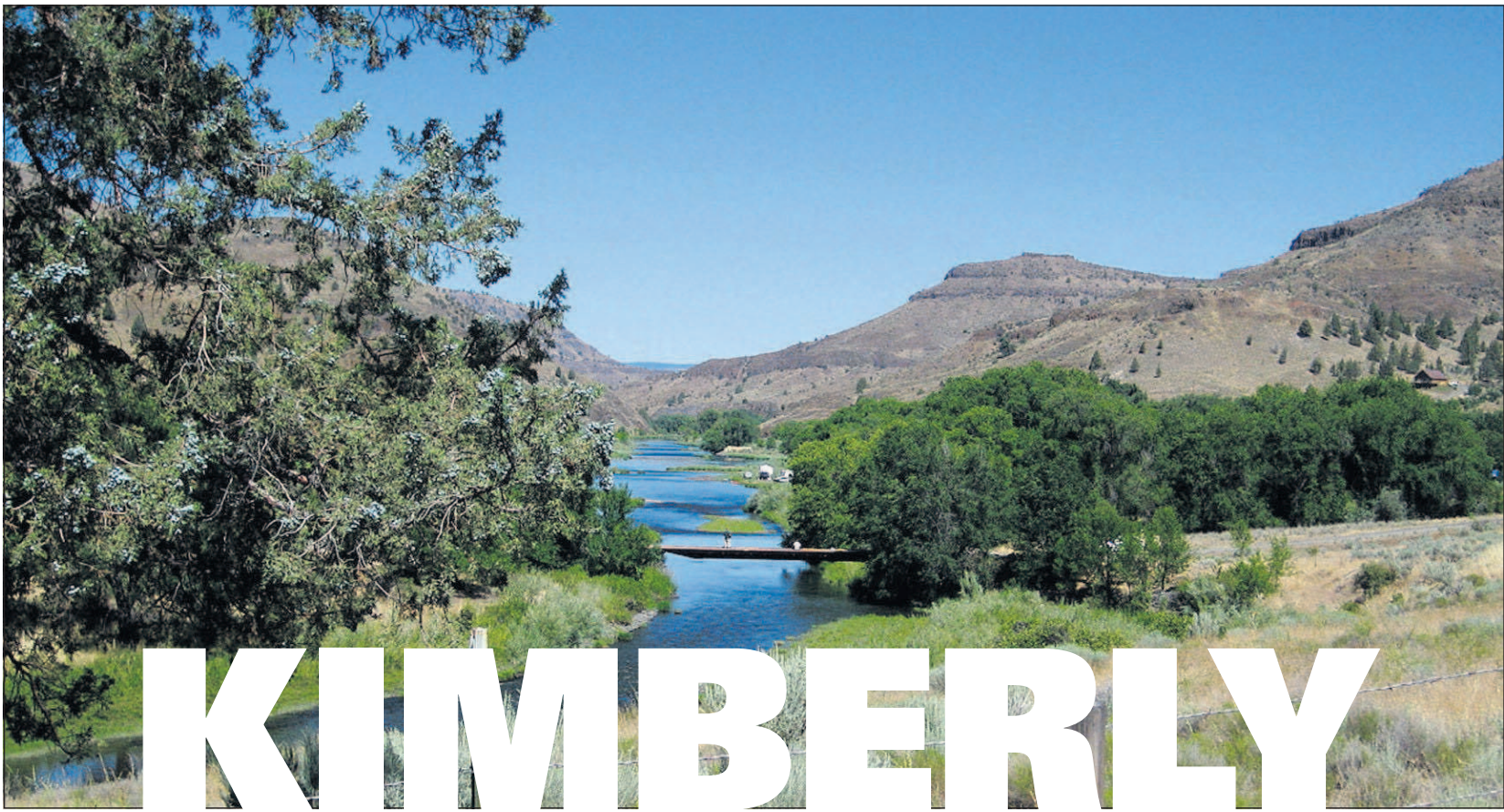


ON THE TOWN



KIMBERLY

The Eagle/Cheryl Hoefler

Dropping a fishing line in the vibrant blue water of the John Day River — a perfect way to spend a slow and easy-going summer day in the Kimberly area.

Small hamlet rests at the western edge of the county

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

KIMBERLY — There's no city hall or community center, no mayor or city council, no parades or annual events, not even a park.

But for all it may lack, the small hamlet of Kimberly makes up in spectacular scenery, a bounty of recreational opportunities and a diverse mix of local businesses — beekeeping, ranching orchards, groceries and lodging — plus a post office. Future plans include river rentals and shuttles.

The town is marked at the junction of state routes 19 and 402, barely within the western Grant County line. But more than a dot on a map, the unincorporated area stretches for miles in either direction, a patchwork collection of scattered residents, ranchers and businesses — many of them home-based — who are united in community spirit and a “Kimberly” address.

Kayla Cole's parents and grandparents were longtime residents and ranchers in the Kimberly and Monument areas. Cole, who was raised four miles outside Kimberly with her siblings, Sara and Cody, lives and works in Kimberly now, and has plenty of great

things to say about the community.

“The best thing about living in Kimberly is the scenery, when the orchard is in full bloom, and the river is clear — it has to be one of the most beautiful places I've ever been and the people here are some of the kindest I've come across,” Cole said.

Kimberly is located near the confluence of the John Day River and its North Fork — robust waterways that attract outdoor enthusiasts from the local area and beyond. Camping, fishing, picnicking and watercraft fun are among the activities awaiting adventurers looking for just a day's escape or a longer respite.

The region's temperate Mediterranean climate provides agriculturally rich growing opportunities. It was, in fact, that feature which launched the town, named for a pioneering local family. Orin Kimberly started the first commercial orchard there in the 1930s.

Nearby attractions include the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Sheep Rock Unit and the accompanying historic James Cant Ranch House, both about 16 miles to the south. Several hiking trails, vista points and interpretive spots are strewn throughout the area.



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Deep green orchards fill the valleys near Kimberly in summer.



Contributed photo

Morgan Cole and Hannah Dial — and Bandit the dog — watch for customers at their lemonade and baked goods sale in front of The John Day Trading Post in Kimberly last summer. The girls raised nearly \$300 for victims of the Canyon Creek Complex fire.

Officials:
Fincum
shooting
justified

FBI agents being investigated for not disclosing shots fired

Amanda Peacher
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Investigators with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and the Harney and Malheur County District Attorneys found that the shots that killed militant LaVoy Fincum were justified and “necessary,” they said Tuesday.

They also say that, despite complaints from occupiers and their supporters that police shot more than 100 times into the truck carrying Fincum and other militants, only eight shots were fired — six from the Oregon State Police and two by members of the FBI hostage rescue team.

The two shots fired by FBI officials will be the subject of another investigation, because the agents did not initially disclose firing at Fincum, investigators said.

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Show
features
new and
seasoned
artists

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

In its 10th year, the community art show in John Day Saturday was well attended.

Patricia Ross, Mt. Vernon, said she was pleased with the variety in this year's show.

“We have some really great artists that are showing their work,” she said.

A community canvas, where different people tried their hand at painting, was a new feature this year.

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Short session produced far-reaching legislation

By Hillary Borrud
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SALEM — Oregon lawmakers on Thursday sprinted to the finish of a short session marked by controversy and procedural delays.

The Legislature's short session, which supporters sold to voters in 2010 as a time to clean up laws and budgets, produced more far reaching policies on the economy and the environment than last year's long session.

During the 32-day session, Democrats claimed victory on two major policies they failed to push through last session: Hiking mini-

mum wage and limiting the use of coal power in the state.

The Legislature also made some headway in addressing the state's affordable housing crisis.

The victory came with tactical pushback from Republicans. In a move to slow the Democrats' agenda, Senate Republicans demanded that all bills be read in their entirety before consideration.

They refused to show up Feb. 25 when Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, scheduled a 5 p.m. floor session to move bills. The walkout forced Courtney to cancel the session because the Senate lacked a quorum.

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day,

said Senate Republicans “will not work late into the night to fast track an agenda pursued by the Democrat majority that features back room deals between Democrats and special interests and numerous broken promises of collaboration and compromise.”

Courtney has served in the Legislature for more than three decades and he said Thursday that there had been other similarly stressful sessions. However, Courtney said, the pressure from outside forces to pass certain priority bills has only increased.

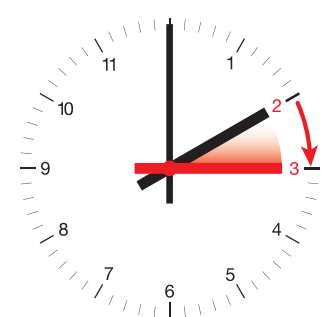
“The forces at play outside have become much more powerful in our political lives,” Courtney said,

adding that reporters could “fill that in any way you want to.” Courtney then went on to fill in some of the reasons himself. Lawmakers were under pressure to come up with alternatives to proposed November ballot measures to raise the minimum wage, increase renewable energy and stop utilities from using coal power in Oregon.

“More and more, the initiative process is being used to create major public policy in the state of Oregon,” Courtney said, adding that he did not like that prospect. Courtney said lawmakers who defied the groups pushing for legislation faced

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SPRING FORWARD



Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday at 2 a.m. when clocks are turned to 3 a.m. Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later than the day before, which means there will be more light in the evening.