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Kitzhaber resigns; Brown will be governor

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land in 2013. Brown will become the

subpoenas filed for Kitzhaber and Cyl-

via Hayes' emails, see Page 10A.

By HILLARY BORRUD and PETER WONG

Capital Bureau

SALEM — John Kitzhaber will resign as governor of Oregon in the wake of an

ethics scandal involving himself and his fiancee, Cylvia Hayes.

The resignation will take effect Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.

"I apologize to all those people who gave of their faith, time, energy and resources to elect me to a fourth term last year," Kitzhaber said in a statement.

Oregon Under Secretary of State Kate Brown resigns. For more on Kate Brown and will be governor.

She spoke briefly to reporters, expressing sadness but declined to answer ques-

"As you can imagine, between now and Wednesday we a have a lot of work to be done, and that's what I'm going to go back to and do," she said.

Kitzhaber and Hayes are the subjects of a criminal investigation being conducted by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum into allegations of influence peddling by the couple.

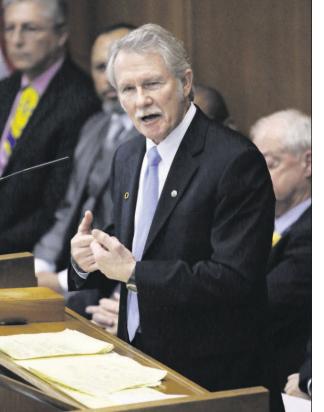
Press reports over the last several months have raised questions about how Hayes used her influence as Oregon's first lady to obtain lucrative con-

sulting contracts.

Willamette Week first reported in October that Hayes was paid at least \$85,000 **Secretary of State Kate Brown listens** for work that overlapped with policies governor Wednesday when Kitzhaber on which she was an official, although unpaid, adviser to the governor. The EO Media Group/Pam-

plin Media Group Capital Bureau reported Jan. 27 that Hayes was paid an additional

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Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber speaks after he is sworn in for an unprecedented fourth term as governor on Jan. 12, 2015 in Salem.

What about water?

Hansell, Smith will work to educate new Gov. Brown

> By GEORGE PLAVEN East Oregonian

Local lawmakers remain confident they can continue to develop new irrigation water supplies in northeast Oregon, despite losing an important ally in former Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Kitzhaber, who announced his resignation Friday amid mounting political scandal, was instrumental in convening the Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Task Force in 2012, and his staff has been working diligently on negotiating additional water rights proposed by the Northeast Oregon Water Association for the region's agricultural econ-

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Remembering Garrett

Memorial library rededicated after moving from hospital to college

> By KATHY ANEY East Oregonian

Garrett Lee Smith wrote in his suicide note, "Put me in the ground and forget about

His family, friends and home town of Pendleton couldn't do that.

A resource library and mural memorializing Garrett appeared at St. Anthony Hospital about a year after his 2003 death. On Friday, the memorial library was rededicated at its new home at Blue Mountain Community College with Garrett's parents in attendance.

Former Sen. Gordon and Sharon Smith experienced crushing sorrow after their adopted son, a student at



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Garrett's

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Former Sen. Gordon Smith and his wife, Sharon, speak at the dedication for the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Library on Friday at BMCC in Pendleton.

Utah Valley State College in Orem, swallowed a bottle of sleeping pills and washed them down with whiskey. His voice mail instructed, "Don't call me anymore. I'm not feeling well." The day after he died would have been his 22nd birthday.

Garrett's death shocked those who best knew the amiable college student with the bright smile.

After losing their son, the Smiths went public, resolving to prevent other families from going through the pain of suicide. The Garrett Smith Memorial Fund financed the tiny library on the first floor of the old St. Anthony Hospital. The library had two dedicated computers and magazines, books and pamphlets with information about mental health and wellness.

The fund also financed men-

tal health screenings of local students.

The senator wrote the book "Remembering Garrett, One Family's Battle with a Child's Depression" and pushed for more federal funds for suicide prevention. In 2004, President George W. Bush signed the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act into law, authorizing \$82 million for youth suicide prevention.

When St. Anthony Hospital opened a new \$70 million hospital across town in 2013, the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Library needed a new home and the community college seemed a logical choice. The library is now the cornerstone of the school's Health & Wellness Resource

On Friday, a slice of the community gathered near the memorial library in Morrow Hall for speeches and a ribbon cutting. In the audience was Garrett's preschool teacher, coaches and high school friends, plus many

more he never knew. Garrett grinned from the memorial wall. A teenager looping his arm around his father's shoulders. Light-heartedly mugging for the camera with friends and fam-ily. Garrett as a baby, toddler, athlete and Pendleton High School graduate. BMCC President Camille Preus referred to the mural in her

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meaning opening remarks. for others." "To see Garrett's life right in front of us and to know - Gordon Smith, about the tragic end makes us Former U.S. senator want to work that much harder to ensure that students who

find themselves in a position of hopelessness have a place

HERMISTON

Schools add administrator for special ed

Split from ESD gives district room to create own program

> By JADE MCDOWELL East Oregonian

In one of the first visible signs of change since Hermiston School District announced its separation from the InterMountain Education Service District, Rocky Heights Elementary principal BJ Wilson will step into the newly created role of special education director for the district this fall.

Wilson said he will miss Rocky

Heights but is excited about working "break ground" on a new model of special education delivery outside of the ESD structure.

"It's an opportunity build something that has never been built before," he said.



Special education is currently overseen by special programs director Dr. Jon Mishra, who also supervises other subgroups like talented and gifted students. Next year Wilson will run day-to-day special education operations under Mishra as the district hires nine to 12 new employees to fill roles

historically covered by the ESD. Wilson, a former special education teacher and director of special education for Morrow County School District, defined special education as "a place for students to get their needs met, whatever they are." He said one way he wants to facilitate that is to expand training for regular classroom teachers so they can better support their students with disabilities.

The number one goal I have is for special education students to be successful," Wilson said.

Change is coming, but the break-

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