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## New Round-Up board hits milestones



The Round-Up Association named four new members to its board of directors Thursday. From left to right: Rob Burnside, Brad Adams, Tiah DeGrofft and Tim Bennett.

Board of Directors to include two women, American Indian

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
*East Oregonian*

Slowly but surely, the Pendleton Round-Up Board of Directors is starting to diversify. The Round-Up announced the addition of four new board members Friday. And for the first time in Round-Up history, two women will serve on the board simultaneously. Additionally, the board will welcome its only American Indian member. Tiah DeGrofft was named the sponsors director, utilizing her experience with both the Round-Up and marketing. DeGrofft is the spokeswoman

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for the Wildhorse Casino & Resort and the community relations administrator for the Wildhorse Foundation, the casino's charitable arm. Before her hiring at Wildhorse, DeGrofft built her experience as a sports marketer, including stints at Oregon Sports Authority, Peter Jacobsen Productions and Eident Sports

**2016 Board of Directors**  
**President:** Bill Levy  
**Security:** Tim Bennett  
**Office:** Nick Sirovatka (Treasurer)  
**Publicity:** Randy Thomas  
**Livestock:** Randy Bracher  
**Competitive Events:** Carl Culham  
**Indians:** Rob Collins (Secretary)  
**Hay and Barns:** Doug Doyle  
**Concessions:** Karl Farber  
**Let 'Er Buck Room:** Mike Ledbetter  
**Medical:** Brad Adams  
**Parades:** Randy Leonard  
**Sponsors:** Tiah DeGrofft  
**Arena:** Dave O'Neill (Vice President)  
**Grounds:** Bob Rosselle  
**Ushers and Programs:** Rob Burnside  
**Queen and Court:** Jayne Clarke

### HERMISTON



Erica Sandoval, of the Hermiston Police Department, visited with students at Highland Hills Elementary School on Monday as part of her duties as youth services officer.

## The presence of police

Youth services officer at elementary schools forms positive relationships

By **SEAN HART**  
*East Oregonian*

Police officers may not be a regular fixture at elementary schools, but Hermiston police and school officials believe it will be beneficial. Hermiston's school district and police department have collaborated for years to provide a school resource officer who rotated between the two middle schools and the high school. This year, the two entities expanded their partner-

ship to provide an additional officer for the five elementary schools. Officer Erica Sandoval's role as crime prevention officer was modified to include new responsibilities as youth services officer. Chief Jason Edmiston said with the change the school district is paying half of Sandoval's salary — in addition to funding 75 percent of School Resource Officer Tim Miears'

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### PENDLETON

## Council convenes again on marijuana

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
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Pendleton City Council is running out of time to ban marijuana sales. Tuesday will mark the third time a marijuana sales ban will be put to a council vote. The previous two meetings were long on debate but short the five votes needed to pass the ordinance. Pendleton is one of only two cities in Umatilla County that have not taken action on marijuana sales — deadlocked between councilors who want to ban marijuana indefinitely and those who want to ban it until voters can decide the issue for themselves in the November 2016 election. For the council meeting Tuesday, City Attorney Nancy Kerns has written drafts for both an indefinite ban and a temporary ban. Regardless of which version the council adopts, Kerns cautioned against moving too fast in allowing marijuana sales. "If the council wants to allow marijuana sales in the city, effective regulation of time, place and manner is recommended," she wrote in a report to the council. "The failure of (Oregon Liquor Control Commission) to promulgate state rules makes it difficult for cities to plan what regulations they want to do, and amendment of land-use provisions takes several weeks to accomplish. It is not recommended that the city move forward in allowing sales without careful preparation. Waiting for voter referral would allow time for planning and also elicit local voter input."

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## Salmon returns break record at McNary Dam

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**  
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A record number of fall chinook salmon returned up the Columbia River past McNary Dam in 2015, continuing on to spawning grounds at Hanford Reach, the Snake River and Yakima Basin. More than 456,000 of the fish were counted at McNary Dam, breaking the facility's previous record of 454,991 set in 2013. An estimated 200,000 fall chinook made it back to Hanford Reach, the most since hydroelectric dams were first built on the Columbia nearly 80 years ago. Both federal and tribal leaders hailed the impressive run as a positive sign of their efforts to improve both fish habitat and passage at the dams.

The Bonneville Power Administration is especially pleased with recent projects at McNary Dam, re-routing its juvenile fish bypass channel to provide better protection from predators. Crews also installed weirs at two of the dam's spillway gates, which lets certain species of fish pass through closer to the surface. Overall, 2.3 million adult salmon passed through Bonneville Dam near Portland, making it the second-strongest year on record for the entire Columbia Basin. "When you look at how well salmon did overall is this year, it's clear the approach of restoring critical fish habitat and improving dam passage is working," said Lorri Bodi, vice president of environment, fish

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This aerial photo shows the McNary Dam on the Columbia River.

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