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## Your Weekend



- Night at the Children's Museum in Pendleton
- College funding seminar at Pendleton City Hall
- Paul Gorham memorial scholarship breakfast

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## Catch a movie



Kevin Hart and Ice Cube star in the action comedy movie, "Ride Along 2."

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## Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
44/33	44/36	47/35

## Watch a game



Weston-McEwen vs. Heppner  
Friday, 6 p.m., at Heppner

## Brown unveils two-tiered minimum wage plan

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown unveiled a plan Thursday for a two-tiered minimum wage in the state.

The proposal would gradually boost the minimum from \$9.25 to \$15.52 in 2022 only in the Greater Portland area.

Housing prices and cost of living have prompted researchers from one Portland-area think tank to describe the need for a higher

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## HERMISTON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The Oregon Department of Transportation will embark on a major highway project along the Highway 395 corridor running from Hermiston north to Highway 730. The focus of the project will be on paving and safety and will run from March through August.

## Highway 395 revamp this summer

Department of Transportation focusing on safety in conjunction with construction

By JADE MCDOWELL  
East Oregonian

As the Oregon Department of Transportation gears up for a summer of construction on Highway 395 in Hermiston, the department is putting an emphasis on driver safety.

The corridor through the center of Hermiston will be the subject of a major repaving project from March through the end of August.

The department will grind out the old asphalt and place two inches of new pavement on the six-mile section of highway from Southeast Fourth Street to Highway 730. All intersections will get ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps and a cement median will replace the yellow traffic delineators at the intersection of 395 and Elm Avenue.

ODOT public information officer Tom Strandberg said as much work

as possible will be done at night to reduce the impact on adjacent businesses. One lane in each direction will always be open, but the work will disrupt traffic flows through the corridor, which sees an average of 16,850 vehicles per day.

Strandberg said safety along the busy stretch of highway has been an increasing concern for ODOT, especially after two serious crashes north of town late in 2015.

"Whenever you have a situation like that where it's heading out of town but you still have all those businesses

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### By the numbers

ODOT has identified the Highway 395 corridor from Stanfield to Umatilla through Hermiston as one of the busiest — and most dangerous — in Eastern Oregon. Here are the numbers from 2010-2014.

Vehicles per day ....	16,850
Total crashes.....	450
Fatalities.....	2
Serious injuries.....	15
Moderate injuries .....	90
Minor injuries .....	228

## PENDLETON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Dave Gately and Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts move a shelf while clearing out items from Gately's home Thursday in Pendleton.

## Police pitch in for forced cleanup

'Bottle Dave' issued five or six citations over several years for his unruly yard

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
East Oregonian

Dave Gately's yard underwent an impromptu extreme makeover Thursday, courtesy of the city of Pendleton.

But as Pendleton police helped him load nearly two decades worth of collected

odds and ends into a nearby trailer, under order of the city's nuisance ordinance, Gately said he was ready to be rid of it.

The police showed up at Gately's 417 S.W. Eighth Street home before 8 a.m. and began the laborious process of cleaning up the property.

Well known around Pendleton as "Bottle Dave," for his predilection for collecting bottles and cans he recycles for a refund, Gately also collected all manner of stuff that began to spill out of his house and into his yard.

Police Chief Stuart Roberts said law enforcement has issued five or six citations to Gately over the past several years for

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## Forest Service deliberates on Blue Mountains plan revision

Final EIS due by September

By GEORGE PLAVERN  
East Oregonian

Now that the latest round of public meetings has come to an end, the Forest Service says it is in "deliberation mode," digesting feedback on the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision.

A final environmental analysis of the plan is due by September, though local stakeholders are left wondering how and if their input will factor into any new alternatives.

Nick Smith, executive director of Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities, said the current proposal leaves a lot to be desired in terms of active forest management. He wants to see more thinning of overgrown tree stands to make the landscape more resilient to fire, as well as create timber jobs.

But, Smith said, it's not entirely clear what the Forest Service is doing to address those concerns. And he's not the only one. Lindsay Warness, forest policy analyst for Boise Cascade, and Union County Commissioner Mark Davidson said they are also worried about where the process goes from here.

"Now, the question is are they really going to listen to us," Davidson said. "That's really the frustration across the entire interior West."

Smith, Warness and Davidson met Tuesday with the East Oregonian editorial board to discuss shortcomings they see in the current proposed

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