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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
The dialysis unit at the Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla.

TRCI dialysis unit saves tax dollars

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

The city of Umatilla's only dialysis center is different than most such operations in America.

The life-saving machines, locked behind heavy metal doors and

fences topped with razor wire, run under the watchful eye of a correctional officer. The patients who sit quietly in the chairs — all men — come in wearing standard-issue T-shirts and blue jeans marked with the Department of Corrections logo.

Two Rivers Correctional Institution has operated its own dialysis unit for inmates since 2002. It was the such unit in an Oregon prison until recently, when a smaller operation for female inmates opened at

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EO wins General Excellence award

East Oregonian

It's becoming a dynasty. For the fifth time in six years, the *East Oregonian* won the General Excellence award from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

The 2016 award, announced Friday, was judged on three randomly selected copies of the paper from different months and days. It is based on the overall product: news, editorial, photos, design, advertising and reproduction.

Publisher Kathryn Brown and managing editor Daniel Wattenburger said the award is an honor, and a tribute to the company's hard-working and talented staff.

"I'm just proud to be part of a team that consistently produces an excellent newspaper," said Wattenburger. "As more news moves online, our goal is to keep putting out a print product our audience can use and enjoy."

In addition to General Excellence, the *East Oregonian* took home numerous individual awards in the competition.

Staff reporting, photography and videography of the fatal explosion and fire at Pendleton city hall won first place for spot news coverage.

Kathy Aney won first place for best writing for "Death with dignity," about terminally ill patients dealing with the end of their lives.

E.J. Harris won best feature photo for "Fatally low flows," a photograph of dead fish at McKay Reservoir. Drew Langton and Daniel Wattenburger won first place for best front page design.

Aney's article "Artist rides life's waves" was awarded second place in the best feature story category. E.J. Harris's photo of the city hall explosion placed second in best spot news photography.

George Plaven won third place in the business and economic issues category for his article "There's always next year" about how drought affected the 2015 wheat harvest. The *East Oregonian* also won third place in headline writing. Wattenburger, Langton and Tim Trainor supplied most of the puns. E.J. Harris won third place for his photo essay "Visiting ghosts." The Pendleton Round-Up Magazine, produced by the *East Oregonian*, won third place for best special section.

Pendleton Bronze Trail provides digital audio guide



A pair of pedestrians walk past the statue of Esther Motanic on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Statues tell their story

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

Pendleton's bronze history has gotten a digital age upgrade.

Travel Pendleton launched the Pendleton Bronze Trail Thursday, a mobile website that covers 20 public art pieces across the city, including the downtown bronzes on Main Street.

Travel Pendleton event recruiter Pat Beard estimated the trail can be roughly 1.5 miles long, starting with the bronze of Til Taylor

and ending with the Cattle Drive statues by Interstate 84.

Each entry on the self-guided tour includes an audio snippet explaining the history of the subject and the piece, with directions from Google Maps for driving or walking to the next destination.

While most of the art featured on the tour are bronze statues, it also features other art forms like the Umatilla County Court clock tower and the Western heritage mural on the side of the Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co.

Beard compared the Pendleton Bronze

Trail to the world's trendiest mobile game.

"This is Pendleton's 'Pokémon Go,'" he said.

Although the goal of the Pendleton Bronze Tour is to obtain historical facts instead of digital monsters, Beard said the point is to continue to enrich the city's cultural qualities.

Conceived by former Oxford Suites manager Stuart Howell, Beard said Travel Pendleton worked with advertising agency Duke Joseph to develop the website.

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Pierce says he needs campaign donors

Gov. Brown declined to attend debate Friday

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SILVERTON — GOP gubernatorial nominee Bud Pierce said Friday that he is unlikely to invest any more of his own money in his campaign for governor.

"I think my affluence is pretty tapped at this point," Pierce said. "I frankly need to be able to attract larger Republican donors."

Pierce made the comments during the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association conference Friday at the Oregon Garden here.

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Bud Pierce, GOP candidate for governor, answers questions during a forum at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association convention Friday. The podium next to him is empty because Gov. Kate Brown declined to attend.



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