

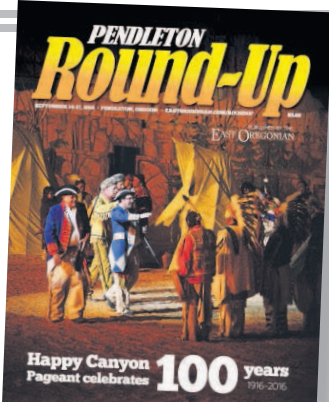


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Are you ready for some football?

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James gets dragged down by Union's Abe Smith in the Bulldogs' 36-14 loss to the Titans on Friday in Hermiston. For more on the game see Sports 1B.

HERMISTON

West Nile on the rise

County has most positive tests in state

By **GEORGE PLAVER**
East Oregonian

Though summer is winding down, West Nile virus remains a concern in west Umatilla County.

Not only have 23 samples of mosquitoes tested positive for the disease so far this year, but two horses near Umatilla also became infected within the last week. Neither horse was vaccinated, and one had to be euthanized, said Randy Gerard with the West Umatilla Mosquito Control District.

Gerard said residents still need to protect themselves from mosquito bites, despite cooler weather over the holiday weekend.

"I don't want people to let their guard down," he said.

West Nile was first detected in Umatilla County this year on June 28, about a month earlier than usual. High temperatures hastened the cycle of mosquitoes in the area, which Gerard said has

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HERMISTON

EOTEC holds off on rodeo arena contract

Board could choose builder at special meeting in two weeks

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

Hendon Construction submitted the only bid as the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center tried for the second time to find someone to build a rodeo arena, but the contract was not awarded during the EOTEC board's Friday meeting.

Board chair Byron Smith said there were some parts

of the bid that needed to be addressed with Hendon, which will affect the final price.

"There were some slight discrepancies that legal counsel found, but nothing that is not correctable," Smith said.

He told the board that the contract could likely be awarded at a special meeting in about two weeks.

The board had previously

issued a request for proposals for the arena, but on Aug. 4 rejected both bids. David Bothum, a founding member of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, had resigned from the EOTEC board in February with the stated intent of bidding on construction of the arena through his company Bothum Construction.

During the Aug. 4 meeting, however, John Frew of Frew Development Group told the board that their legal council did not

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First-year teacher Cory O'Neill sets up her classroom in the new Washington Elementary School on Friday in Pendleton.

Modern school for the modern kid

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

When Matt Yoshioka drives to Washington Elementary School, he sometimes still expects to see the entrance at the corner of Southeast 12th Street and Byers Avenue.

But there is asphalt and dirt in place of the old driveway, the result of a Pendleton School District bond that paid for a new, \$17 million facility built just to the north of where the old Washington used to be.

Contractors are still putting the finishing touches on the surrounding area — installing playground equipment, laying down the lawn and applying asphalt and concrete — but the new Washington otherwise looks remarkably close to the plans the

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The new Washington Elementary School is nearly finished and ready for students.



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