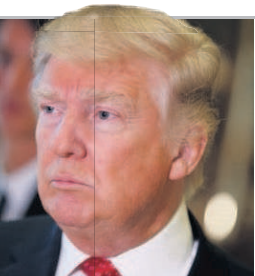




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Flu ramps up in Oregon

Getting flu shot lowers misery quotient

By **KATHY ANEY**
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You might want to get that flu shot.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that Oregon is one of eight states where flu is considered widespread. Flu Bites, Oregon's public health flu tracker, shows a steep spike in cases over the last two weeks in December. Lane County's Health and Human Services reported seven deaths in

the Eugene-Springfield area, all elderly.

Though most flu victims don't die, they can be miserable for days or weeks.

Pam Schulz, infection control prevention nurse at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, said people can crank down their degree of misery by getting vaccinated.

"You can still catch it, but you shouldn't get as sick — you get hit by the pickup instead of the Mack truck," Schulz said.

Good Shepherd and Pendleton's St. Anthony Hospital have experienced a steep rise in flu-like illness in their emergency rooms.

"Over the past three weeks, we've taken quite a jump," said Tracy Wart, St. Anthony's infection prevention nurse. "Last week, we tested 31 people in the ER with flu symptoms. Of those 31, 14 came back positive. The majority of people testing positive had not been vaccinated."

Schulz said Good Shepherd tested

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Hermiston city councilor Doug Primmer, left, and his brother Pendleton city councilor Dale Primmer grew up in Hermiston after their parents move to the area from Seattle in 1977.

THE BROTHERS PRIMMER

Siblings elected to city councils of 'rival' towns, hope to learn from each other

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

Family gatherings at the Primmer house now include two city councilors.

Dale Primmer, 44, was sworn into the Pendleton City Council a week ago while Doug Primmer, 53, was sworn in Monday for his second term on the Hermiston City Council.

They may be each be known as Councilor Primmer in their respective communities, but their parents still like to reminisce about the days of their sons' youthful hijinks.

"It was wild around our dinner table with four boys," their mother Donna recalled.

Not too wild, their father Dewey added — the four Primmer brothers and their

younger sister never gave him trouble with drugs or "anything like that." But in 1977 when the family moved to Hermiston the fields surrounding their house provided a childhood paradise of pheasant hunting and building a motorbike track.

"Every weekend we'd jump in the Blazer and off we'd go," Dewey said. "It was fish, fish, fish and every fall it was hunt, hunt, hunt."

Doug was the oldest. Dale was the youngest of the boys, so Doug said Dale "got hung

upside-down by the ankles a lot" when he came around to annoy his older brothers and their friends. Whenever they broke a light bulb in the basement playing pool (Dewey correctly guessed that investing in a pool table would keep his children and their friends safely within earshot more often) the older boys would send Dale on his bike to fetch another one before Mom and Dad got home.

"Let's just say we had a

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Brown takes oath as elected governor

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown was sworn in for the first time as elected governor Monday, after serving in the position for nearly two years.

The governor used her inaugural address to unveil her legislative agenda for the year.

"Under my leadership, we will continue to move Oregon forward," Brown told an audience in the Oregon House of Representatives chamber.

Brown, as secretary of state, ascended to the governorship in February 2015 when then-Gov. John Kitzhaber stepped down amid a scandal over consulting contracts awarded to his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes. In Oregon, where there is no lieutenant governor, the secretary of state is next in line.

She became the first openly bisexual governor in national history.

Brown was elected in November with an overwhelming majority to complete that last two years of Kitzhaber's four-year term, defeating Republican challenger Dr. Bud Pierce of Salem.

During her speech Monday, Brown called on Oregon lawmakers to set aside their differences to work together this session to tackle Oregon's \$1.7 billion revenue shortfall. "We have to come together and know that we are all on the same side," Brown said.

She also said Oregonians should resist any attacks on civil rights in the wake of New York billionaire Donald J. Trump's election as president.

"We must guard against prejudice based on race, ethnicity, religion or belief,"



Brown

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HERMISTON

Investigation finds dead, malnourished cattle

Sheriff's office recommending animal neglect charges

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

Fourteen dead cattle were discovered Saturday at a property on Columbia Lane and South Edwards Road in Hermiston, which the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is investigating as a case of animal neglect.

Another 15 cattle were so malnourished they could not be moved safely, according to Sheriff Terry Rowan. One calf was so weak it could not stand and had to be euthanized, Rowan said. None of the sick animals appeared to have enough food or water.

Authorities are working with a special prosecutor from Benton

County who specializes in animal neglect cases, and reports should be turned in to the Umatilla County district attorney early this week. Rowan said they will recommend pressing charges against the cattle owner, 55-year-old Michael Hockensmith of Hermiston.

For now, though the cattle have technically been seized, Rowan said the animals will be left in place due to their numbers and fragile health.

Officers will be checking daily to make sure they receive proper care.

"We do not believe they can be transported without further loss," Rowan said. "From this point forward, we're just ensuring continued care."

The incident was first reported Thursday, Jan. 5 by an anonymous caller who noticed seven dead cows that were clearly visible from

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