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### Tovey resigns as CTUIR executive director

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
East Oregonian

Dave Tovey's latest stint as executive director of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has come to an end.

The tribes announced Monday that Tovey has resigned, but did not give a reason for the departure. Tovey could not be reached for comment.

Tribal spokesman Chuck Sams said the CTUIR Board of Trustees will meet Monday, March 6 to discuss hiring Tovey's replacement. In the meantime, Debra Crosswell — the tribes' deputy director — will serve as acting executive director.

Tovey is a tribal member with a long history working for the CTUIR government. He started in 1986 after graduating from college, eventually rising to executive director before leaving in 2002. From there, he landed similar roles with the Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation.

The CTUIR brought Tovey back in 2011, where he has stayed the last six years.

"It has been my honor to serve my people in this capacity," Tovey said in a brief statement.

CTUIR Chairman Gary Burke said the tribes experienced "tremendous growth" under Tovey's leadership.

"We look forward to his future accomplishments in his new endeavors," Burke said.

This will not be the first time Crosswell has served as acting director for the tribes. She also filled the interim role in 2010 prior to Tovey's second hiring.

The decision was made when Tovey was hired in 2011 to split duties between Tovey and Crosswell, and have them both report to the CTUIR Board of Trustees. The board now directly supervises both positions.

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## HERMISTON

### City council discusses replacing EOTEC board down home stretch

With less than six months until fair, councilors air grievances

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

Frustration with progress on the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center has the Hermiston city council discussing a takeover of the project.

Councilor John Kirwan proposed during Monday's meeting that the council ask the Umatilla County commission — the project's other partner — for permission to become EOTEC's acting board until after construction is complete and the

2017 fair and rodeo are over. The rest of the council was less sure of the idea but agreed that they should discuss it in a special meeting with the county commissioners as soon as possible.

Kirwan pointed out that it had been more than a month since the county and city had asked the EOTEC board to come back with an operations plan for who will run the center. The EOTEC board discussed a plan on Friday but did not approve it.

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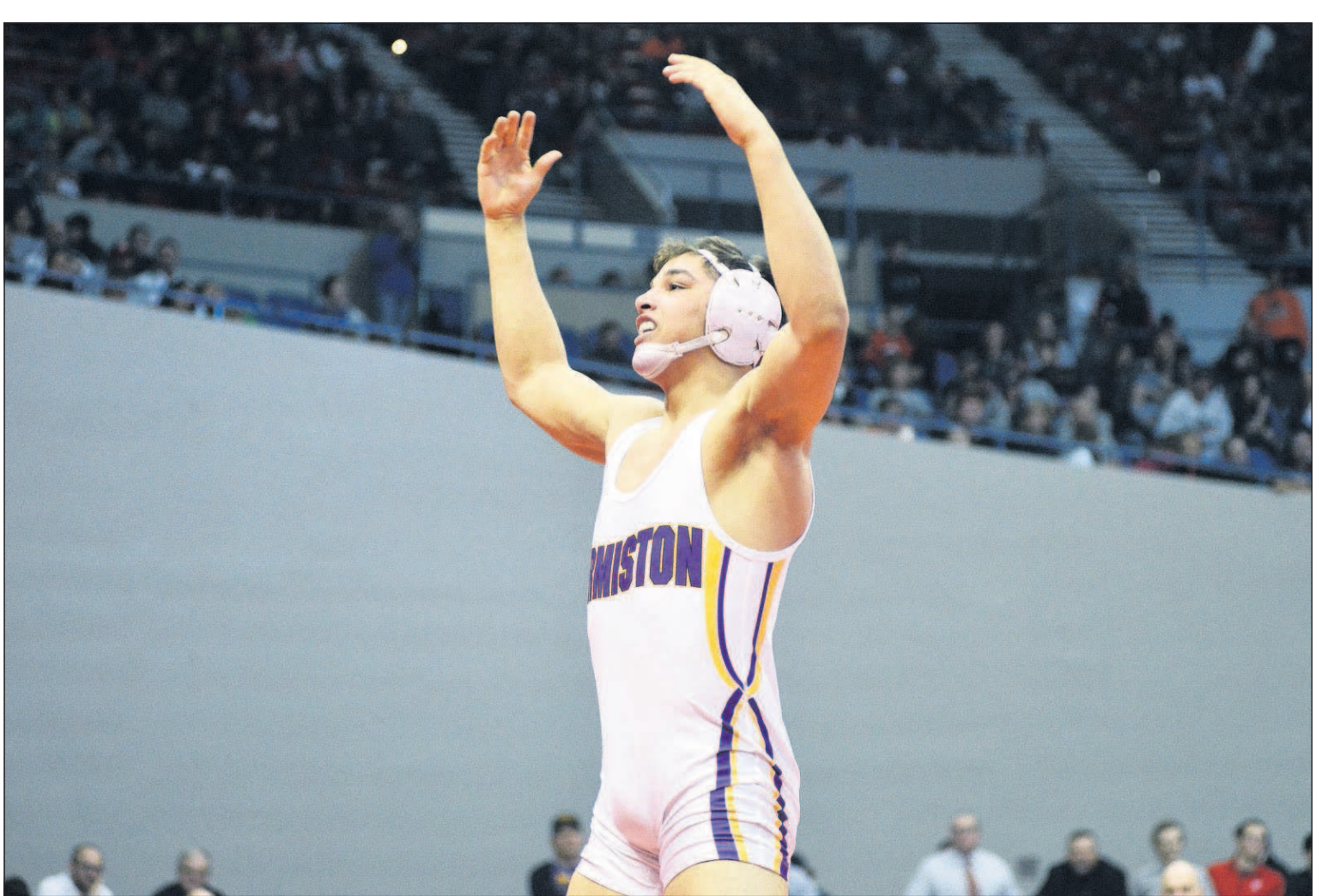
and over-planning and not a lot of action," he said, calling EOTEC "literally and figuratively bogged down in the mud."

City manager Byron Smith, who also serves as the EOTEC board chair, has estimated he spends 20 to 25 percent of his time on EOTEC. Kirwan said Smith's time, along with "untold hours" from other staff members, donation of the 90 acres the project sits on and other in-kind donations means the city is "already

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— **John Kirwan**,  
Hermiston City Council member



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## TOP DAWG

Hermiston's Valen Wyse throws his hands in the air after defeating Milwaukie's Mikel Bremmer in the class 5A 170-pound match Saturday in Portland. The region had four local wrestlers claim state championships this weekend. For more see Sports/1B.

### Lawmakers consider Miranda-like warning for searches

By **PARIS ACHEN**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Law enforcement agencies are speaking out against legislation that would require officers to advise people of their right to refuse a search during a traffic stop.

Proponents of the bill say the requirement would be similar to a

Miranda warning, when arrestees are told they have the right to remain silent and to access to an attorney.

"The consent search issue is something that is probably going to be controversial because it is used as major part of law enforcement in some places, and we've got to figure out how to deal with that in a way that seems fair to the

community, not just arbitrary," said Sen. Lew Frederick, D-Portland, who sponsored the bill.

Police officers may search a person or their vehicle with the person's consent. Some jurisdictions, but not all, require written consent.

Consent searches are "a common tool in a police officer's repertoire," said Michael

Selvaggio, a lobbyist for the Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs. "As such they have, in fact, resulted in a number of harmful or dangerous individuals, substances and weapons being taken off the street."

Selvaggio said the requirement would result in criminal cases

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### Pressure on GOP to revamp health law grows, along with rifts



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais  
President Donald Trump, flanked by Independence Blue Cross CEO Daniel J. Hilferty, left, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina CEO Brad Wilson, speaks during a meeting with health insurance company executives in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Monday.

By **ALAN FRAM AND RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Monday that "Nobody knew that health care could be so complicated." Yet the opposite has long been painfully obvious for top congressional Republicans, who face mounting pressure to scrap the law even as problems grow longer and knottier.

With the GOP-controlled Congress starting its third month of work on one of its marquee priorities, unresolved difficulties include how their substitute would handle Medicaid, whether millions of voters might lose coverage, how their proposed tax credits would work and how to pay for the costly exercise.

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— **Donald Trump**

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office made things complicated recently by giving House Republicans an informal analysis that their emerging plan would be more expensive than they hoped and cover fewer people than former President Barack Obama's statute. The analysis was described by lobbyists speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations with congressional aides.

In a fresh blow, a leading House conservative said late Monday that he was opposing a preliminary version of GOP legislation that emerged last week. Rep. Mark Walker, R-N.C., objected that the draft would not immediately end the expansion of Medicaid under Obama's health care overhaul and would create new tax credits

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