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A fresh layer of snow covers the foothills of the Blue Mountains as a cold front moves through the area Tuesday on the Umatilla Indian Reservation south of Mission.

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ICE tells Brown it is targeting 'violent and dangerous offenders'

By DICK HUGHES
For the Capital Bureau

SALEM — The nation's top immigration-enforcement official stressed to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown that the Trump administration is focused on deporting the "violent and dangerous offenders" among the undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

Brown was in Washington, D.C., last week for the National Governors Association Winter Meeting. She met with Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, as well as several other cabinet secretaries.

"They had no intention of picking up folks who did not have criminal penalties. I specifically asked him about folks who had, for example, a drug charge 20 years ago. He said that is not their target," Brown said in an interview Tuesday.

She invited Kelly to Oregon to get a first-hand understanding of how the Trump administration policies are affecting immigrant families.

"What I explained to him is that this is creating great fear in our communities around the state of Oregon. I used some examples of families that I knew. Folks are concerned about coming to courthouses. They can't go to simple criminal or civil or family law hearings because they're afraid they're going to get picked up," Brown said.

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Brown

Hermiston School District explains approach to undocumented students

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

The Hermiston School District is looking to quell the fears of families worried about new immigration policies implemented by the federal government.

At a work session Monday, superintendent Fred Maiocco discussed how the district will handle undocumented students, sanctuary jurisdictions and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Maiocco said the district has a non-discrimination policy, and sent a letter to teachers and community members stating the same. The letter can be found on Page 4A.

"Ultimately we have to comply with the law," he said. "But school is a safe place. In Oregon, there shouldn't be police coming to school solely for immigration questions. We'll abide by what the law says but also want to provide resources."

Maiocco said while ICE agents have thus far not come to the

Hermiston School District, he felt the need to address concerns many families and students have.

"Turmoil in society is one thing when it's in the adult world," he said. "We'd normally not speak out — until it raises its head and has a nexus with the public school system."

Maiocco said two specific incidents encouraged him to address the issue. The first was the immediate aftermath of the executive order signed by President Donald Trump increasing the deportation effort by ICE.

"Our students at several schools really went into crisis," he said. "We had to open a crisis response room and have a flight team at Sandstone Middle School. Kids were afraid they'd go home and their parents might not be there."

Maiocco said the second catalyst for the district was the Day without Immigrants protest two weeks ago, when a third of the district's students didn't attend



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Hermiston School District superintendent

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IRRIGON

Teacher's license revoked for student relationship

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
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Former Irrigon and Hermiston teacher Jake McElligott's license was officially revoked Jan. 26, after more than two years under review by the state's Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

McElligott agreed to a revocation and gave up his right to re-apply for a license in the state. His license was revoked due to an inappropriate sexual relationship with a former student whom he had also coached in softball.

The former Irrigon High School student said she had a sexual relationship with McElligott that began the day of her high school graduation in 2013. According to the commission's report, the student was 18 years old at the time.

McElligott, who had been licensed since 2003 and teaching in Irrigon since 2004, coached softball and basketball at Irrigon High School and led the teams to state titles in both sports. In 2014 he was hired as a sixth

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HERMISTON

Council pushes stalled transportation package

City's roads wish list totals \$53M

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Hermiston City Council voiced its support for a state transportation funding package Monday with an official resolution urging the legislature to pass a bill.

The council also threw its support behind the Oregon State Police crime lab in Pendleton and continued funding for detectives on the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team.

Mayor Dave Drotzmann said the legislature has been promising a transportation package for a couple years, so it would be great to finally see it happen.

The full list of major road projects the city would like to tackle carries a price tag of about \$43 million. The city's annual budget for street projects is about \$300,000.

"We need some help," Drotzmann said.

One of the first projects the city would like to take on is a \$7 million overhaul of

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UmCo investigating illegal strip club allegations

No permits on record for building in Power City

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The Umatilla County department of land use planning has received complaints of a strip club operating illegally outside of Umatilla.

Planning director Tamra Mabbott confirmed that county code enforcement employees had visited the address of 82090 Highway 395 North after allegations that a section of the building had been used as a strip club that weekend. No one answered the door.

The property is outside of the city of Umatilla's limits but inside its urban growth boundary. Mabbott said "several" permits, including a land use permit, would be required to use the

building for entertainment or to serve food or beverages. But both she and Umatilla planning director Bill Searles said no one had applied for permits for that address through either the city or county.

The building is located in Power City shortly before Highway 395 intersects with Highway 730. Part of the property houses two retail businesses, but on Monday afternoon the storefront on the south side, where the strip club was allegedly operating, was locked and all of the windows covered. A string of red lights and several red light bulbs along the front of the storefront were lit, but no sign announced a business name.

Mabbott said if the code enforcement office determines a business is not operating according to the county's land use codes, the first step will be a

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Complaints that an illegal strip club at this location on Highway 395 in Power City have been filed with the Umatilla County department of land use planning.



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