



**BUCKS  
DEFEAT  
DAWGS**  
SPORTS/1B

**Yoshioka takes  
charge as interim  
superintendent**  
REGION/3A



# EAST OREGONIAN

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

141st Year, No. 142

WINNER OF THE 2016 ONPA GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

One dollar

## Dufloth named Umatilla mayor

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

Daren Dufloth is the new mayor of Umatilla.

Dufloth was unanimously appointed by the city council Tuesday night after David Trott resigned in March, and immediately took up the gavel to run the rest of the meeting.

"This is really exciting," Dufloth said at the end of the meeting. "We're at the tipping point for some really good things."

Dufloth has lived in the commu-



**Dufloth**

with a variety of sports organizations, including Little League and Babe Ruth baseball.

During a question and answer

nity for 19 years and owns the Riverside Sports Bar and Grill in Umatilla, a local strip club. He is a former city councilor, Umatilla High School sports booster and has volunteered

portion between Dufloth and fellow candidate Lyle Smith, Dufloth said Umatilla's greatest asset is its approachable and open residents, followed by its prime location along the Columbia River.

"We have a lot to offer to the area, we just have to polish the jewel off, so to speak," he said.

Dufloth agreed with a previous answer by Smith that one of Umatilla's greatest challenges is getting more people involved in the city, and added that the city needed to create trust and buy-in from its residents by taking a "5,000 foot view" in

planning for the city's future.

Smith, who is also a former city councilor, told the council before their vote that he would "absolutely" be willing to run for one of the two council positions declared vacant Tuesday. He also praised Dufloth and said he wouldn't want to see councilors vote for Smith only out of a concern that there might be "outrage" from the community over the fact that the Dufloth owns an establishment that includes a strip club.

If councilors were concerned

See **UMATILLA/8A**

## State tax structure ready for remodel

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon lawmakers began discussions Tuesday on the broad strokes of proposed changes in state taxes that could raise as much as \$3 billion per budget cycle.

The proposed changes, under an outline formally released Tuesday, could include three main features — a new tax on gross business sales; the elimination of the corporate income tax; and reductions in the personal income tax.

Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton, co-chair of the legislature's newly formed Joint Committee on Tax Reform, said the plan released Tuesday is an attempt to address what he has described as a volatile state revenue system that relies on the personal income tax.

The plan's proposed reductions to the personal income tax also seem intended to counter criticisms that a tax on business sales will increase consumer prices.

Lawmakers are contending with a \$1.6 billion gap between what the state anticipates in revenue and what it will cost to maintain current services in the

See **TAXES/6A**

### PENDLETON

## An alternative site for alt school

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
East Oregonian

The nomadic Hawthorne Alternative High School program in Pendleton could be in line for more changes.

At a school board meeting Tuesday, district administrators proposed merging the alternative education program into Pendleton High School.

"I do think that under the current circumstances, given the very low numbers of students that are attending regularly at the alternative school and in light of some of the budget reductions, this might be an opportunity to do it," interim superintendent Matt Yoshioka said.

The district won't eliminate the alternative education program under the proposal, instead pushing it under the Pendleton High School umbrella.

Pendleton High School principal Dan Greenough compared the potential move to a similar situation in the Hermiston School District, where administrators recently folded the Innovative Learning Center into Hermiston High School.

But before the district can make the change, it will have to sort through some logistical and emotional issues first.

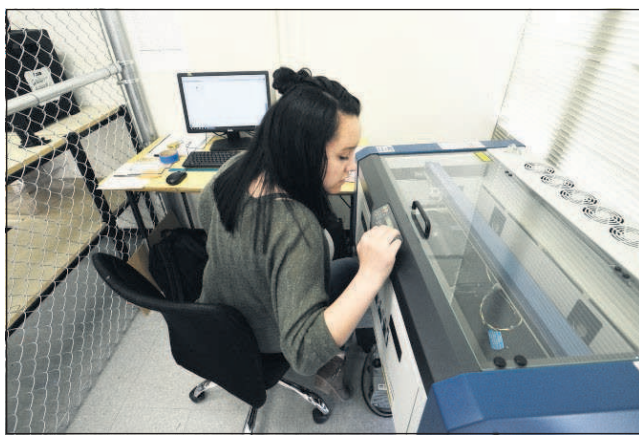
Greenough said he's still considering whether to keep Hawthorne at the Pendleton Technology and Trades Center or move it to the nearby PHS campus. If he does move the alternative program to the larger high school, he wants to have a space in the building specifically for alternative school students.

Greenough said one of the main factors in this decision is teacher availability and



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Sophomore Matthew Gordon reads a website about early media in the Americas while studying English on Tuesday at the Hawthorne Alternative High School in Pendleton.**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Junior Mikeighla Velazquez monitors the progress of a laser engraver during her robotics class at the Hawthorne Alternative High School on Tuesday.**

their ability to travel from one campus to the other.

In talking with school staff, Greenough was told

that students strongly identify with the Hawthorne name and its separation from the rest of the high school



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**The Hawthorne Alternative High School is currently in its new home at the Pendleton Technology & Trades Center in Pendleton.**

population.

Board member Steve Umbarger said the issue of Hawthorne identity

would fade after three years because new high school

See **HAWTHORNE/8A**

## Smith stands up for media

By **PETER WONG**  
Capital Bureau

PORTLAND — Gordon Smith says President Donald Trump is wrong when he branded some news organizations as "the enemy of the American people," a phrase usually describing hostile nations or subversive groups.

Smith made his comment Tuesday during a keynote speech at the



**Smith**

17th annual breakfast of the Portland Business Alliance. More than 1,000 attended the event at the Oregon Convention Center.

"Of all of President Trump's tweets, the one I think that is most regrettable is the one where he said the media is the enemy of the American people," Smith said. "It is not."

Coming from the president and chief executive of the National Association of Broadcasters since 2009, Smith's comment is hardly surprising.

Coming from Pendleton's former Republican state senator, Oregon Senate president and one of Oregon's U.S. senators for 12 years until 2008, Smith's comment may be surprising.

Trump's original tweet

See **SMITH/8A**

### HERMISTON

## Two-day Cinco de Mayo event offers twice the fun

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
East Oregonian

Organizers are gearing up for double the merriment Saturday and Sunday as Hermiston's Cinco de Mayo celebration expands to two days.

People can register for the parade Saturday between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oxbow Trail, located at 11th Street and West Elm Avenue. The parade will get rolling at 1 p.m., traveling east on Elm Avenue. It will head to Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St., the site of the event.

Cinco de Mayo committee chairwoman



File photo

**Members of mariachi band Los Temereros participate in the 2016 Cinco de Mayo parade in Hermiston. The group will perform Sunday as part of this year's two-day celebration.**

Clara Beas Fitzgerald invites people to dress their

pets up in costumes for the parade — prizes will be

awarded for the top entries. In addition, kids can decorate their bikes and other community members are encouraged to get creative and join the parade.

Beas Fitzgerald said the parade's grand marshal is Francisco Maass, Oregon's Mexican consul general. He will speak Saturday at approximately 2 p.m.

"He will dedicate the ceremonies," she said.

Natali Armenta, Daisy Cardenas and Jaleslie Torres, who were recently elected as the Cinco de Mayo royalty court, also will be introduced. The

See **CINCO/5A**

