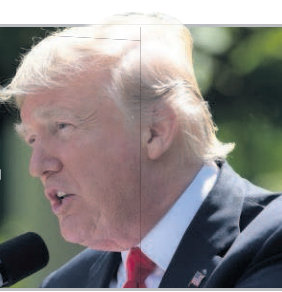




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## Your Weekend



- June Cruisin car show Saturday in Pendleton
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- "The Little Mermaid Jr." in Hermiston

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### Catch a movie



Warner Bros. Entertainment via AP

An Amazonian warrior princess leaves her island paradise to help end WWI in "Wonder Woman."

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### Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
77/53	80/54	69/46

### Watch a game



Pilot Rock vs. North Douglas State Championship game

Friday, 1 p.m., at Oregon State University

## BOARDMAN Fight over mega-dairy continues

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**  
*East Oregonian*

Opponents of a 30,000-cow dairy farm in Morrow County are pressuring state regulators to change their minds on a recently approved water pollution permit for the facility, or risk taking the matter to court.

A coalition of groups has filed what's known as a petition for reconsideration, asking the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Department of Environ-

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## TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE

# Taxes on gas, vehicles, bicycles to fund local street, port projects

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
*East Oregonian*

The 298-page transportation package released by the state promises money for multiple projects in Eastern Oregon, but also extra taxes.

The long-awaited House Bill 2017 was published online by the Oregon Legislature's Joint Committee on

Transportation Preservation and Modernization on Wednesday.

The 10-year plan would raise more than \$8 billion for transportation projects around the state. Revenue streams would include raising the statewide gas tax from 30 cents to 44 cents over 10 years, putting a 0.75 percent tax on all vehicle sales, a 0.1 percent payroll

tax and a series of increases in vehicle registration fees over the next eight years based on a vehicle's miles-per-gallon rating.

One of the bill's revenue streams is a three percent excise tax on sales of adult bicycles costing over \$500.

Scott Cimmiyotti, owner of Scott's Cycle and Sports in Hermiston, said he disagreed with the

provision that only bicycles over \$500 would be taxed. In the big cities where commuting to work by bicycle is more popular, commuters are likely paying \$500 or more for a bicycle, he said. But in rural cities like Hermiston more expensive bicycles tend to be for mountain

See **TRANSPORTATION/10A**

## HERMISTON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Construction is underway on the rodeo arena at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Thursday in Hermiston.

# EOTEC will hire manager

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
*East Oregonian*

The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board will start recruiting a general manager after getting a consensus from the Hermiston City Council and Umatilla County Commission.

The position will pay \$70,000 to \$85,000 per year and will supervise an administrative assistant and maintenance/operations position.

"We need to get good management," commissioner Larry Givens said. "It's got to be done, and we need to do it as soon as possible."

The council and commission discussed the plan during a joint meeting Thursday night. The EOTEC board had previously asked the two partners in the project to approve a similar plan, but

they asked for salary figures before they were willing to sign off on it.

Byron Smith, EOTEC chair, said the Pendleton Convention Center's new manager, Pat Beard, will make around \$80,000. The manager for the TRAC facility in the Tri-Cities makes \$84,000 to \$113,000, while the Linn County Expo Center manager makes \$71,000 to \$90,000 per year.

Smith said at \$80,000 per year (plus \$50,000 for the maintenance position and \$40,000 for the administrative assistant) the city and council would each need to chip in \$75,000 next year for operations, compared with \$45,000 this year. He said that's based on a conservative estimate for revenue so it could end up being less if, like this year,

See **EOTEC/10A**



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The framework for the livestock barns is up as construction continues Thursday at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.

## PENDLETON

# Tonya's House, teen girls crisis home, closes its doors

Nonprofit ran for 20 years

By **PHIL WRIGHT**  
*East Oregonian*

Tonya's House is no more. The Pendleton nonprofit that gave a temporary home and foster care to teen girls in crisis closed its doors in May.

Casey White-Zollman chairs the Tonya's House board of directors. She said arriving at the decision to end the organization took

months of conversations and a hard look at the books.

"All expenses were increasing, but donations were not," she said. "As we looked down the road at our financials, we didn't see it improving."

The final vote came about a week ago, she said, and was difficult.

"There were tears, I can tell you that," she said.

See **TONYA'S HOUSE/10A**



EO file photo

Shawn MacGregor moved to Pendleton from Minnesota to become director of Tonya's House in 2016. The young women's crisis center, the only of its kind in the area, closed this week for financial reasons.



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