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Golden Eagle pride

Clockwise from top: Tribal drummers perform during the pre-game warmups of Nixyaawii's 56-54 loss to County Christian in the state 1A championship game on Saturday in Baker City. Sky Smith, 12, of Mission dances to tribal drummers during halftime. Spectators and fans participate in a round dance as tribal drummers play a song during halftime.

For more on the game, see Sports, Page 1B.

Black ice, speed to blame for wrecks on Cabbage

Twenty vehicles tangled and nine people injured

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Oregon State Police continues to investigate the series of crashes on the icy interstate near Pendleton that injured nine people Saturday night.

Five suffered serious injuries, according to state police. Ground and air ambulances took victims to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton and Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland. State police Lt. Mike Turner in Pendleton said having victims in hospitals in different states adds another layer to a complicated investigation.

"We're just continuing to try to put all the pieces together," Turner said.

Oregon State Police have not confirmed the identities of the victims. Turner said OSP has received media questions about a fatality from the crash, but no agency or hospital involved has confirmed any deaths. At this point, he said, state police do not have information that anyone died at the scene or afterward.

State police reported 20 vehicles — seven semi-tractors and 13 passenger cars — were involved. Turner explained there was not one large pile-up but instead separate crashes on the westbound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 223, about 13 miles east of Pendleton.

The preliminary investigation revealed speed and black ice helped create a domino effect resulting in the multiple collisions.

Around 6:20 p.m. a passenger car stopped on the roadside because a crash already was blocking traffic, according to the daily log from state

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Legislature adjourns meeting narrow goals

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon legislative leaders Saturday celebrated a 28-day policy-making session marked by some bipartisan legislation.

The Legislature's Democratic leaders launched the

session Feb. 5 with lofty ambitions of universal health care and a cap and invest program. Adjourning Saturday lawmakers left the state Capitol having passed smaller policy advancements with consensus from the Republican minority in many instances.

"This session surprised me," said Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem. "I was worried that we were over-committed, doing too much, but we just adjourned eight days before the constitutional deadline."

Lawmakers made a fix to the state's domestic violence gun laws, passed some measures to push back on Trump administration policies and made changes to help fund affordable housing and shed light on pharmaceutical drug prices.

The Legislature's "short" session — held in even-numbered years — was sold to voters in 2010 as a time to fix laws and adjust the state budget. In 2016, the Legislature used the short session to pass major policies such as an increase in minimum wage and limits on the use of

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Two rallies converge on Capitol

Student demonstration focuses on gun control, immigrant allies support DACA

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Surrounded by hundreds of students demonstrating for stricter gun laws, Gov. Kate Brown Monday signed into a law a bill that bans convicted domestic abusers and stalkers from buying or owning guns.

House Bill 4145 also prohibits those who have a domestic violence restraining order against them from having firearms.

Proposed by the governor, the legislation was arguably the only signature law to emerge from the Legislature's 28-day policymaking session, which ended Saturday, March 3. The bill was approved in the House with bipartisan support and passed the Senate with bipartisan opposition.

Brown touted the legislation as the nation's first gun safety law since the



AP Photo/Andrew Selsky

High school students from Lake Oswego hold a rally for gun control on the steps of the Oregon State Capitol on Monday in Salem.

shooting rampage at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, Feb. 14.

"I'm proud to sign this bill, making Oregon the first state to take action to prevent senseless gun violence since the tragedy in Parkland, Fla.," Brown said.

"Today marks an important milestone, but we know we have more to do. It's long past time we hold the White House and Congress accountable. Now's the time to enact real change and federal gun safety legislation."

The bill expands restric-

tions already in place on gun ownership and closes the so-called "boyfriend loophole" or "intimate partner loophole," as the governor later started referring to it. Domestic abusers who have been married, cohabitated or had children with their victims were already banned from having guns.

The bill signed into law Monday expands that ban to dating partners, with whom the victim may not have lived with nor had children with.

"This loophole needed desperately to be closed, and this bill closes it and protects victims of domestic violence equally," said Doreen Dodgen-Magee of Moms Demand Action.

About 54 percent of mass shootings — those in which four or more people are killed — between 2009 and 2016 were related to domestic abuse, she said,

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