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## Your Weekend



- Altrusa Bazaar, Pendleton Convention Center
- "Robin Hood," Hermiston Conference Center
- Hermiston Mudfest at EOTEC

For times and places see Coming Events, 6A

### Weekend Weather

Fri	Sat	Sun
48/32	42/26	43/26

### Watch a game



**Pendleton vs. Thurston**  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m., at Hillsboro Stadium, Hillsboro

## Additional \$1 billion expected in state budget

By **CLAIRE WITCOMBE**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Taxpayers and lottery patrons are pouring millions of extra dollars into state coffers.

By the end of the current budget cycle, state economists say, the state will tuck \$1 billion more into its treasury than forecast 18 months ago. That comes on top of the \$21 billion the state already expected to collect.

While it's not clear what lawmakers may do with that extra sum, it's likely that a large share will go back to taxpayers in the form of "kicker" payments.

Oregon law requires the state to give some personal income tax money back when state economists underestimate personal income tax collections by more than 2 percent.

If current predictions hold, the median taxpayer would get \$174 back when filing personal income taxes in 2020. Collectively, Ore-

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## A look back at the 1977 Buckaroos



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Members of the Pendleton Buckaroos' semifinals team in the 1977 state football playoffs (top) Steve Nirschl, left, Dave Stuvland, (middle) David James, left, Mark Temple, (bottom) Craig Christianson, left, and Jon Peterson pose for a photo with the Don Requa statue in Brownfield Park in Pendleton.

# GLORY DAYS

## Players from Pendleton's last semifinal team relive playoffs

By **ANNIE FOWLER**  
East Oregonian

The last time the Pendleton High School football team was still playing this late in the season, "Star Wars" was dominating movie screens. The first one. "Roots" had transformed the TV miniseries, Atari was the latest rage, and a Corvette Stingray would run you \$10,000 or less.

It's been 41 years since Pendleton last played in the state semifinals. A time when Coach Don Requa walked the sidelines, and his Bucks were looking to reach their first state championship game.

There were 5,500 fans in the stands at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds on Nov. 18, 1977, and the temperature was in the 20s at kickoff.

Pendleton dropped a 13-7 game to Medford that night as the Black Tornado scored eight unanswered in the second half to advance to the Class AAA state title game against Churchill, which ended in a 7-7 tie.

The Bucks are back in the state



EO file photo

Running back Mark Temple is helped off the field after spraining his ankle in the Buckaroos' loss to Medford in their 1977 semifinal football game.

semifinals for the first time since that night 41 years ago. Pendleton will play Thurston at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium. The game falls one day shy of being exactly 41 years.

"I'm surprised they haven't

been back since then," former wide receiver Steve Nirschl said. "We had great fans back then. Going to football games on a Friday night was the thing to do. I still go to the

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## PENDLETON Truss move delays bridge project

Removal is complicated by size of structures

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
East Oregonian

More than a year into the construction of Pendleton's Eighth Street Bridge replacement project, large remains of the old bridge are still at the site.

The project's contractor — OBEC Consulting Engineers — has torn down the 109-year-old trusses and placed them flat on the bridge service, but they haven't been moved off the location yet.

The trusses were originally slated to be moved to a nearby city storage yard in the last week of September or the first week of October, but Public Works Director Bob Patterson now expects the trusses will be transported in early December.

Patterson said the delays have been the result of the project's timing.

OBEC was initially focused on doing some work in the Umatilla River before the water work window ended in October, Patterson said. The contractor has used the ensuing time after October ended considering the logistics of how to move the structures.

Patterson said current plans involve moving the trusses in two halves from Eighth Street to the city's yard at 1501 S.E. Byers Ave. The most direct route would only span a half mile, but Patterson said the trusses' 24-foot by 60-foot size means crews will have to transport the structures along the much wider Court Avenue and Court Place before bringing them to the yard.

OBEC has incentive to move the old trusses sooner rather than later. Patterson said the contractor wants to install the bridge's new trusses over the winter, but it won't have the space to position the cranes to install the structures until the old trusses are removed.

While the old trusses haven't been moved, Patterson said bridge workers have done work around them, constructing temporary scaffolding towers that will support the beams as they're being installed and doing concrete work around the bridge.

Patterson said the contractor hasn't committed to a firm date on moving the trusses, but it will be required to give the city a one-week notice and obtain a permit from the Oregon Department of Transportation before starting the

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