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Participants spend time on art techniques, but also work on themselves. They drop their masks and chat



Inmate Kirk Charlton holds up another inmate's drawing exercise while teaching an art class recently at EOCl in Pendleton.

"I thought I was going to have to drag things out of these guys," Charlton said, "but in this environment where you are surrounded by negativity and complaining and condemning, these guys yearn for positive dia-

“It makes sense for a guy with a blue shirt and an SID (security identifier) number and an orange patch to help

“I am obsessed with art,”

The effusive Charlton brightens further when he talks about his most recent project, the first in the “I WANNABE” series of children’s books. The idea germinated back when his

Charlton will soon move to a minimum security facility to prepare for release in 2019. He is training a couple of other inmate artists to take his place in the classroom.

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Tuesday night is out, he said earlier in the day, and “right now Wednesday doesn’t have anyone, so I’m going to fill in Wednesday if I have to, even though I work Thursday.”

Having the warming shelter provides a compassionate place for the homeless, Johnson said, and car-

pass a background check. For more information on volunteering for the Pendleton Warming Shelter,

And during cold winter nights, that village needs a minimum of two people to oversee the shelter.



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Raymond Penrod of Pendleton makes his bed while getting settled at the Neighbor 2 Neighbor warming station on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2016, in Pendleton.

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Jason Williams, the executive director of the Taxpayer Association of Oregon, also was critical.



Gov. Kate Brown presents her proposed budget on Nov. 28 at the Oregon Capitol in Salem.

Brown's budget already includes \$769 million in increased taxes, largely the result of a work group figuring out how to cover the state's \$623 million bill the next biennium to cover Medicaid, the government

Other minor tax increases included in the budget including a higher tax on hard liquor and higher tax rates for small business owners.

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