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## TALKING GROWTH

**Regional economist outlines economic projections for the region during summit in Hermiston**



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Regional economist Chris Rich speaks Friday during the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit at Hermiston High School.

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
*East Oregonian*

**H**ERMISTON — Two emerging employers in Eastern Oregon sought to either fulfill or defy the region's economic projections Friday.

As a part of a presentation during the inaugural Eastern Oregon Economic Summit, Chris Rich, a regional economist for the Oregon Employment Department, explained to a room full of local business leaders and government officials at Hermiston High School how Eastern Oregon, which the state defines as Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa counties, was trending economically.

The employment department

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Business leaders from around the state gathered Friday for the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit at Hermiston High School.

## White House food stamp proposal would have local impact

More than 17,000 local residents would be affected by changes to eligibility rules

By **JAYSON JACOBY**  
*EO Media Group*

PENDLETON — A Trump administration proposal to change eligibility rules for food stamps would affect some of the approximately 17,600 residents in Umatilla and Morrow counties who receive aid under the federal program.

The proposed rule change from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, published earlier this week, would sever a tie between the Temporary Assis-

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## BPA to keep base power rates flat in 2020-21

The Bonneville Power Administration recently established rates for power and transmission services

By **JESSICA POLLARD**  
*East Oregonian*

PORTLAND — The Bonneville Power Administration, which provides wholesale power to Umatilla Electric Company, Hermiston Energy Services, Pacific Power and other area utilities, has reported that the average wholesale base power cost will remain flat for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The cost will remain at \$35.62 per megawatt-hour.

"If we have rate changes, it doesn't necessarily mean there will

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## Young artists still at play 25 years later

This year's camp features 66 participants

By **BEN LONERGAN**  
*East Oregonian*

PENDLETON — When Adrienne Flagg started the Young Artists at Play theater camp 25 years ago, it was a way for the Portland resident to visit family in Pendleton and bring her love of acting to a new community.

Since then, her family has moved away and the town of Pendleton has kept her coming back and helped the camp to succeed and flourish.

"The town has been integral to keeping us going. Every year we have stayed with different families and restaurants have donated food to help us keep costs down for students," Flagg said. "It is really a community thing. Many of these artists have never experienced a small community like this and it

is as important and beneficial for them as it is for the children."

This year's camp, hosted by College Community Theatre and Blue Mountain Community College, features eight directors and 66 participants at the camp. The participants are divided into groups of varying ages and have spent all week learning new acting and story skills to develop a set of seven short plays in prepara-

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**IF YOU GO**

**What:** College Community Theatre and Blue Mountain Community College presents "The Plays on Forgiveness"  
**When:** Saturday  
**Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Bob Clapp Theatre in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton  
**Cost:** Free and open to the public



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