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recommendation.

The committee has been working with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to craft a bus route and times using information from an online survey conducted last month. A new survey released Wednesday on the city's website (www.hermiston.or.us) asks for input on a name for the new bus system, which includes options like the Watermelon Express and Hermiston Looper. A map of the proposed bus stops is also available on the website.

The route as currently proposed would run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, stopping in 25 locations and making one circuit through town each hour. Assistant city manager Mark Morgan said adding any more hours per week would necessitate hiring a second driver, raising costs. The initial survey about the bus system indicated that 74 percent of respondents preferred continuous daytime service to a split shift that would serve commuters in the mornings and again in the late afternoon.

In an Aug. 8 work session with the Hermiston City Council, CTUIR Planning Director JD Tovey said the cost to the city would depend greatly on the size of the system. He said the tribes have access to significant amounts of federal grant money for

transportation and could bring in more using Hermiston's contribution as a match and counting Hermiston riders in their system-wide ridership count. The Kayak Public Transit system currently includes an inter-city system that runs between 17 communities.

He said a fixed route through Hermiston would allow the bus that runs between cities to stop just once in Hermiston, instead of three times, saving enough time to help the CTUIR reach its goal of extending service to Boardman in the future.

At a city council meeting last Monday, city councilor Doug Primmer said he was excited about the work the advisory committee has been doing.

"All in all, the route looks pretty comprehensive," he said. "It serves different areas of town pretty well, and the great thing about it is the cost to the user is zero, and it is intended to stay that way."

The city still plans to operate its \$2 taxi ticket program for senior and disabled riders. But staff expect that some of those riders will start using the free bus system instead, reducing the \$100,000 per year the city has been contributing to that program.

The bus system will be open to anyone. For more information, including the name survey and route map, visit www.hermiston.or.us.

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family of Hermiston.

Tonya Thiel said she made all of the full-body costumes herself. It's a family tradition, she said, for everyone to decide on a theme and go together with a group costume.

Other groups didn't coordinate. Tess Alexander and Levi Nelson were downtown with Alexander's younger sister, but Alexander went as a female, punk version of The Joker and Nelson went as the devil with black horns and an all-black suit.

"Honestly, I just had a corset from last year and wanted to see what I could do with it," Alexander said of her inspiration for the costume. "And he just likes wearing suits."

"I like a professional devil," Nelson joked.

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half on their own when senior Deven Page broke free for a 39-yard run up the sideline into Hermiston territory, and their opening drive of the second half didn't inspire much confidence when Line's second sack on a third down forced another punt.

Since its offense couldn't score, the Bucks defense took matters into its own hands, and when James dropped back for another screen pass senior lineman Jamal Vann was ready and stepped in front of the ball and returned it 10 yards to tie the score.

In a game full of costly penalties on both sides, Pendleton picked up a big one with a delay of game on the extra point. After moving the ball back five yards, Sebastian Corona's kick went wide left to preserve the tie.

Pendleton finished the game with nine penalties for 85 yards and Hermiston was penalized 17 times for 127 yards.

With James struggling in the passing game, Hermiston went back to the run with some success late in the third quarter, and a 20-yard run by Peter Earl highlighted a string of six-straight runs to bring the Bulldogs down to Pendleton's 10-yard line to start the fourth quarter.

On first and goal James took the snap and rolled to the left where a Pendleton defender was waiting. James made the first would-be tackler miss, then lowered his shoulder pads and pushed through the tackles of two more Bucks before getting an escort for the last five yards into the end zone. The extra point was good to make it 13-6 with 11:27 to play.

"It was a blown play on a bad snap, and I was just trying to get into the end zone," James said. "It was a tough game, but I tried to do my best to do what I could for my team."

Late in the 4th quarter, The Bucks got the look the



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Hermiston's Peter Earl rushes the ball chased by Pendleton's Everett Willard in the Bulldogs' 13-12 win against the Bucks on Friday in Hermiston.



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Hermiston quarterback Andrew James hands the ball off to Jonathan Hinkle in the Bulldogs' 13-12 win against the Bucks on Friday in Hermiston.

wanted at the line of scrimmage, and when one safety was left to cover two receivers, senior Nick Lani was able to haul in Bower's pass at the goal line with 19.3 seconds left.

"It was just crazy. It was surreal," Line said of the game's final two minutes. "I couldn't believe it, it was so fun and exciting."

Looking for the win, the Bucks went for two but Bower was forced to scramble and his pass into traffic was easily broken up by Ena and another Bulldog.

"I knew that (Bower) was

going to roll out and I expected it," Ena said. "And I just got it."

The Bucks weren't ready to concede, but couldn't gain any ground after recovering the onside kick at Hermiston's 47, forcing the long field goal try as time expired.

Pendleton finished with just 114 total yards while Hermiston mustered 270.

The loss ended the season for Pendleton, while the Bulldogs hope they can use the win to get themselves a little momentum heading into the first round of the playoffs this week.

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HHS 0 6 0 7 - 13

Scoring plays
2nd Quarter

2:17 — HHS, Dayshawn Neal 23 pass from Andrew James (Neal kick missed), 6-0

3rd Quarter
8:24 — PHS, Jamal Vann 10 yard interception return (Sebastian Corona kick missed), 6-6

4th Quarter
11:27 — HHS, James 10 run (Neal kick), 13-6

19 — PHS, Nick Lani 27 pass from Nick Bower (pass incomplete), 13-12

Individual statistics

PASSING — Pendleton (8-20-2, 78, TD); Nick Bower 8-19-1, 78, TD; Nick Lani 0-1-1, Hermiston: Andrew James 11-30-1, 122, TD.

RUSHING — Pendleton (28-36); Deven Page 15-65; Gabe Walker 3-16; Nick Lani 2-10; Nick Bower 8-455; Hermiston (41-148, TD); Andrew James 14-38, TD; Jonathan Hinkle 18-52; Peter Earl 7-43; Jerry Ramirez 1-5; Dayshawn Neal 1-10.

RECEIVING — Pendleton: Nick Lani 3-37, TD; Tanner Stephan 2-13; Sebastian Corona 2-8; Jamal Vann 1-20; Hermiston: Dayshawn Neal 4-66, TD; Tucker Salinas 2-7; Jerry Ramirez 2-19; Vaemu Ena 1-36; Jonathan Hinkle 2-61.

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REALTOR OF THE YEAR!

Life narrative of Heidi Carver - from her husband, Dustin Scott:

Heidi was born in Spokane Washington on July 1, 1970. She has been really addicted to Christmas since she was a baby. She attended grade school, middle school high school and college there. After she finished school she worked at UPS for 17 years. After she quit UPS to help take care of her mother, she started a house cleaning business named Ms. Mops. It was at this time that she decided to go online to find her true love. I met Heidi in 2008. When we met she had two boys Tanner and Casey. I had three boys Kenny, Stanley, and Evan. When she decided to move down here she wanted to try real estate as a hobby job and stay at home with the boys. That worked for almost a month and she started doing real estate full-time. I don't think she's really cut out for stay-at-home mom duties. In the beginning it was pretty slow for her. Well as we all know she turned out to be a pretty darn good agent and I think she now knows more people in town than I do. Well to make a long story short it's going on nine years now and she is almost the shortest one in the family. So if you want to know why she's always wearing those tall heels is because she is trying to keep up with the boys. Heidi's hobbies include: working in the yard and working at work.

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