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OIT women fall short of making school history in 79-50 first-round loss to Saint Xavier, see page B1.

State basketball

Henley girls beat Banks to claim spot in 4A semifinals Thursday night, see page B1.

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'This is too important to our community'

KCC president promises one more year of advanced diploma program

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**
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Klamath Community College President Roberto Gutierrez

made a promise to this year's high school seniors thinking of enrolling in the advanced diploma program in the fall. The program is threatened by

the Oregon Legislature possibly changing the funding to such programs statewide.

If the Legislature cuts funding, KCC will make up

the difference.

"This is a personal commitment to our community," Gutierrez told about 150 high school students and parents

at an ADP recruiting event Wednesday night. "We will continue with this program for the 2015-2016 year. No changes. This is too important to our community."

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— SWAN LAKE NORTH FACILITY —

Pumped-storage project still a go

Though scaled down, it should create 170 new local positions

By **LACEY JARRELL**
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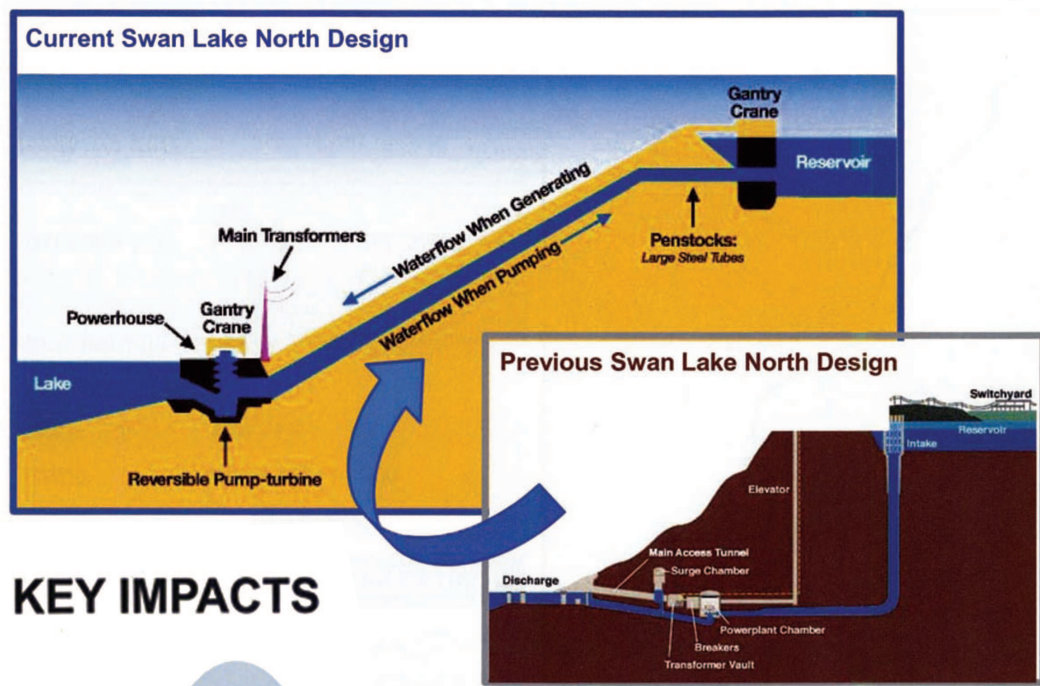
Plans for a hydroelectric pumped-storage facility east of Klamath Falls have been scaled back, but are still moving forward, according to project managers.

As a result of an economic study, the Swan Lake North pumped-storage facility's price tag has been slashed nearly in half — from \$1.2 billion to \$600 million — and expected energy storage has been cut by more than half.

Project managers with EDF Renewable Energy, the company developing the project, told the Herald and News editorial board Thursday they originally planned to build a closed-loop system that could store 1,000 megawatts of energy — enough to power 600,000 homes. Now that the project has been reduced to nearly one-third of its previous size, managers forecast the facility will store between 300 and 400 megawatts, enough to power about 40,000 homes during peak energy use.

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PROJECT DESIGN



KEY IMPACTS

ECONOMIC IMPACTS	3,363 FYE jobs during a ~14 year construction period 30+ jobs supported annually during 45 year operation ~\$2.1MM per year increase in Klamath county tax revenue
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS	Virtually none, due to the scale of landscape Project facility size has been reduced to 1/3 of previous design
VISUAL IMPACTS	Few due to closed loop system that does not impact existing water ways and their current uses (nor any aquatic life)

'Batkid Begins' film featured at Ashland festival

Southern Oregon hero hits the big screen on April 12

By **LEE JUILLERAT**
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"Batkid Begins: The Wish Heard Around the World," the documentary film about Tulelake's Miles Scott and his family, is among the films featured at the upcoming Ashland Independent Film Festival.

The 14th annual Festival will be in the heart of historic downtown Ashland April 9 to 13. More than 7,500 film lovers are expected to gather for five days of world-class independent filmmaking at four locations — the Varsity Theatre, historic Ashland Armory, Ashland Street Cinemas and Ashland Springs Hotel.

"Batkid," directed by Dana Nachman, will be shown noon Sunday, April 12, at the Ashland Armory. The 87-minute film follows the story of Scott, who was 5-years-old when he was diagnosed with leukemia.

Now a first-grade student at Tulelake Elementary School, the son of Nick and Natalie Scott spent a day as "Batkid" in November 2013 as part of Make-A-Wish come true.

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Find out more

The Ashland Independent Film Festival's full schedule, film descriptions and programs are available at ashlandfilm.org. Tickets go on sale to festival members beginning Monday and the general public Sunday, March 22.

Weekender
 Best bets for this weekend with Doug Higgs

They'll be rockin' without rollin' at the 29th Annual Rock, Gem and Mineral Show this weekend on the Klamath County Fairgrounds by the Rock and Arrowhead Club of Klamath Falls.

Show times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. For admission, donations will be accepted.

■ Shotgun Wedding will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Ross Ragland Theater.

Tickets are \$29, \$23 and \$19.
 ■ "August: Osage County" will be performed by the Linkville Players at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday in the Linkville Playhouse.

Tickets are \$11 to \$14.
 ■ A fundraising fashion

show and dessert will be hosted by the Miss Klamath County-Miss City of Sunshine Scholarship Pageant at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Yesterday's Plaza at North Ninth and Pine streets.

Tickets are \$10 for those 10 years old and older and \$5 for children aged 5 to 9.
 ■ Jordan World Circus will

be on the Klamath County Fairgrounds at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Cost is \$18 for adults and \$14 for children.

■ "Best of the Northwest Film Festival" will be featured during Monday Night at the Movies in the Ross Ragland Theater at 7 p.m. Admission is free; \$5 donations will be accepted.

DAILY BRIEFING

Input sought on Tule Lake war monument

Updates on the Tule Lake Unit of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument will be given during a public meeting 6 p.m. Thursday at the Tulelake High School gym. See page A2.

Mill Creek Falls makes for perfect adventure

A cascade of water raucously plunges over a 75-foot ledge, pausing only briefly before disappearing in rock mounds and rumble-tumbling down Mill Creek. See page C1.

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