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The Hillsboro Spartans have many holes to fill following their appearance in last season's state quarterfinals. Story on B1.

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## It's Air Show time

Make sure to bring an appetite — including a thirst for the power of U.S. military aircraft — as the best in aerial entertainment comes to Hillsboro for the Oregon International Air Show. It all begins tonight with introductory performances, great food, drink and fun.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and the skies come to life at 7 p.m. with performers, including the U.S. Army Black Dagger Parachute team, and

nearly a dozen scheduled static displays.

The performers will be followed by the state's largest pyrotechnic display starting at dusk.

After the explosive first night, Saturday and Sunday's shows feature static displays plus more aerial performances, including the civilian Patriot Jet Team. A sixth jet joins the team this year, adding depth to the performance. The team of

ex-Thunderbirds and other nationally-known stunt pilots from around the globe will electrify spectators with fast-paced choreographed formation flying, all set to patriotic music and featuring computer-controlled contrails colored red, white and blue.

Prior to the Patriots, prime the patriotic pride pump with performances

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**Two US Patriot Jet team performers pass each other at high speed. With smoke trailing from their L-39s, the team features a signature "Tail-Slide" maneuver.**

Photo courtesy of the Oregon International Air Show

## Commissioners out to save money on safety 'no-brainer'

By Kurt Eckert  
The Argus

The Washington County commissioners appear inclined not to bother the voters about altering the role of the Urban Road Maintenance District if they don't have to: Particularly if it doesn't raise taxes and is good for everyone — except possibly those who enjoy walking or biking in ditches.

The Urban Road Maintenance District covers slurry seal and asphalt overlay on 430 miles of unincorporated roads on a rotating basis. It became a permanent tax rate of just under 25 cents per \$1,000 assessed value with the passage of Measure 50 in 1997.

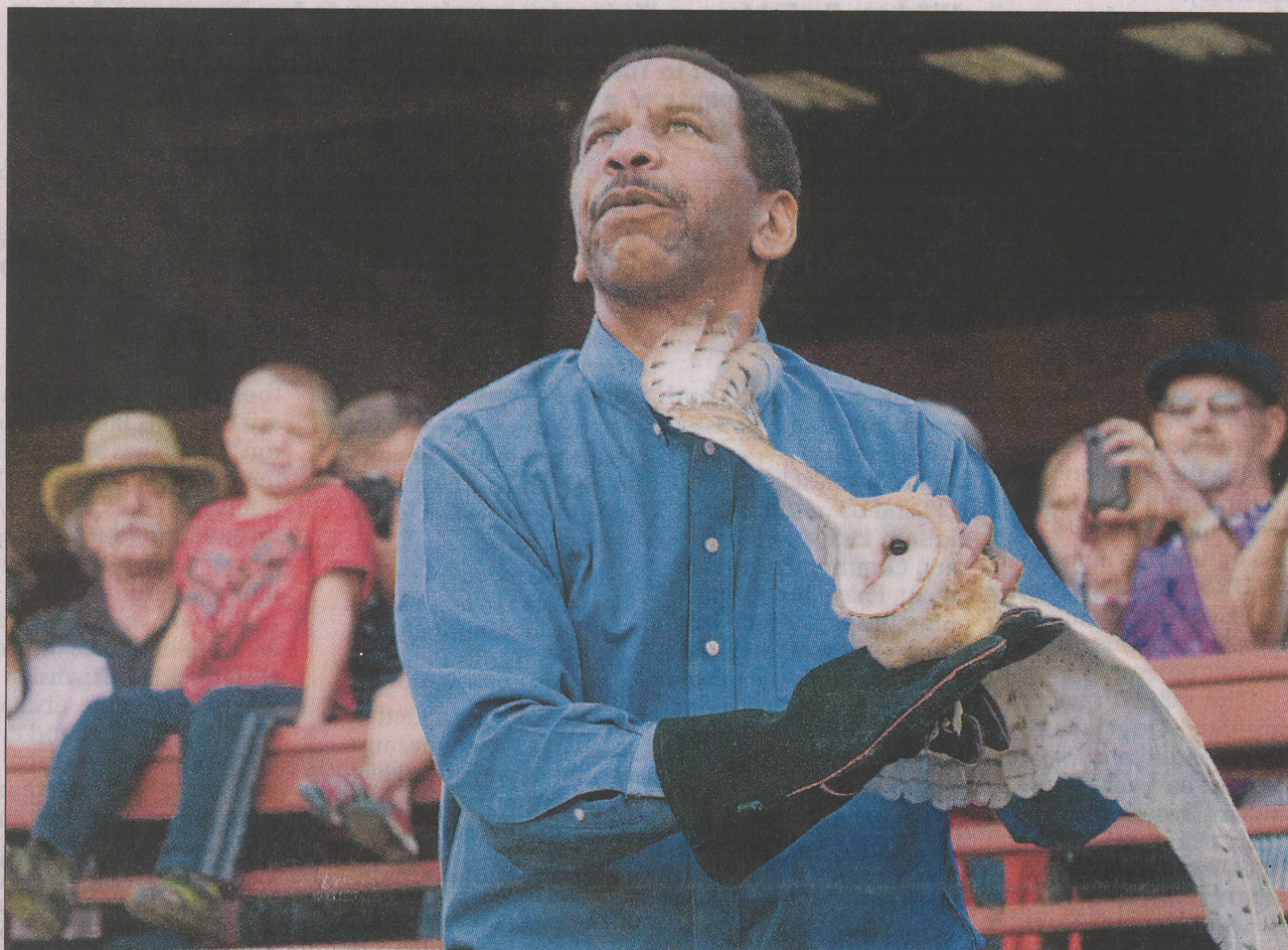
In December 2010, the URMD Advisory Committee was formed in response to repeated concerns about safety from walkers and bi-

cyclists using many of these roadways.

The committee found jagged or incomplete sidewalks on 135 miles of urban roads, making navigation by bike or foot difficult. Additionally, the committee found the lack of connectivity puts many children walking to school in some jeopardy.

Pavement conditions for nearly all routes in the URMD are up to "fair or better" condition, as promised to voters when the district was formed in 1987. But a staff analysis found significant savings could be realized over the next decade by slightly lowering the pavement quality. While roads now have a pavement condition index average score of 85 out of 100, modeling showed \$12 to \$17 million could be diverted to other

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## Back to the wild

**Christopher Driggins, president and founder of Northwest Bird Rescue, prepares to release one of four barn owl owlets he rescued in May. In all, six**

**rescued owlets were released Wednesday evening at the edge of Jackson Bottom Wetlands.**