

**HERMISTON**

# Student to sing at Oregon Capitol after catching representative's ear

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When the 2015 legislative session begins in Salem on Monday a Hermiston sixth grader will be adding her voice to the mix.

Nattalie Gray won't be testifying in front of the Oregon House of Representatives but she will sing for them. Her rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A." will help kick off the session.

Nattalie, an honors student at Armand Larive Middle School, was given the honor of helping open the session after catching the attention of Rep. Greg Smith, (R-Heppner) when she sang the national anthem at his son's football game at Kennison Field.

"When I was done singing he told me I did a really good job," she said.

Not surprisingly, the 11-year-old didn't recognize her state representative by sight, but when he extended the invitation to sing at the Capitol building, she realized he must be someone important.

"When he asked me to sing at the state Capitol, I thought he meant some kind of football game," Nattalie said. "I didn't know what he meant but I could tell it was big."



Photo contributed by Robert Luke/Lukes Photos  
**Nattalie Gray, 11, sings at the Hermiston Swim Team talent show January 3 at the Hermiston High School auditorium. She will sing the national anthem on Monday at the state Capitol in Salem to open the 2015 legislative session.**

Once she understood exactly where she would be performing, she was even more excited. She chose

"God Bless the U.S.A." because it has special meaning to her father, Bruce, as the song that was played at his graduation from Army boot camp.

Nattalie said after she sings she will probably stick around for a while to watch the legislative process at work. It will be her first time at the Capitol.

She said singing is one of her favorite hobbies and "always will be." She sings all the time — at church, at talent shows, as a "mini-concert" for the neighbors and even under her breath in class when her attention wanders.

It was the singing in class that impressed her teacher enough get her an invitation to sing the national anthem when Heppner played at Kennison field, and things have snowballed from there.

Nattalie said she isn't very nervous. She has been practicing plenty, and administrators at Armand Larive showed their support by letting her practice by singing "God bless the U.S.A." at a recent assembly.

"I think it's going to be fun," she said. "I'm thankful for the opportunity."

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**PUBLIC SAFETY LOG**

**FRIDAY**

- An employee of Krome Diesel Repair at 8:37 a.m. reported the theft of 1992 and 1996 Ford Ranger pickups from the business at 31092 Baggett Lane, Hermiston.
- A caller at 8:48 a.m. told Pendleton police someone stole all the LED lights from the dental business at 715 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.
- A woman at 10:42 a.m. told Pendleton police a mechanic found someone tampered with her vehicle.
- A Pendleton High School student at about 11 a.m. threatened an administrator. A staff member asked Pendleton police to send an officer to the school at 1800 N.W. Carden Ave.
- Thieves in the last week stole motors from equipment and gas cans from Crop Production Services Inc., 30854 Feedville Road, Hermiston. A caller at 2:37 p.m. reported the theft and said there was a knife at the crime scene.
- A crying woman at about 4:15 p.m. on Southeast Third Street and Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, slammed her baby carriage against a fence.

**SATURDAY**

- A man in his 40s at about 1:40 a.m. dropped a firearm while inside the Riverside Sports Bar & Lounge, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla. An employee of the business asked police for "a courtesy drive through."
- A Pendleton resident of Southwest 16th street at 9:01 a.m. told police someone stole gas and tried to break into a vacant house, and it all happened after new people moved to the neighborhood.
- A Helix resident on Harrison Street at about noon reported a male and a female took pictures of her house and her neighbor's then left toward Athena in a blue pickup.
- A woman at about 1 p.m. slammed and broke the door at Big Smoke, 1902 S.W. Emigrant Ave., after an employee of the business told her she could not bring her children into the business. The employee also gave police a description of the woman and the car she drove.
- A Pendleton man at 1:11 p.m. reported he asked his girlfriend to leave his residence on Southeast Ninth Street and she took his two computers.
- Pendleton police at 8:23 p.m. received a call about a fight at the back of the Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court St. Then at about 9:30 p.m., a woman at Christy's Korral Tavern, 406 Highway 11, Pendleton, told police she was the victim of an assault and theft, but she refused medical help.
- A man at 9:11 p.m. told the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office each time he tries to talk to his wife about divorce, she calls 9-1-1 and tries to get him arrested. He asked for a deputy to talk to him about his options.
- A man at 9:38 p.m. reported that on the morning of Jan. 10, two males wearing ski masks stole his wallet, cellphone and coat at Echo Cemetery on Thielson and Cemetery roads.

**SUNDAY**

- A Umatilla resident at 1:55 a.m. reported her ex-boyfriend is out of jail and sent her a harassing text message.
- A man at 2:42 p.m. told Pendleton police a little boy wandered into his house on Southwest Second Street and does not know where he lives or his phone number.
- A caller at 2:43 p.m. reported that in the last 10 days someone stole five corral panels, two horse feeders with hay racks and a 150-gallon watering trough, all worth a total of \$2,000, from property on Bingham Road, Adams.
- A Pendleton woman at 6:39 p.m. reported \$400 in fraudulent bank card withdraws from her account following the theft of her purse.
- A Pendleton woman at 9:57 p.m. reported her juvenile daughter, who does not have a license, stole her vehicle from Pendleton Square Apartments, 300 S.W. 28th Drive. A police sergeant talked to the daughter, who said she would harm herself if she was in trouble for taking the vehicle. She also said she told her mother where the vehicle was. The mother told police she considered her daughter a runaway and authorized the county juvenile services to lodge her when police find her.

**ARRESTS, CITATIONS**

- Friday**
  - Pendleton police arrested Casey Edward Wohlford, 36, of Pendleton, for first-degree burglary and first-degree theft.
- Saturday**
  - Pendleton police arrested Bruce James Winkler, 29, of Pendleton, on domestic violence charges of felony fourth-degree assault and misdemeanor strangulation and menacing.
- Sunday**
  - Pendleton police arrested Francisco Diaz Zarate, 20, no address provided, for attempt to elude in a vehicle and on foot, two counts of reckless driving, all misdemeanors, and one count of possession of a forged instrument, a felony.

**LOTTERY**

Friday, Jan. 23	Lucky Lines
<b>Megamillions</b> 14-15-32-68-72 Megaball: 8 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	04-08-11-16-FREE-18-23-27-32 Estimated jackpot: \$54,000
<b>Lucky Lines</b> 02-08-11-16-FREE-20-24-27-31 Estimated jackpot: \$53,000	<b>Pick 4</b> 1 p.m.: 3-0-5-5 4 p.m.: 1-6-8-7 7 p.m.: 1-9-0-3 10 p.m.: 1-6-3-8 <b>Win for Life</b> 12-16-31-58
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b>	<b>Sunday, Jan. 25</b>
<b>Powerball</b> 16-19-20-29-33 Powerball: 10 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$230 million	<b>Lucky Lines</b> 02-08-12-14-FREE-18-23-25-30 Estimated jackpot: \$55,000
<b>Megabucks</b> 10-23-29-34-38-47 Estimated jackpot: \$79 million	<b>Pick 4</b> 1 p.m.: 5-0-3-2

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## Shooting victim's status improved

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A man shot in Hermiston Thursday night has improved from critical to serious condition.

Giovanni Avila, 21, of Umatilla was transported by air ambulance to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland with a gunshot wound to the chest after an incident outside Foxwood Apartments, 1072 W. Orchard Avenue.

The shooting remains under investigation. Police said Friday that Avila, his younger brother and two friends were involved in an altercation with three unknown males from Hermiston when the shooting took place. Raul Frias, 22, was also transported to the hospital that night with a head injury from the fight.

"This is going to be a very difficult crime to solve unless we are given more information to pursue," Hermiston police Chief Jason Edmiston said Friday. "Unfortunately we have very limited information to dig into."

On Monday he said the department did not have any new information to release.

**MILTON-FREEWATER**

## Woman recovering in hospital after attack

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The Milton-Freewater woman who suffered a slashing at the hands of an ex-boyfriend soon will be out of the hospital.

Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer reported Monday that Angelica Campos-Diaz, 22, is "recovering well considering the gravity of her injuries" and should be going home in a day or two.

Her ex-boyfriend, Ramon Jonathan Leon Gonzalez, 22, remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton. He pleaded not guilty Friday in Umatilla County Circuit court to charges of attempted murder and first-degree burglary.

Boedigheimer in a written

statement said Gonzalez at about 10:30 p.m. Thursday broke into Campos-Diaz's apartment at 921 Cowl St., Milton-Freewater, stabbed her twice in the torso and once in the throat. Officers arrived, heard Gonzalez yelling and found Campos-Diaz bleeding profusely. The estranged couple's 4-year-old child also was in the apartment but was not physically harmed.

According to police Gonzalez broke into the apartment through a window. Campos-Diaz underwent emergency surgery at Providence Saint Mary's Medical Center, Walla Walla. Gonzalez has a court appearance Wednesday morning where he could face new charges.

**BRIEFLY**

**Calling all leprechauns**

HEPPNER — A planning meeting for the upcoming Wee Bit O' Ireland celebration is set this week.

People are asked to RSVP for the Wednesday meeting, which is at 6 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. Pizza and beverages will be supplied.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at [heppnerchamber@centurytel.net](mailto:heppnerchamber@centurytel.net) or 541-676-5536.

**Stanfield band sells donuts as fundraiser**

STANFIELD — Krispy Kreme donuts will be available for purchase in

Hermiston and Stanfield. The Stanfield High School band is holding the fundraiser to help support its band tour in April to Lake Chelan, Washington.

The original glazed donuts, which are \$11 per dozen, can be purchased Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hermiston Wal-Mart, 1350 N. First St., or Main Street Market, 225 S. Main St., Stanfield.

**Classes focus on fine art photography**

BAKER CITY — Photographer Michael Anderson will lead a pair of upcoming classes at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center.

The first class, Fine Art Photography-Basic to

Advanced, places emphasis on the creation of fine art pieces using a digital photograph as a starting point. The session is Friday from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

A High Dynamic Range (HDR) Photography class is Saturday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The session focuses on using HDR tools and techniques to improve photography.

Both classes are \$75 each (\$50 for members) and are held at Crossroads, located at 2020 Auburn Ave.,

Baker City. For more information, contact 541-523-5369, [derek@crossroads-arts.org](mailto:derek@crossroads-arts.org) or visit [www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org).

Submit information to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com) or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

**All You Can Eat Seafood Feast!**  
February 7 • 6:00 pm • \$30.00  
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Ric Jones, BC-HIS Verna Taylor, HAS

**Celebrating 95 years!**  
Come join us for a Birthday Celebration for Ernie Rostock's 95th Birthday Open House  
Ernie Rostock  
Sat., Jan. 31st  
2 - 4 pm  
McKay Creek Estates

**HEALTHY SATURDAYS**  
Are you or someone you know ready to lose those extra pounds and inches and learn how to keep them off?  
**2nd Saturday, every month**  
10am-12pm  
GSMC Wellness Center (behind hospital)

**DEMENTIA**  
FREE presentation by Jennifer Baus from the Alzheimer's Association as she provides information on the types of dementia, how to recognize them and an in-depth talk about what it all means.  
**February 5th • 6-7:00pm**  
GSMC Conference Rm 1

**BREASTFEEDING**  
Come to this FREE class, taught by a certified lactation consultant, and learn techniques that make for a successful breastfeeding experience. Free but please pre-register.  
**February 4 • 12-1:30pm**  
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