

Helix teacher, students earn VFW awards

Griswold High School business and social studies teacher **Lorin Kubishta** was recently selected as the Oregon recipient of the Smart/Maher **Veterans of Foreign Wars** Citizenship Education Teacher Award. The award recognizes exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Kubishta will next be considered for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Kubishta's 11th grade U.S. history class also participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy contest, with **Tucker Wilson** placing first at the post level, first at the district level, and fifth at the state level to earn \$1,400 in scholarships.

Helix middle school students also earned awards for essay contests. **Annie Wood**, a member of **Kathy DeRuwe's** language arts class, was a winner in the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest. She placed first at the post level, first at the district level, and sixth at the state level for a total award of \$860. Classmate **Hannah Christman** placed second at the post level and second at the district level for a total of \$500.



Lorin Kubishta



Tucker Wilson

THANK YOUS

Armand Larive thanks Altrusa for literacy program

On behalf of Armand Larive Middle School Language Arts Department, I would like to thank the **Altrusa Club of Hermiston** for supporting literacy in our school. Literacy Foundation chairs **Karen Zacharias** and **Angela Pursel** worked with our school to bring in **Maureen McQuerry** as a guest author. Mrs. McQuerry spent the day with our eighth grade language arts students. She gave five presentations and spent two hours working on writing with a group of 15 sixth-eighth grade students. Not only did Altrusa bring in this fabulous author, they sponsored a writing contest in which the winners received Barnes and Noble gift certificates and a set of Mrs. McQuerry's books. Our library also received a set of her books.

What a way to celebrate Read Across America — an author, books, and a writing workshop, all thanks to Altrusa of Hermiston! We appreciate you!

Corinne Applegate
Armand Larive Middle School
language arts
Hermiston

Pie Social volunteers, donors appreciated

The McKay Creek Pie Social is a long standing and popular Pendleton tradition. For over 40 years, this event has been bringing together students, their families, and our neighborhoods for an evening of yummy treats, raffles, and carnival games. This year was no different. The Parents' Club at McKay would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their donations, time, effort, and support for our annual fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without you!

A very special thank you to all of the family members who volunteered with set up, in the kitchen, manning

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Irrigon residents attend Palma fete

Dick and Norma McCombs of Irrigon were guests of honor at a prestigious event for **Juan Palma** on March 5, 2015, in Salt Lake City. Dick McCombs followed **Utah Governor Gary Herbert** in recognizing Palma's long, impressive career as he steps down as Utah State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

The McCombs were influential in the early years of Palma's career and were recognized as mentors in helping him become established in what was to become a long and highly successful profession. The McCombs stepped in with support and encouragement, assisting the young Palma family in John Day where Dick McCombs worked for the U.S. Forest Service, opening the



Dick McCombs of Irrigon was invited to attend an event recognizing Juan Palma, Utah State BLM Director.

way for Palma's first job with Malheur National Forest. Palma's story can be

found in the article "Only In America," written by Doug Robinson for *The Deseret News* (<http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865614604/Only-in-America-.html?pg=all>).



Preschool children from Playtime Education participated in a March 12 tour led by Executive Director Lynn Tompkins at Blue Mountain Wildlife.

Preschoolers donate to Blue Mountain Wildlife

Playtime Education's preschool class joined with parents from the community to tour **Blue Mountain Wildlife's** facility. Kids spent the last week learning about predators, prey and the food chain. With the food cost for 2014 hitting the \$60,000 mark, kids at the preschool set out to donate money to purchase "food" for the injured birds.

Blue Mountain Wildlife's mission is to is to preserve

wildlife and the habitats where they live through wildlife rehabilitation and public education. One-time donations and monthly sustaining donations, which are tax deductible, can be

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Hermiston man wins speech contests

Toastmasters International celebrated the Area B-2 and B-3 Speech and Evaluation contests March 14 in the Birch Room at Wildhorse Resort and Casino's hotel. **Gabino Gispert** of Hermiston earned first place honors for Area B-2 and **Pam Murray** of Walla Walla took first place for Area B-3.

The **Tumbleweed Toast-**

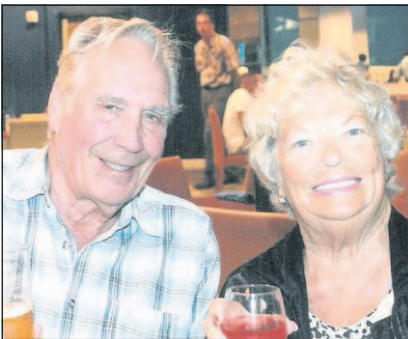
masters Club of Hermiston will host the division speech contest Tuesday, April 7 at 6 p.m. at Blue Mountain Community College, where Gispert, Murray and three other speakers from areas B1, B4 and B5 will compete.

Anyone wanting to improve leadership and speech abilities is invited to see what Toastmasters can do for you.

ANNIVERSARY

Clyde and Betty Nobles

Clyde and Betty Nobles of Umatilla were married March 4, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in Hermiston. That church was located at the corner of Highway 395 and Gladys



Clyde and Betty Nobles

Avenue, which is currently the site of a service station. The couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during a recent two-week vacation in Waikiki Beach, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Both Clyde and Betty graduated from Umatilla High School, in 1952 and 1954 respectively, and Clyde from Oregon State University in 1960. They have three children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

BIRTHS

St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton

MARCH. 18, 2015

SAMPSON — Castina Shippentower of Pendleton; a girl, Skyla J. Sampson.

MARCH 19, 2015

BRONSON — Alanna J. Thompson-Poore and Jesse R. Bronson of Weston; a boy, Winn Ray Bronson.

WALKER — Josie R. Erickson and Dakota M. Walker of Pilot Rock; a boy, Quincy David Walker.

MARCH 23, 2015

CORDELL — Kayla R. McGarva and Steven B. Cordell of Pendleton; a boy, Landon Luke Cordell.

Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston

MARCH. 18, 2015

COLLYER — Jolene Collyer and Cory Collyer of Hermiston; a girl, Kinzee R. Collyer.

MARCH 20, 2015

BRUNING — Jennifer L. Bruning and Steven A. Bruning of Pendleton; a girl, Alexis Faith Bruning.

GUTIERREZ — Elizabeth Gutierrez and Abraham Gutierrez of Hermiston; a boy, Giovanni Gutierrez.

MARCH 22, 2015

VARGAS ARMENTA — Cristina Vargas Armenta and Emmanuel Vargas Arriaga of Hermiston; a boy, Joaquin Vargas Armenta.

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