

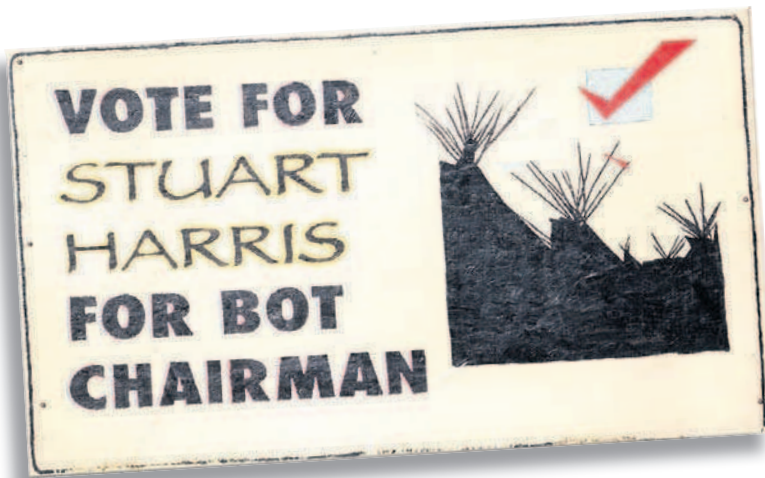
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## HERMISTON Split vote postpones pot decision

By JADE MCDOWELL  
East Oregonian

An ordinance that would defer the question of marijuana dispensaries to the voters in Hermiston was stalled on Monday after two councilors voted no on a second reading.

The vote must be unanimous for an ordinance to be passed during the same council meeting when it is first read.

Councilor John Kirwan made a motion to send the ban on commercial marijuana activity to the voters after pointing out that in Pendleton one city councilor was estimating the city would bring in less than \$6,000 in tax revenue from allowing it, while another calculated more than \$100,000 a year. He said putting the issue on the November 2016 ballot would give the voters time to study those questions for themselves and come to a conclusion.

"This is a time we don't have to make a decision," he said.

Councilor Rod Hardin disagreed, however, saying he was willing to make a stand against marijuana dispensaries after Hermiston voters rejected marijuana legalization last year. Councilor Doug Smith also voted against the ordinance,

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**Milton-Freewater may allow medical marijuana sales**  
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## NINE SEATS ON THE LINE

Tribal members will choose from 26 candidates in CTUIR election

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
East Oregonian

The most competitive set of political races in Eastern Oregon won't be in any city, county or district this year.

Instead, 2015's most contested election will be for the nine seats on the Board of Trustees, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's governing body.

When tribal members go to the polls Nov. 17, they will have 26 candidates on their ballot — four candidates for chairman, two for vice-chairman, two for treasurer, five for secretary and 13 for three at-large seats.

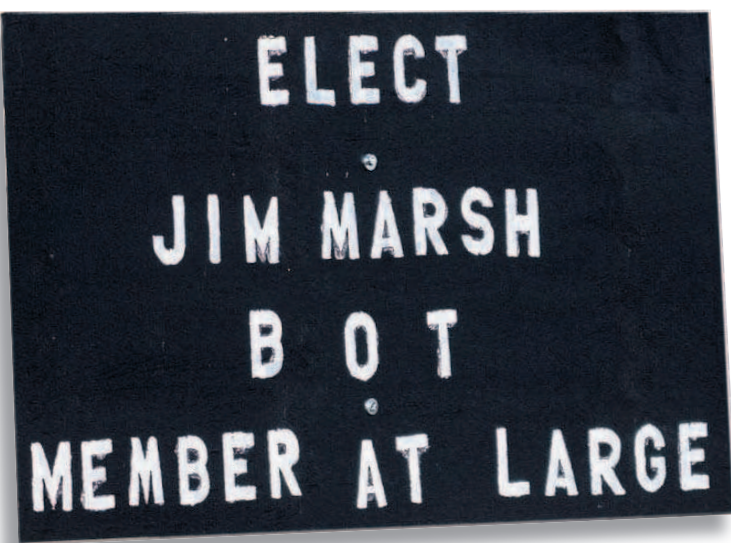
While governing a tribe is unique in its cultural and structural aspects, some of the issues candidates are discussing share similarities with non-tribal communities across the country, including economic development, education and affordable housing.

Board of Trustees member Justin Quaempts is an incumbent seeking another two-year term in tribal government.

Having completed his first term in office, Quaempts wrote in an email that even though the job could be challenging at times, the board accomplished a lot over the past two years.

"We have raised the CTUIR scholarship amount, increased elder stipends, dedicated a million dollars to a new education center, created an innovative CTUIR "Day Labor" program that is thriving, devoted money towards developing an organiza-

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**Board of Trustees candidates**

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| <b>CHAIRMAN</b><br>Elwood Patawa<br>Gary Burke*<br>Kat Brigham<br>Stuart Harris                          | <b>AT-LARGE</b><br>Aaron Ashley<br>Armand Minthorn*<br>David Wolf Jr.<br>Ellen Taylor<br>Jim Marsh<br>Justin Quaempts*<br>Les Minthorn<br>Lisa Ganuelas<br>Louisa Allman<br>Michael R. Johnson<br>Mitch Pond<br>Scott Minthorn<br>Woodrow Star* |
| <b>VICE-CHAIRMAN</b><br>Jeremy Wolf<br>Leo Stewart*                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>TREASURER</b><br>Aaron Hines*<br>Rosenda Shippentower                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>SECRETARY</b><br>David Close<br>Lawanda Bronson<br>Leila Spencer<br>Roberta Wilson<br>Shawna M. Gavin | * denotes incumbent                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**HERMISTON**

## Making room for the student boom

Deputy Superintendent recommends five more modular classrooms

By SEAN HART  
East Oregonian

More Hermiston students will likely be learning in modular classrooms next year.

To accommodate enrollment growth, Hermiston School District Deputy Superintendent Wade Smith recommended that the district procure four or five additional portable buildings at the school board work session Monday.

His recommendation, which will likely be approved in the consent agenda at the Nov. 9 board meeting, was to purchase one two-classroom modular with bathrooms for Desert View Elementary School and to rent three two-classroom modulars without bathrooms for Hermiston High School. He also said the district may need to rent another modular with one or two rooms for Sunset Elementary School as well, depending on fluctuation in this year's enrollment.

The modular for Desert View would match three existing modulars already there. Smith said with the extra modular, the school can accommodate four classes per grade level, and any additional students would have to be transported to other schools with more capacity. He said the unit

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## Students take 100-plus required tests through 12th grade

Some districts wait 2-4 months to get state results

By JENNIFER C. KERR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Students, parents and teachers have long lamented the hours that kids spend taking standardized tests, especially since the introduction of the Common Core academic standards. But just how much time each year?

- A. Between 10-15 hours.
- B. Between 20-25 hours.
- C. Between 30-35 hours.

The correct answer is "B," according to a comprehensive study of 66 of the nation's big-city school districts by the Council of the Great City Schools. It said testing amounts to about 2.3 percent of classroom time for

**"Learning is about so much more than just filling in the right bubble."**

— President Barack Obama

the average 8th-grader in public school. Between pre-K and 12th grade, students took about 112 mandatory standardized exams. It said testing amounts to 2.3 percent of classroom time for the average 8th-grader.

The study analyzed the time spent actually taking the tests, but it did not include the hours

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AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File  
In this 2014 file photo, students at a summer reading academy at Buchanan elementary school work in the computer lab at the school in Oklahoma City.

