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## Pot ordinance stalls again

Council can't get fifth vote to send issue to residents

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

Hermiston City Council will have to take another run at sending a marijuana dispensary ban to the voters.

Councilors thought they had passed the ordinance putting dispensaries on the ballot after a 4-2 vote Monday but were reminded that at least five councilors must vote for an ordinance for it to pass.

An ordinance that doesn't receive five votes in either direction will automatically appear on the agenda for subsequent meetings until five councilors vote for or against it.

Councilors John Kirwan, Doug Primmer, Clara Beas Fitzgerald and Jackie Myers voted in favor

of the ordinance while Rod Hardin and Doug Smith voted against. Manuel Gutierrez abstained, citing his position on the Good Shepherd Health Foundation board, and Lori Davis was absent.

Under rules laid out by the

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## Wolves off endangered species list

By **ERIC MORTENSON**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM – After nearly 11 hours of emotional testimony, back and forth discussion and two timeouts for legal advice from a state attorney, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission voted 4-2 Monday to take gray wolves off the state endangered species list.

In making the decision, commission members agreed with an ODFW staff appraisal that the state's wolves have expanded in number and range to the point that they no longer need protection under the state Endangered Species Act.

Oregon's wolves remain covered under the federal ESA in the western two-thirds of the state, and ODFW officials say the state wolf management plan remains in effect and will protect wolves from illegal hunting.

The decision doesn't close the book on Oregon's work to manage wolves. Some commission members made it clear they preferred to delist wolves only in the eastern third of the state, where most of Oregon's 82 confirmed wolves live, but were prevented from doing so by language in the state law.

Meanwhile, conservation groups are

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# Finding Uncle Eddie

Missing since WWII, Pendleton soldier part of Manila memorial wall

By **KATHY ANEY**  
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Phil Hodgen grew up hearing about his Uncle Eddie.

Edward O. Williams was a fun-loving banker, a popular young man about town in Pendleton. He'd played football at Pendleton High School. He loved to draw and fancied himself as a cartoonist.

Hodgen, whose middle name is Edward after his uncle, never got the chance to meet his mother's youngest brother. Edward joined the Army Air Corp with four of his high school buddies, and lost his life in Burma in his early twenties only seven months before the end of World War II. The family got a telegram informing them of Eddie's death, but the staff sergeant's body was never recovered.

So, that was that. The family grieved and slowly got used to the idea that Eddie would never come home.

"But, there was always a hole there," Hodgen said. "He was just a story in our lives."

Then, a little over a year ago, a serendipitous conversation gave Hodgen a chance to reconnect with his uncle's memory. At his son's wedding, a family member mentioned that his cousin (with whom Hodgen had lost touch) had learned that Uncle Eddie might be memorialized at the Philippines American Cemetery in Manila.

"The family never knew," said Hodgen, who is a retired DEQ spokesman who lives in Pendleton.

The 152-acre cemetery sits on property that was once a U.S. outpost named Fort William McKinley. Among the 17,202 soldiers buried there are numerous Americans. Names of more than 36,000 missing service members appear on white marble tablets. That's where the name Edward O. Williams might be

In honor of Veterans Day, the *East Oregonian* will feature stories of local soldiers all week. See **Page 6A** for a list of local events to thank veterans for their service. See Wednesday's paper for a special insert.



**Edward O. Williams, who played football for Pendleton High School, died in World War II and is still listed as missing. He is memorialized at the Manila American Cemetery.**  
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**BOARDMAN**

## Farmers Ending Hunger unveils SAGE Center exhibit

Portland Mayor Hales makes trip for event

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**  
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By the time 2015 draws to a close, Farmers Ending Hunger expects to donate nearly 4 million pounds of fresh, locally grown food to the Oregon Food Bank for the year.

That's a single-year record and about 1.5 million pounds more than the organization managed in 2014, but Executive Director John Burt said they can still do more.

"There's a big hunger issue

in this state," Burt said. "We need people to get involved."

A crowd of 85 people gathered Saturday evening at the SAGE Center in Boardman to celebrate Farmers Ending Hunger, including Portland Mayor Charlie Hales and Oregon Food Bank CEO Susannah Morgan. The event also doubled as an unveiling for the new Farmers Ending Hunger exhibit at the SAGE Center — Boardman's visitor's center and regional agricultural museum.

Fred Ziari, president and CEO of IRZ Consulting in

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## The buck stopped there

A buck stands in a field off of South Market Road on Monday near Mission.

