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## MISSION

# One dead in reservation shooting

FBI continues to investigate,  
second victim remains in hospital

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

One Pendleton man is dead and another wounded after a shooting Saturday morning on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Tony Jimenez, 27, died after emergency efforts to save his life, while Beau Welch, 31, suffered a gunshot to a leg. He had surgery Monday at St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton. Welch is a member of

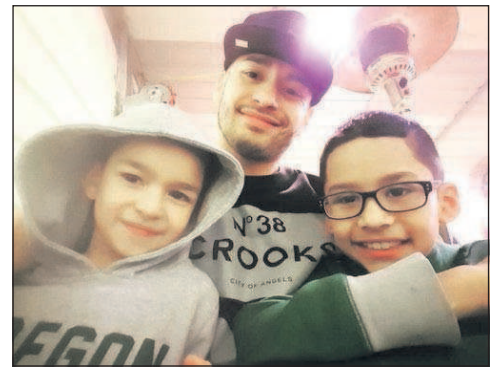
the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Tribal police and FBI agents arrested one man in connection to the violence — Victor Joseph Contreras, 23, of California. Police booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, on local charges of attempted murder, first-degree assault, second-degree

assault, unlawful possession of a firearm and felon in possession of a firearm. He was due Monday in federal court in Portland.

Assistant United States attorney Scott Kerin is prosecuting the case. He is the top drug prosecutor in the attorney's office for the District of Oregon.

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Tony Jimenez, who was shot and killed on Saturday morning in Mission, poses with his two sons in this photo.

Photo contributed by Marisol Jimenez

*"When people engage in music, it becomes a more beautiful world."*

— Josh Rist, Hermiston choir director

# MUSIC MATTERS



Staff Photo by Jennifer Colton

Fourth-grader Sydney Stocker helps Raul Cortes DeLaPaz during a Wednesday music class at Desert View Elementary in Hermiston.

## Hermiston schools make music programs a priority for all ages

By JENNIFER COLTON  
East Oregonian

In Hermiston, the halls are alive with the sound of music.

Every student, preschool through high school, has the option to make music a part of their education, and the Hermiston School District is seeing the benefits of keeping the programs alive through budget cuts and space constraints.

Each elementary school continues to house a full-time music teacher, and the secondary schools offer music, band and choir programs.

"Research has shown a connection between participation in music education programs and student success, such as improvement in brain function and a person's ability to process language," Bryn Browning, assistant super-

intendent, said in a written statement. "Foundational skills for teaching reading and language begin with song and rhyme — think back to your own childhood or the types of books, songs and poems we read/sing to our own children."

For the past two years, Hermiston has been named a "Best Community for Music Education" by the National Association of Music

Merchants Foundation. Last year, 388 districts nationwide were selected for the designation; Hermiston was the only district in the state of Oregon. The district has applied again this year, and the winners will be announced in April.

On Wednesday afternoon, students hummed with activity, ready for spring break. At

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## COST OF TRANSPARENCY Legislators rival agencies in high fees, long waits

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Lawmakers just wrapped up a packed session in which they passed important laws on minimum wage, housing and renewable energy that were negotiated behind closed doors.

Their response to a public records request shows how time consuming and expensive it can be for reporters — and the public — to find out who attended and helped shape legislation during those closed-door meetings.

The Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau on Dec. 18 requested the calendars of 11 legislators. Lawmaker calendars are considered a public record under state law. The bureau planned to examine the schedules to find out how legislative leaders and committee chairpersons spent their time and whom they met with leading up to votes on key policy proposals.

While many state agencies provide public records for free, the two most powerful people in the Legislature, House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, and Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, were among lawmakers who slapped the highest price tags on their calendars.

Initially, five of the 11 lawmakers volunteered to waive fees associated with releasing their calendars. The other six legislators, including Kotek and Courtney, provided the bureau with estimates that totaled \$1,200 to release less than 12 months of their calendars. To reduce the cost, the bureau narrowed its request to the calendars of Kotek and Courtney.

As of March 16, the bureau had yet to receive any of the records. Suzanne Trujillo, deputy legislative counsel, said she did not yet have a timeline for when the request would be complete.

### Waiving the fees

Excessive fees and long delays for public records are "a barrier to access," said Jack Orchard, attorney for the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, and a longtime advocate for inexpensive access to public records. "It is

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## PENDLETON

# Farmers market considers return to Main Street

Season starts May 6

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
East Oregonian

The Pendleton Farmers Market may stay on Main Street after all.

A week after announcing the Farmers Market would seek a new home for its 2016 season, board president Mary Ann McCune said Monday the board wants to reopen negotiations with the city of Pendleton to keep the seasonal event on Main Street after receiving public support to keep it there.

The original desire to move arose from a conflict between the market's board, the city and several Main Street business owners.

Each Friday afternoon from

May through October, the nonprofit-operated market opens on the 300 block of Main Street, where vendors offer regionally sourced produce, crafts and food. The event closes the block to traffic and parking for about five hours each week.

After fielding complaints from downtown businesses the past few seasons, the city and the farmers market agreed to keep vendors' offloading trucks away from parking spaces in front of MaySon's Old Fashioned General Store and Alexander's Chocolate Classics as a condition of its street closure permit.

According to City Manager Robb Corbett, the farmers market

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Patrons purchase fruit at a booth at the Pendleton Farmers Market.



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