

HERMISTON

# Twins surprised with OSU scholarships

Award totals \$80,000

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A pair of twins were surprised with \$80,000 in scholarships Wednesday at Hermiston High School.

"I didn't know this was going on. My dad said he was picking us up, and I thought we were going somewhere else," Andrea Gispert-Tello said Wednesday. "I had no idea."

Gispert-Tello and her twin sister, Sofia, each received a Presidential Award to Oregon State University. Wednesday afternoon, Amanda Hutchinson, regional admissions advisor for OSU, surprised the twins with the formal award, noting that the scholarship is awarded to less than 1 percent of OSU admitted freshmen.

"Sofia and Andrea have shown tremendous leadership and academic excellence," Hutchinson said. "They should really be proud of all that they have accomplished."

To be considered for a Presidential Scholarship, students must be a current Oregon high school senior, have a minimum 3.85 unweighted GPA and a minimum score of 1900 SAT or 29 ACT. Applicants are evaluated based on accomplishments, perspectives, experiences and talents; achievements within the context of social and personal circumstances of the student; and participation in activities that develop academic, intellectual and leadership abilities.

The renewable scholarship provides \$10,000 a year for four years, of \$40,000



Hermiston High School seniors Andrea and Sofia Gispert-Tello stand with their parents, Gabino Gispert and Rosario Tello, after receiving Presidential Awards from Oregon State University on Wednesday.



Hermiston High School senior Sofia Gispert-Tello signs a letter acknowledging receipt of a Presidential Award to Oregon State University while her twin sister, Andrea, looks on Wednesday at Hermiston High School.

per student. OSU is the only school both seniors are still considering. The twins said if they do not attend OSU, they likely will not attend the same college. Andrea

hopes to study chemical engineering and pre-med to become a dermatologist. Sofia has her eyes on international business.

Each student has also been accepted into presti-

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gious programs for the spring and summer, including a two-week program at NYU Shanghai for Andrea and a program at Occidental College for Sofia.

"I am really proud," father Gabino Gispert said. "Really proud."

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Staff photo by Jade McDowell

The Frantz family takes a family photo in front of the new memory care home at Guardian Angel Homes in Hermiston. Left to right are Marty Frantz, Cindy Frantz, Matt Frantz, Jennifer Baus Samoska, Tyson Frantz, Betty Osterdock and Jean Frantz.

# Guardian Angel opens memory care facility

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Guardian Angel Homes celebrated the opening of its new memory care facilities with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday.

Members of the Frantz family got emotional during the ceremony as they described the labor of love that has gone into the project, one of several homes they own around the Pacific Northwest.

"It's the people that this business is about," Tyson Frantz said. "That's what we do."

His father Marty Frantz, who was also present, started the family-owned business after Marty's own father suffered a stroke and developed severe dementia in 1997. Marty's daughter Jennifer Baus Samoska said the experience of finding his father care helped him realize that the options available for memory care were often impersonal and institution-like. Frantz decided to build facilities that felt more like a home, and his wife and children have joined in that endeavor.

"We know people do best, and thrive, in a home-like atmosphere," she said.

In Hermiston the Tuskan Home, with 16 private bedrooms and bathrooms, is scheduled to open as soon as the final inspections are done, while

a second 16-room Ranch Home will be open in two to four months. Both buildings sit behind the Guardian Angel Homes assisted living facility that the family also owns.

A professional chef will serve all three facilities with nutritious home cooking. Baus Samoska said the staff-to-patient ratios for the new homes will be high, including a full-time registered nurse on site.

"The care we're able to provide with this design is really unique," she said.

The facility is a secure one, meant to accommodate residents with dementia who are at risk of wandering away. It includes a secured courtyard with a fountain and plants that residents can access any time.

Hermiston Chamber of Commerce director Debbie Pedro thanked the Frantz family for their "beautiful investment" in the community.

"This is something we've been needing in our community for a long time," she said.

The new homes at 540 N.W. 12th St. will be open for tours on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Seminar, golf event tees off for youths

MISSION — An author and performance coach for professional/Olympic athletes and chief executive officers is the featured speaker for the Inner Excellence Seminar & Charity Golf tournament.

Jim Murphy will share about how people can train their heart and mind to be a world-class performer. The seminar is Saturday, April 16 from 8 a.m. to noon at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. The fee is \$199 per person. The golf tournament follows at 12:35 p.m. at the Wildhorse Golf Course. It costs \$125 per person or \$400 for a foursome. To register for both, the cost is \$285.

Money raised from the events benefits The Salvation Army Community H.O.P.E. youth programs, which stands for health, optimism, positivity and education. It provides after school programs, music camp, self defense anti-bullying classes and life skills.

For more information or to register, visit [www.tsachurch.com](http://www.tsachurch.com) or call 520-891-0860.

## PHS Class of '76 plans reunion

PENDLETON — The Pendleton High School Class of 1976 is planning its 40th reunion and organizers are looking for classmates. The reunion is scheduled for July 15-16, 2016.

For more information, contact Tina Martin at [martintina7@gmail.com](mailto:martintina7@gmail.com) or Mary Earley at [maryearley@hotmail.com](mailto:maryearley@hotmail.com), or visit the group's Facebook page: PHS Class of '76.

## Scottish Rite offers scholarships

High school seniors and current college students are eligible for a pair of \$1,000 scholarships from the Pendleton Valley Scottish Rite.

To be eligible, students must reside in Umatilla or Morrow counties. The application must be completed, which includes general knowledge questions, family financial status and student aspirations.

Applications are available at most high school counseling offices or by calling Joe Maier at 541-571-4431. The application is due by Saturday, April 30.

## PAWS sets annual meeting

PENDLETON — The annual meeting of the Pioneer Humane Society is open to the public.

People can learn more about the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. in the jury room at Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact [sbeers@bluecc.edu](mailto:sbeers@bluecc.edu).

## IRS now accepts taxes at 7-Eleven

(AP) — The Internal Revenue Service announced this week that taxpayers who need to make a payment in cash can now do so at 7-Eleven convenience stores.

While it may seem unusual to pay your taxes where you might otherwise

pick up a Slurpee, it caters to a large number of Americans who do not have a bank account or credit card. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation estimates one in 13 households in the U.S. do not have a bank account.

The IRS said payments would be accepted at more than 7,000 7-Eleven stores nationwide.

Individuals who want to use this option should visit the IRS.gov payments page, and follow instructions there for how to make cash

payments. Taxpayers will receive an email confirming their information and once verified by the IRS, a link with a payment code and instructions. They can then make a payment at a nearby store.

Because it is a multi-step process, the IRS urges people to start it well ahead of this year's April 18 tax deadline to avoid any interest and penalty charges.

There is a \$1,000 payment limit per day and a \$3.99 fee per payment.

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