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**"They say we have guardian angels everywhere — she was mine."**

**Marguerite Darby**, about the pharmacist who started CPR after Darby's cardiac arrest



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Marguerite and Tom Darby sit in the garden of their home outside of Hermiston. The couple was shopping at Rite Aid last month when Marguerite collapsed after suffering cardiac arrest. A pharmacist's fast action in applying CPR may have helped save her life.

## Quick action saves life

Hermiston woman saved while at Rite Aid store

By **KATHY ANEY**  
East Oregonian

Marguerite Darby likely owes her life to a quick-acting pharmacist and a new way of performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Darby, 60, doesn't remember much about the day she went into cardiac arrest at the

Hermiston Rite Aid store. She woke up a week later in a Seattle hospital with only fuzzy memories of shopping for patio furniture with her husband Tom.

On April 27, the couple drove eight miles to town from their farm. They were admiring a display of patio umbrellas at Rite Aid when the routine shopping trip suddenly morphed into

a fight for survival.

"Marguerite said, 'I don't feel right' and immediately passed out," Tom said. "She fell into a shelving area across the aisle and didn't move."

Marguerite had suffered cardiac arrest, an electrical malfunction of the heart. That's different from a heart attack, which involves a blockage.

Tom, in shock, remembers starting mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Pharmacist Sarah Schwab knelt beside him and checked Marguerite's pulse. Finding none, she began CPR compressions. The Clackamas-based pharmacist contracts for the RX Pro Health agency and was filling in that day at Rite Aid. Schwab started hands-only CPR that she learned in her

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## 1.2M votes set primary record

Sanders, Clinton matchup likely drove up totals

By **HILLARY BORRUD**  
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SALEM — More than a million Oregonians cast ballots in Tuesday's primary, meeting expectations set early this week by election officials that a record number of voters would participate.

However, the turnout rate was lower than in the presidential primary eight years ago and it was unclear what impact the state's new automatic voter registration system had on the election results. Oregon has several hundred thousand more registered voters than eight years ago.

"It's an important symbolic threshold, but also the state is growing," said Paul Gronke, a political science professor and director of the Early Voting Information Center at Reed College. "It's sort of like those box office records that have been broken every year. They're kind of meaningless."

According to unofficial totals from the Secretary of State's Office, 1,208,659 votes were cast, for a turnout of 52.7 percent.

Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins said it was only the second time primary turnout has topped the million vote mark, and this year's total broke the previous record. The first time was 2008, when turnout was driven by the Democratic

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## Final returns pending for close races

Final tally to come June 1

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While most local candidates earned decisive victories on Tuesday, a few races will have to wait for a definitive answer.

Although the state closed polls at 8 p.m., Umatilla County Elections Manager Kim Lindell said the county's election division will continue to count ballots through the end of the month. Some voters put their ballot in drop boxes outside the county.

Lindell said the division will release a final tally June 1.

Extra votes could affect the at-large race for a Milton-Freewater City Council seat.

As of Wednesday, Verl Pressnall held a 25 vote lead over Steven Patten, who was appointed over Pressnall in early 2015 to fill the rest of former councilor Sam Hopkins-Hubbard's term.

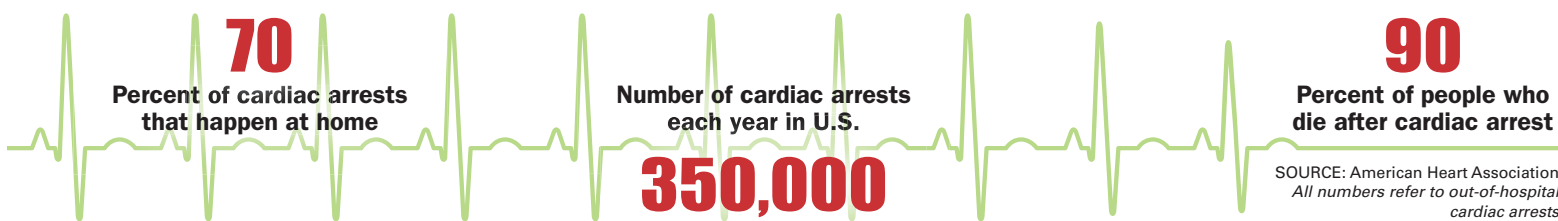
The races for the Democratic nominations for state Senate District 29 and state Representative District 58 will also take a while to play out, but for different reasons.

Since no Democrats entered those races, Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, and Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, urged local Democrats to write their names in on the ballot.

The pair received no opposition in the Republican primary and were hoping to capture enough write-in votes to be coe-nominated.

Union County Commissioner Jack Howard is also seeking the state House District 58 nomination through a write-in campaign while

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## Drug court a path for second chances

Local offenders complete treatment program

By **JENNIFER COLTON**  
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For 10 years, the Umatilla County Drug Court has helped turn fear of failure into second

chances.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to do, but I was afraid. I was afraid of losing my family, of going to jail, afraid that I couldn't stay clean," Christine Massingale, of Hermiston, said. "Drug court saved my life. It really did."

The drug court is an intensive drug and alcohol treatment program that combines group sessions and individual counseling as an alternative to incarceration. Participants attend rehab, have regular drug tests and counseling and do community service. On completion, many members have criminal charges dismissed.

Originally started as a two-year, grant-funded program, Umatilla County Drug Court celebrated its 18th graduation on Friday — and its 187th graduate in 10 years.

"Over the years, we're now in the hundreds of graduates, most of which are very successful," Circuit Court Judge Eva Temple said Friday. "This is what works in Umatilla County."

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Staff Photo by Jennifer Colton

Christine Massingale, of Hermiston, receives a rose of recovery from Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, at Umatilla County Drug Court graduation on Friday.

