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"There used to be a time that adults could vehemently disagree and still part ways as friends."
— Beth Anderson, English teacher at Hermiston High School



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Speaker Hannah Walker asks a question of the opposition during a crossfire section of the Hermiston High School debate finals on Wednesday in Hermiston.

PENDLETON Pierce vows to work in rural Oregon

Governor candidate makes stop in Round-Up City

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Six days out from the election, Bud Pierce was back in Eastern Oregon to encourage supporters. The Republican gubernatorial candidate met about 20 people at a downtown coffee shop in Pendleton early Wednesday.

"If I'm elected governor, I will be your governor," Pierce said. "I'll be rural Oregon's governor."

Pierce, an oncologist, said the best way to get an unfiltered take on what the people of the state think is to go where they are. He promised, if he wins, to spend one week out of each month living in a rural community.

He stayed on that message, saying he would push for a natural resources economy for rural Oregon, which would add jobs and encourage youth who leave for college to return home to work. Then he got some unfiltered questions ranging from how to boost state graduation rates, immigration reform and how to save the state from the Public Employees Retirement System burden.

The PERS lament is a common one, he said, but certain actions, including modifications to the system for current state employees, would help. Pierce did not get into the details — this was a meet-and-greet — but said PERS is an issue Republicans can win on.

State Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena, was among the crowd. He said after the event he was confident in the work Democrat Sen. Betsy Johnson of Scappoose and Republican Sen. Tim Knopp of Bend are doing to revise PERS. Hansell said lawmakers likely will be tweaking the law to save a dollar here and there. Still, he said, such savings can add up, and

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A CIVIL DEBATE

School districts give future voters a foundation in civics

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

While the world bemoans the state of political discourse in the United States, students across Umatilla County are getting a thorough civics education.

That was on display Wednesday night as two teams of Advanced Placement English Language and Composition students formally debated whether the United States should increase its economic and/or diplomatic engagement with China.

Mariah Mangione and Marvin Hosi — the night's winning team — argued that the United States must maintain trade with

China, albeit with tariffs, while increasing its cultural and diplomatic influence there as a way to encourage China toward a better human rights record.

"We have so much trade with China, we can't just abandon them," Mangione, the night's top debater, said.

Hannah Walker and Lukas Tolan took a different view, arguing that a sharp decrease in trade with China would be such a blow to its economy that the country would be forced to stop sending the U.S. unsafe, poorly-made products that were built using slave labor.

"We cannot accept these

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Pendleton High School mock election results

President: Donald J. Trump 228 Hillary Clinton 155 Jill Stein 48 Gary Johnson 56	Representative: Greg Walden 338 James (Jim) Cray 136	Ballot Measure 96: Yes 372 No 115
Governor: Bud Pierce 187 Kate Brown 165 Cliff Thomason 60 James Foster 61 Aaron Donald Auer 18	Secretary of State: Dennis Richardson 156 Brad Avakian 94 Paul Damian Wells 74 Sharon L. Durbin 48 Michael Marsh 43 Alan Zundel 38	Ballot Measure 97: No 298 Yes 178
Senator: Ron Wyden 226 Mark Callahan 96 Steven C. Reynolds 59 Shanti S. Lewallen 52 Eric Navickas 32 Jim Lindsay 18	Sheriff: Ryan M. Lehnert: 324 Terry L. Rowan: 142	Ballot Measure 98: Yes 316 No 109
	Ballot Measure 94: No 256 Yes 224	Ballot Measure 99: Yes 351 No 109
	Ballot Measure 95: Yes 272 No 199	Ballot Measure 100: Yes 272 No 185
		Measure 30-116 No 239 Yes 235
		Measure 30-117 Yes 287 No 200
		Measure 30-118 Yes 308 No 173

HERMISTON

Transit committee finalizes bus route recommendations

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Plans for Hermiston's new bus system are ready for primetime.

A proposal for the free public transportation system, including a route and budget, will go before the Hermiston City Council on Nov. 14 after the city's Transit Advisory Committee finalized its recommendations Tuesday. The city will contract with Kayak Public Transit, run by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, to provide the service.

After placing maps of the proposed route around Hermiston to gather feedback, the committee spent two and a half hours taking a final look at each stop on the route and making adjustments. One of

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We all bark for ice cream

Barry and Renee Rueppel of Pilot Rock feed ice cream cones to their five dogs from the back of their pickup truck Tuesday in the parking lot of McDonald's restaurant in Pendleton. The Rueppels were giving their dogs a treat for being good in D&B Supply before heading for checkups at their vet.

