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The Umatilla-Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association's Ensemble Festival featured more than 100 piano and voice students, including (front) Roen Waite, Marina Frasser, Fatima Frasser, Grace Blackhurst, Clare Durant Bailor (back) Reiah Waite, Leo Waite, Lindsey McAllister, Chance Longhorn and Talia Mueller.

## Ensemble festival features student musicians

More than 100 piano and voice students participated in the Umatilla-Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association's Ensemble Festival.

The event, which was held Nov. 11 in Hermiston, featured Patti Robertson of Kennewick as the adjudicator. Winners include:

•Piano, ages 5-11: **Aubrey Harrison, Claire Harrison, Bridgette White, Rebekah White** (Pendleton); **Connie**

**Chen, Mimi Chen, April Lourdes, Victor Lourdes, Spencer Smith, Dallin Smith** (Hermiston).

•Piano, ages 12-14: **Nicholas Feller, Joshua Johnston, Caleb Picken, Erin Picken, Gracia Clark, Jerry Yao** (Pendleton); **Hannah Palmer, Madison Palmer** (Heppner).

•Piano, ages 15-18: **Grace Blackurst, Lindsey McAllister** (Hermiston).

•Voice, ages 15-18: **Fatima Frasser,**

**Marina Frasser** (Stanfield).

Teachers represented included **Alaina Lemmon, Kathy Turner** (Heppner); **Sarah Milburn, Phyllis Peterson, Holly Rose** (Hermiston); **Sue Nelson, Doria Summerfield, Myrna Van Cleave** (Pendleton).

Winning ensembles are eligible to perform at the State Ensemble Festival, which is Saturday, Dec. 1 at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

## Wildhorse tournament deals in winners

The 14th annual Wildhorse Resort & Casino Fall Poker Round-Up held Nov. 2-11 gave many players another reason to be thankful this holiday season.

A Hermiston card player was among those who cashed in among the top of one of the events during the tournament. **Phillip Ferguson** placed second with \$5,941 during the Sunday, Nov. 5 No-Limit Shoot Out. A total of \$39,500 was given out to top finishers of the 192 entries.

Other local finishers, the event and their payouts included:

•No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 3: **Ryan Elizares** (8) of Weston, \$1,942; **Ward Walker** (29) of Pendleton, \$475; **Emmanuel Ayala** (34) of Hermiston, \$475.

•No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 4: **Denny Edwards** (6) of Hermiston, \$3,938.

•No-Limit Shoot Out Nov. 5: **Jimmy Schlenker** (17) of Hermiston, \$700; **Jeff Ball** (18) of Pendleton, \$700; **Richard Hampton** (22) of Pendleton, \$700.

•Turbo No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 7: **Ryan Elizares** (5) of Weston, \$1,333.

•Seniors No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 8: **Rose**

**Colvin** (23) of Condon, \$400

•No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 10: **Denny Edwards** (21) of Hermiston, \$850; **Temo Calderon** (33) of Boardman, \$725

•No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 11: **Rich Hampton** (26) of Pendleton, \$1,250.

•Turbo No-Limit Hold 'em Nov. 11: **Sergio Perez** (9) of Hermiston, \$487; **Chanty Pin** (10) of Hermiston, \$325.

The big winner of the 2017 Fall Poker Round-Up All-Around was **David Smith** of Boise. In addition to bragging rights and cash, he walked away with a championship jacket and a silver bracelet. Placing second was **Brian Son** of Meridian, Idaho, and **Troy Stinnett** of Warrenton came in third.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino hosts three large poker tournaments each year, the fall event being the largest. Nearly 3,900 participants came from across the United States and Canada to vie for more than \$863,000. More than \$1.9 million was paid out during the three poker tournaments held in 2017. For more information, visit [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

## Community Bank project sends candy to troops

In the week following Halloween, 915 pounds of candy was collected throughout the region for **Operation Gratitude**, which sends the goodies to military personnel deployed overseas.

A buy-back program was held at local branches of **Community Bank**, offering trick-or-treaters \$1 per pound. Many of those bringing in candy turned around and donated their "candy cash" to the bank's annual holiday Charity Drive, said **Leah Johnson**, Community Bank marketing manager.

**Tom Moran**, Community Bank president, said it was especially heart-warming to see kids taking the time to support military personnel in the week leading up to Veterans Day.

"These people deserve much more than candy for their service, but it's a great opportunity to show kids that they can do something to support our troops," Moran said.

In addition, the Pendleton Wal-Mart donated 370 pounds of its extra Halloween candy to the project.

Project Gratitude, a nonprofit organization, sends more than 200,000 care packages each year to military



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**Jordan Goodwin of Cove, a FedEx driver and veteran, picks up two pallets of candy collected through Community Bank's Halloween candy buy-back project for Operation Gratitude.**

personnel, first responders, veterans and their caregivers. Package wish lists include snacks, hygiene products, socks, scarves, hats, batteries

and entertainment items, such as DVDs, magazines, paperback books, puzzles and CDs. Also, people are encouraged to write personal

letters of support.

For more information about Project Gratitude, visit [www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com).

## Local 4-H program wins diversity award

A local 4-H youth development program with the **Oregon State University Extension Service** was recently recognized at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities annual meeting, held Nov. 12 in Washington, D.C.

**Patricia Dawson**, 4-H faculty at the OSU Extension in Pendleton, accepted the **National Extension Diversity Award** on behalf of the 4-H youth development educators at OSU Extension Service for its "**Attitudes for Success Youth Leadership Program**." Dawson has worked with the program since 1989, said **Mary Corp**, OSU regional coordinator.

Since its inception, more than 9,000 Hispanic and American Indian youths have participated in the "Attitudes for Success" program. In addition, more than 950

students have served as youth council officers and 270 professionals, including university and college personnel from institutions located across the Pacific Northwest, have volunteered as presenters.

Local mentors assist the youths in leadership engagement such as running for student body officer positions or planning community events. As a result of the impact, longevity, and the availability of curriculum and evaluation tools, the program is being replicated to other states.

The Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture have sponsored Excellence in Extension and National Diversity awards since 1991. For more information, visit [www.extension.org/ecop](http://www.extension.org/ecop).

## BIRTHS

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**

**APRIL 16, 2015**  
**SCOTT** — Maja Smith and Eddie Scott of Pendleton: a boy, Elijah Scott.

**NOV. 6, 2017**  
**JOSEPHSON** — Stephanie Tipton and Harley A. Josephson of Pilot Rock: a boy, Oliver Jay Josephson.

**NOV. 9, 2017**  
**FORBES** — Daphne N. Kuppenbender of Pendleton and Jason E. Forbes:

a girl, Jesslyn Jo Forbes.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**

**NOV. 8, 2017**  
**LOUGEE** — Alexa L. Lougee and Eric D. Lougee of Hermiston: a girl, Vivian Lee Lougee.

**NOV. 9, 2017**  
**ROMAN GASPAR** — Ana M. Gaspar and Miguel Roman of Hermiston: a boy, Alexander Isai Roman Gaspar.

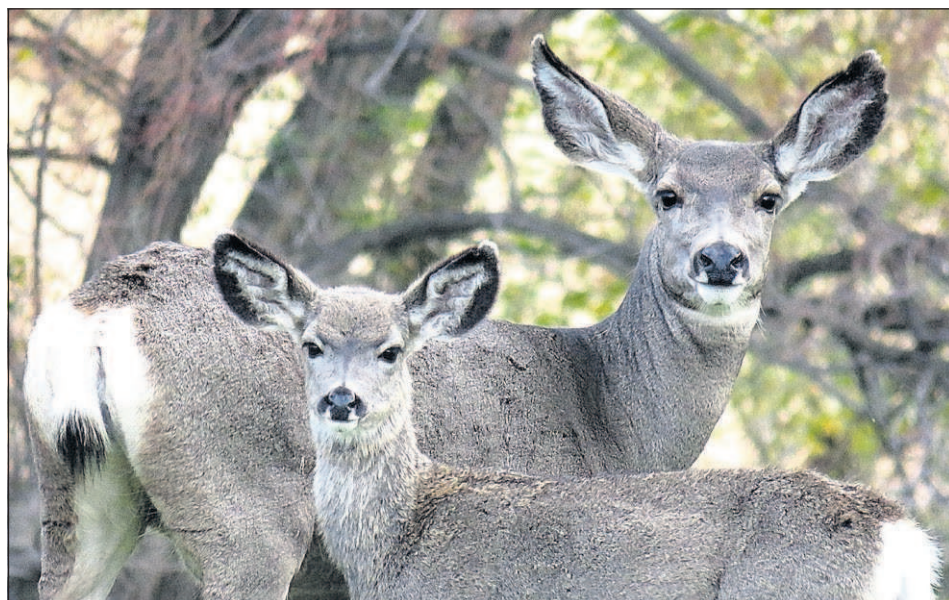


Photo contributed by Barbara Morehead

## Curious visitors

A doe and her fawn recently visited the home of Barbara Morehead of Pilot Rock.

## THANK YOU

### Westland candidate thanks voters

To all **Westland Water District** patrons who turned out to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 14 to fill a position on its Board of Directors:

Voting is a privilege we have in our country and something we have only begun in this district. So to those of you who took the time to vote, thank you for being involved.

My wife and I have lived in Hermiston now for 12 years, moving here to be closer to family, enjoy quieter surroundings and become a part of this lovely community through our church and other local involvement. For the past couple of years I have taken an interest in the Westland Water District and where it is headed.

For this reason, when asked, I chose to run for an open position in District Four. With a considerably high voting turnout Tuesday,

202 patrons dedicated their time to vote. **Mr. Bellinger** received 107 to my 95. I was pleased with the turnout; it was so close.

For the next few years ahead of us, I hope that Mr. Bellinger will take his position seriously for all concerned patrons, no matter the size of their usage or status in our community. I wish him the best in his continued service to the district. I will continue to keep an active interest in our water district and hope many others will find the time to attend the open meetings.

Again, a big thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for me and to those who helped me in this endeavor.

**Ray Vogt**  
Hermiston

## YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com) or drop off to the attention of **Tammy Malgesini** at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or **Renee Struthers-Hogge** at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.



**Paula**

Visit Paula at the Pioneer Humane Society/Paws Tues - Sat • Noon - 4pm 517 SE 3rd St, Pendleton 541-276-0181 Check out the PAWSABILITY Thrift Store

# Pet of the Week

Paula is a very sweet and unique cat, she is 2 years young and a polydactyl! Meaning she has mitten paws! This sweet girl comes spayed and up to date on all her shots. come meet Paula at PAWS, she would love to meet you!

**Pendleton Book Co.**  
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 541-276-9292