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The Oregon Legislature is looking to take up a number of gun control measures in the 2019 session.

GUN PERMIT BILL RAISES LOCAL OBJECTIONS

By **PHIL WRIGHT**
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Jesse Bonifer of Athena is a staunch defender of gun rights and was one of the chief petitioners of the Second Amendment Preservation Ordinance, which Umatilla County voters passed overwhelmingly. He is no fan of the proposal in the state

Senate to require Oregonians to have a permit before even buying or receiving a gun.

"That's just ridiculous," Bonifer said. "We already have our permit."

That permit being the Second Amendment. Bonifer said requiring another would violate constitutional rights.

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**"BAD GUYS
ARE NOT
GOING TO
COUNT THEIR
ROUNDS."**

Morrow County Sheriff
Ken Matlack

CTUIR gets veterans' service office

Governor Kate Brown approves service office for tribal veterans

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
East Oregonian

Veterans living on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation will now have more direct access to veterans' services, after signing an agreement this week to open a Veterans' Service Office on the reservation.

Tribal leaders and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs signed a memorandum of understanding at the Oregon Capitol. According to a press release from Governor Kate Brown's office, the agreement allows the tribe to create a service office that will operate in the same way as a county Veterans Service office. It will provide direct services to tribal veterans, such as pursuing disability claim, and allowing more tribal veterans to receive physical and mental health services. CTUIR Spokesman Chuck Sams said the tribes have had a veterans' affairs officer for almost 30 years, but the office has never before been designated through the state.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs spokesman Tyler Francke said the department will work with the tribe to set up the office, and that Sam Spino, the current veterans' affairs officer, will be the official Veterans Service Officer for the tribes, and has to go through some state training. The office will also get some new software from the state.

Sams, a veteran himself, said he didn't know the exact number of veterans that live on the reservation, but said the current veterans' affairs office sees a lot of use from tribal members who have served.

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Historical society director ready to write new chapter

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**
East Oregonian

It doesn't take long for Barbara Lund-Jones to identify her favorite exhibits at the Heritage Station Museum in Pendleton.

One of them is an exhibit on the pioneer kitchen in Eastern Oregon, complete with period-accurate cookware and equipment.

But the newly retired executive director of the Umatilla County Historical Society's other favorites are from a deeper cut.

She highlighted a small exhibit on the Timber Culture Act, an 1873 law that granted settlers 160 acres of prairie land if they planted at least 40 acres of timber.

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Barbara Lund-Jones has retired as executive director of the Umatilla County Historical Society. Lund-Jones has served in that position since 2009.

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Pat McClintock hugs family members after learning she is the 2019 Pendleton Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year.

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Chamber commissions First Citizens awards for commissioner and Altrusan

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The announcement speeches for the winners at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce's First Citizens Banquet don't spare superlatives, but the people who

nominated Pat McClintock for Woman of the Year didn't hold back in their appreciation at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino Friday.

Reading from a prepared speech, 2017 Woman of the Year Kathy Houk said the community volun-

teer's peers compared her to Mother Teresa and called her "the jewel in the crown of Pendleton."

"It's like opening your door and letting in a warm ray of sunshine," Houk said.

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