

# Orchids in the Blues should be left alone



Bruce Barnes/Contributed Photo  
**White bog orchid, *Plantanthera dilatata leucostachys*.**



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**BLOOMIN' BLUES**

**Name:** White bog orchid  
**Scientific name:** *Plantanthera dilatata*  
White bog orchid grows in wet or boggy places, in open or shaded areas. It is found from Alaska to California, to Wyoming, Utah and Arizona. It is classified into two forms, subspecies *leucostachys* (pictured here) and subspecies *dilatata*. Subspecies *leucostachys* has a spur that is 1.5 times as long as its lip; subspecies *dilatata* has a spur that is about the same length as its lip. In the Blues, if the flowers are pure white, the plant is one or the other of two forms of this species.

This plant is generally between one to three feet tall when in bloom. It has narrow, lance-shaped leaves throughout, but the leaves are mostly hidden by the flowers, so only the lower leaves are noticed. The flowering part of the stem

is often up to two feet long or more. In spring when the plant starts to bloom it is often standing in water and hard to reach.

Each flower has an upper hood formed by one upper sepal and two upper petals. Two lateral sepals form wing-like sides of the blossom. At the front is a drooping lip, and there is a long, slender, tube-like spur at the back.

As with all orchids in the Blues, these are disappearing; they die if picked, and transplanting won't work.

Medicinal uses for the plant by various Indian tribes have included treating urinary problems, as a treatment for joint and muscle aches, and as a disinfectant with a wash or sweat bath. One tribe considered the leaves to be poisonous. Other uses include using a wash as a good luck charm.

**Where to find:** Look in wet, boggy places in late spring.

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## Mary Lou and Dante Daltoso celebrate 60th anniversary



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**Mary Lou and Dante Daltoso of Boardman celebrated their 60th anniversary Thursday, Aug. 19, 2021. Mary Lou, from Butte, Montana, and Dante, from Walla Walla, met at the University of Portland. They have six children, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.**

## COMMUNITY BRIEFING

### Jeep convoy honors Jason Post

UMATILLA COUNTY — A Jeep convoy recognizing the service of the late Jason Post of Umatilla County Parole and Probation will take place Saturday, Aug. 21.

The Jeepers Back the Blue Foundation has identified the Post family as one of its beneficiaries. The foundation raises money for the families of fallen or seriously injured law enforcement officers and for scholarships for their children.

Post, who began his career in 2010 as a reserve officer for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, died as the result of a June 5 rafting accident in Wallowa County. He left behind his wife, Rosanna, and young daughter, Dalilah, who will turn 1 in September.

The convoy will gather at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 S.E. Columbia Drive in Hermiston. It will depart from there at noon and travel to the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. A short ceremony and check presentation to the Post family is set for 1 p.m.

For additional details about the event, search [www.facebook.com/jeepersbacktheblueevent](http://www.facebook.com/jeepersbacktheblueevent). For more about the efforts of Jeepers Back the Blue, visit [www.jeepersbacktheblue.org](http://www.jeepersbacktheblue.org).

### Free class features balloon animals

HERMISTON — A class on how to twist and make balloon animals is being offered free of charge in Hermiston.

The session is Tuesday, Aug. 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. All ages are welcome.

Participants will have a chance to win a free beginner's kit. Those who become proficient are invited to join the CityFest crew to make balloons on Aug. 28 during the Greater Hermiston CityFest with Andrew Palau.

Although the class is free, those planning to attend need to register in advance. A link to register is available at [www.hermiston.or.us/parks-rec](http://www.hermiston.or.us/parks-rec) or [www.facebook.com/hermistonrec](http://www.facebook.com/hermistonrec). For questions, call 541-667-5018.

### Pendleton Friends of the Library cancels book sale

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Friends of the Library announced on its Facebook page Tuesday, Aug. 17, it was canceling its annual book sale.

Sean Degan, president of the nonprofit, stated the reason is the major surge in COVID-19 cases and the age and health of many of its volunteers.

"The health of our volunteers and also of the public



Jeepers Back the Blue/Contributed Photo

**Jason and Rosanna Post are pictured with their daughter, Dalilah. The Jeepers Back the Blue Foundation is presenting a check to Post's widow and daughter on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Pendleton Convention Center.**

is paramount," according to the statement. "We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but the number of cases seems to be increasing weekly."

Degan also stated Pendleton Friends of the Library looks forward to seeing the public at the book sale next year, Aug. 25-27.

### Faith-based festival features Andrew Palau

HERMISTON — The Hermiston-area faith community has teamed up with Portland-based Luis Palau Association to present the Greater Hermiston CityFest with Andrew Palau. After more than 18 months of planning, the free non-denominational event is Saturday, Aug. 28, from 3:30-9:30 p.m. at Butte Park, 1210 N.W. Seventh St., Hermiston.

It features music, action sports, youth activities and multiple opportunities to hear about Jesus Christ, including from global evangelist Andrew Palau. He is the author of "The Secret Life of a Fool: One Man's Journey from Shame to Grace." The festival also includes performances by contemporary Christian music artists Danny Gokey, We Are Messengers, George Moss and Marisol Park.

"We're all feeling the sense that the time is right for us to be gathering together in this kind of way," Palau said.

The event features a partnership with more than 60 area churches as well as contributions from local businesses, foundations and individuals. Mary Corp and Phil Hamm, local organizing committee co-chairs, said Hermiston has never experienced a festival of this type and scale.

In addition to the one-day festival, there are multiple outreach events leading up to

the event that are designed to share the love of Jesus with key groups of people in the community. Details about those activities are available on the event website.

For more information, including how to get involved or provide support, visit [www.cityfest.org](http://www.cityfest.org). For questions, email [info@cityfest.org](mailto:info@cityfest.org) or call Corp at 541-720-3859.

### Raceway gears up for holiday weekend event

HERMISTON — Race fans can start getting revved up for the Labor Day Spectacular at the Hermiston Raceway.

Billed as the best three-day racing event in the Pacific Northwest, the action kicks off Friday, Sept. 3, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 5. The gates open nightly at 5 p.m., with a fan fest at 6:30 p.m. and racing at 7 p.m. Speedy's Grill will be open to help fans refuel with food and drinks. The raceway is at 81236 N. Highway 395.

The Prolate Models 100, hobby stocks and Hornets on the Roval highlight Sept. 3; while the Speed Tour Wing Sprint Cars, WESCO Wing Sprint Cars, the Speed Tour Modifieds and Hornets are featured on Sept. 4 and Sept. 5 includes the Northwest Super Late Model Series-Street Stocks, INEX Regional Legends Qualifier, the Local Legends Championship, and local racing action with mini stocks, street stocks and JR late models.

Special three-day passes are available from \$50-\$130. Also, tickets for individual nights can be purchased; Sept. 3 tickets for adults are \$20; students/seniors/military are \$15 and a family pass is \$50 (for two adults and three youths), and Sept. 4-5 tickets cost \$5 more than Sept. 3 prices. Also, people 21 and older can purchase VIP patio seating next to Speedy's Bar (the cost is in addition to the regular ticket price) for the best seats in the house — the tables, which seats up to six people for \$100-\$150.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance via [www.hermistonraceway.com](http://www.hermistonraceway.com). For questions, contact 509-845-

5510 or [info@hermistonraceway.com](mailto:info@hermistonraceway.com).

### EOU announces spring dean's list

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University named 556 students to the dean's list for the 2021 spring term. Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded EOU coursework.

**Adams:** April Martinez.  
**Athena:** Megan Phillips and Malinda Swafford.

**Boardman:** Veronica Alvarez Frias, Yisel Amaya and Daniel Puerta.

**Echo:** Kaden Clark and Michael Fisher.

**Helix:** Joao Pedrosa.

**Heppner:** Hunter Nichols.

**Hermiston:** Vanessa Ambriz Mendoza, Lara Arriola, Jiliane Dawson, Giovanni Gallardo, Callie Ann Hoelt, Andrew James, Isaac Lambert, Jaime Madrigal, Edgar Navarrete Ruiz, Cecilia Palacios, Mario Rodriguez, Ashley Seibel, Monica Smith, Elsy Spears, Emily Wadkins, Kalee Walchli, Luke Walchli, Ericka Wells and Courtney Wheeler.

**Irrigon:** Kimberly Renteria Montes.

**Meacham:** Stefanie Buckley.

**Milton-Freewater:** Eli Garlitz, Brianna Hernandez, Kara Hoel, Giselle Lopez De Loera, Noah Pratton Mckenna Stallings, Amanda Stewart and Michael Watts.

**Pendleton:** Carissa Cooley, Jacob Gau, Aimee

Gunter, Carter Habig, Bruce Hernandez, Jessica Hitzman, Brittney Jackson, Katelen Johnson, Enes Kaplanovic, Drew Lunny, Jeneal Merri-man, Clarissa Nitz, Joseph O'Rourke, Kacey Robbins, Adriana Ruiz, Johnathan Stuvfield and Kelsey Wolf.

**Stanfield:** Jade Martinez.

**Umatilla:** Rachele Nycz.

**Weston:** Brittany McGill.

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### Pendleton natives earn BSN degrees

MCMINNVILLE — **Greggory Dallas** and **Joseph Dallas**, both of Pendleton, were among 70 graduates at Linfield University-Good Samaritan School of Nursing's inaugural hooding and pinning ceremony held Friday, Aug. 20, at the university's Portland campus.

Each was awarded a bachelor's degree in nursing.

### Robles earns bachelor's degree

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — **Roy Robles** of Umatilla was one of 455 undergraduate and graduate students earning degrees during Missouri Western State University's spring 2021 commencement exercises.

Robles earned a bachelor's of science degree in applied computer technology.

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## Have executive leadership experience and a commitment to restoring salmon and protecting tribal treaty fishing rights?

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission is seeking a dynamic, high-level strategic thinker, a great spokesperson, and an effective manager to serve as its **Executive Director**.

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