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## Port candidates answer questions

Franell, Imsland share ideas

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Two candidates are competing for the Port of Umatilla Board of Commissioners Position No. 1 on the May ballot.

Both Joseph Franell and Jerry Imsland participated in a forum Monday hosted by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Team and the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition.

Franell, CEO and general manager of Eastern Oregon Telecom in Hermiston, was appointed to the commission in March after another commissioner resigned. Franell serves as the chairman of the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council and the Hermiston chamber board.

Imsland, a certified real estate appraiser and

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## TODAY'S WEATHER



Partly cloudy  
High: 66° Low: 37°

### OUTLOOK

- THURSDAY  
Partly cloudy  
High: 68° Low: 43°
- FRIDAY  
Partly cloudy  
High: 66° Low: 41°

A complete weather forecast is featured on page A2.



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## Few businesses remain in Stanfield

Residents share hopes for antique store building

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Stanfield residents expressed sorrow over the loss of a long-time Main Street business Saturday but also hope the now-vacant downtown building will soon be filled again.

Elephants Trunk Antiques owner Dave Meyers retired after almost 20 years in business and auctioned off his remaining inventory Saturday. He now plans to sell the highly visible building at the intersection of Coe Avenue and Highway 395.

Address: 105 S. Main St, Stanfield.  
Built: 1904  
Details: Three stories, including basement on .11 acres in downtown Stanfield  
Square footage: About 6,000  
Zoning: Commercial with residential space upstairs  
Asking price: \$399,950

Diane Barton, who purchased a historic photograph of Stanfield circa 1910 at the auction, said it was sad to see the antique store close.

"It's been here for a long time, and it's been a great building for people to come and buy antiques for years," she said. "I can remember—it's been

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SEAN HART PHOTO

The remaining inventory from Elephants Trunk Antiques was auctioned off Saturday, and the owner hopes to sell the building at the intersection of Highway 395 and Coe Avenue in Stanfield.

# RENAISSANCE MAN

Hermiston senior takes love of music to great heights

BY JESSICA KELLER  
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Steven Evans-Renteria's love for music extends as far back as early childhood.

According to the Hermiston High School senior, his family said even before he could construct sentences as a young boy, he already had a couple of songs memorized.

Evans-Renteria never outgrew that love for music and has taken it so far as to playing several instruments.

"If there is an instrument, and there's literature for it, and I think it'll be neat, then I'll try it," he said.

The instruments Evans-Renteria plays depend on the setting, however. When he's playing for the high school symphonic orchestra, he favors trombone. For wind ensemble he prefers euphonium. In jazz band, he prefers trombone and piano. He also plays guitar and dabbles in trumpet.

After attending the Caledonian Games in Athena, he heard pipes and drums for the first time and fell in love with that music, along with Scottish dress — he frequently sports a kilt and sporran at school.

A couple of months ago,

he said, he purchased a set of inexpensive bagpipes. With the help of YouTube University, he is learning the basics of the complicated instrument, which he said requires a lot of lung power and arm coordination.

"I haven't yet mastered it or even played a tune yet, so it's a very slow process," Evans-Renteria said.

He is determined to keep trying, however.

"I want to be a jack of all trades, a master of — maybe a few," he said.

Evans-Renteria said his favorite instrument, however, is his voice. When he's not in the band room practicing his more conventional instruments, he can frequently be found next door in the HHS choir room.

His foray into musical instruments began in sixth grade, when he first picked up the trombone, but he said, really, it began when he banged on his great-grandmother's piano as a small boy. His interest in choir came later.

He said Stanfield, where he attended school before moving to Hermiston a few years ago, did not have a choir program, and he didn't get to really sing until he performed in the school's "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" and as a member of Inland Northwest's chorale.

"I think that's really where the honing of my skill

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JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Hermiston High School senior Steven Evans-Renteria practices his euphonium in the band room Monday. Evans-Renteria will attend OSU in the fall, where he intends to major in music.

## Fawning around



SEAN HART PHOTO

Two deer play in a meadow near the McNary Channel Ponds in Umatilla on Saturday. The weather was great for working or playing outside with sunny and warm conditions. The high temperature Tuesday was in the low 80s, but cloudy and cooler temperatures are expected to return today with the high expected to reach 66 and winds out of the west-southwest at 18 mph. Partly cloudy conditions will continue through Saturday with highs near 70. Sunday could bring a chance of a morning shower and a high of 72. Look for temperatures mostly in the 70s next week.

## Living out a dream

Warners find hobby farm fulfilling

BY JESSICA KELLER  
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While tending a hobby farm on 15 acres of land in addition to working full-time jobs keeps Shawn and Christy Warner busy, the Hermiston transplants say they are happy with their lifestyle.

Ever since the Warners moved the Hermiston 10 years ago, they knew they wanted to start their own small farm. When they purchased their farm nine years ago, it was the beginning of a dream.

"He had this vision, and that's where we're at with it," Christy Warner said. "We're just lucky he

could see further ahead because I couldn't see it. So I've definitely learned a lot as far as farming goes."

He is an electrician by trade, and she has a job with the state.

Shawn Warner said he was raised on a small family farm, and he wanted the children in their blended family to experience it, as well.

"It was the way I was taught, and I wanted my kids to know that, and I wanted to be able to teach them, too," Shawn Warner said, adding he learned a lot on his parents' small farm growing up in western Oregon.

He wanted his children to learn responsibility on a farm, as well.

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