

# Hermiston Herald

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016

HermistonHerald.com

\$1.00



INSIDE

**OPEN FOR BIZ**  
BROKEN BARREL OPENS IN STANFIELD, SERVING FOOD AND BEVERAGES ON COE AVENUE.  
PAGE 3

**IN HER SHOES**  
TAMMY MALGESINI FULFILLS A TV JUNKIE'S DREAM WITH '70S TV ICON ERIK ESTRADA.  
PAGE 4

**HOLIDAY GIVING**  
LOCAL CHARITIES GET THEIR GIVING CAMPAIGNS UNDERWAY FOR THE SEASON.  
PAGE 4

**THINGS TO DO**  
NEW ONLINE CALENDAR LISTS EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGH THE REGION.  
PAGE 6

BRIEFLY

Holiday week deadlines

All news, calendar, letters to the editor or other material to be considered for publication in the Nov. 23 edition of the *Hermiston Herald* must be received by noon, Friday.

Next week's edition of the *Hermiston Herald* will be printed the evening of Monday, Nov. 21, due to early press deadlines.

We also want to make sure readers have an opportunity to plan for their long holiday weekend with community events, holiday closures and retail sales promoted in ads included in or inserted in the Nov. 23 edition.

Thank you for your understanding and may you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday next week.

The Hermiston office for the *Hermiston Herald* and East Oregonian will also be closed next week on Thursday, Nov. 24, to allow staff to spend the holiday with family and/or friends.

Community Fellowship cooks up holiday meal

The first of two holiday season Community Fellowship Dinners is Thanksgiving Day in Hermiston.

Volunteers are needed for the event, which is Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Everyone is invited to enjoy a free traditional Thanksgiving meal featuring turkey and all the fixings. Meal delivery and to-go meals packaged for pickup are available.

The set-up party is Wednesday, Nov. 23, from 1-4 p.m. at the senior center. Volunteer shifts during the meal run between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Financial donations to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners can be made to local churches, dropped in a donation basket at the meal or sent to CFD, P.O. Box 1551, Hermiston, OR 97838.

For questions, call the Community Fellowship Dinner board at 541-303-5886. For meal delivery service or a ride, call 541-567-3013 through Wednesday, Nov. 23. On Thanksgiving Day, call the senior center at 541-567-3582.

# ELECTION

MORE BALLOTS CAST, BUT TURNOUT LOWER IN 1ST ELECTION WITH MOTOR VOTER LAW



STAFF PHOTO BY JADE McDOWELL

A sign outside Hermiston proclaims support for President-elect Donald J. Trump and his running mate Mike Pence.

By JADE McDOWELL  
Staff Writer

The avalanche of political posts on your Facebook feed may suggest that people are more politically active than ever, but voter turnout was actually down in most of the country.

Votes in some states are still being counted, but an estimated 57 percent of eligible voters filled out a ballot — on par with 2012 but lower than 2008 and 2004. Oregon, with its more convenient vote-by-mail system, was at 79 percent compared to 83 percent in 2012.

The trend holds steady in Umatilla County, where unofficial results show voter turnout was down from 76 percent in 2012 to 71 percent in 2016. It was the second-lowest of any Oregon county.

Despite the lower percentage, an increase of registered voters (mostly through Oregon's new Motor Voter system of automatically registering voters through the Department of Motor Vehicles) meant an extra 2,388 ballots were cast in Umatilla County overall.

In Hermiston, voters were faced with a five-way race for City Council and the question of whether to allow marijuana dispensaries in town. They opted for the status quo, upholding the ban on dispensaries, keeping the four incumbents on the City Council and playing a major role in re-electing Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan.

On Monday night at the City Council meeting, Mayor David Drotzmann thanked Mark Gomolski, who ran against councilors Doug Primmer, John Kirwan, Rod Hardin and Manuel Gutierrez.

"Thank you, Mr. Gomolski, for putting your hat in

See ELECTION, A12

## LOCAL RESULTS

Final unofficial election results for candidates and issues on the ballot in Umatilla County.

- U.S. Congressional District 2 (Umatilla County numbers only)
  - Greg Walden (R) 78 percent
  - James Cray (D) 22 percent
- State Senate District 29
  - Barbara Dickerson (I) 19 percent
  - Bill Hansell (R) 81 percent
- State House District 57
  - Greg Smith (R) 98 percent
- State House District 58
  - Greg Barreto (R) 98 percent
- County Commissioner, Position 3
  - Bill Eiferling 98 percent
- Umatilla County Sheriff
  - Terry Rowan 55 percent
  - Ryan M. Lehnert 44 percent

### City of Echo

- Mayor
  - Eujena Hampton 86 percent
- Council, at large (vote for 3)
  - Robert W. Harris 40 percent
  - Jerry L. Gaunt 46 percent
  - write-ins 14 percent

### City of Hermiston

- Council, at large (vote for 4)
  - Rod S Hardin 22 percent
  - Manuel Gutierrez 18.68 percent
  - Mark Gomolski 17.90 percent
  - John F Kirwan 18.23 percent
  - Doug Primmer 22.33 percent

### City of Stanfield

- Mayor
  - Tom McCann 93 percent

- Council, at large (vote for 3)
  - Susan Whelan 35.58 percent
  - Don Tyrrell 32.72 percent
  - Pamela McSpadden 28.39 percent

### City of Umatilla

- Council, Position 2
  - Michael A Roxbury 58 percent
  - Cheryl Vermillion 40 percent
- Council, Position 4
  - Mark Ribich 98 percent
- Council, Position 6
  - Roak TenEyck 98 percent

### Measures

- City of Hermiston Measure 30-119
 

Shall the city of Hermiston prohibit the sale, manufacture, warehousing, and distribution of marijuana in the city's commercial zones?

  - Yes 54.4 percent
  - No 45.6 percent
- Umatilla School District, 6R Measure 30-115
 

Shall Umatilla School District construct and improve schools by issuing \$10,500,000 in bonds and receive \$4,000,000 in State grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

  - Yes 56.38 percent
  - No 43.63 percent
- West Umatilla County Mosquito Control Measure 30-121
 

Shall the District impose \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes for 5 years beginning 2017-2022? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

  - Yes 49.85 percent
  - No 50.15 percent

## City Council gives green light to buses



EO FILE PHOTO

A Kayak Public Transit bus picks up passengers at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton. The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the city of Hermiston will provide bus service in Hermiston beginning Jan. 2.

By JADE McDOWELL  
Staff Writer

Hermiston's free public bus system will take to the streets in the new year.

The Hermiston City Council approved a contract with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation on Monday to begin the service on Jan. 2.

Under the contract, Kayak Public Transit will provide a fixed-route bus service free to any member of the public for at least 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The route will loop through Hermiston once each hour, stopping in residential neighborhoods as well as grocery stores, medical clinics and government buildings. The bus will also provide doorstop service for qualifying disabled residents who cannot reach a bus stop on their own but live within three-fourths of a mile of a stop.

See BUS, A12



8 08805 193294 2