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**Harkenrider Center construction to begin in April**

The Hermiston City Council approved a contract with G2 Construction on March 20 to build Hermiston a new senior center. The Kennewick-based company will begin construction on the Harkenrider Center in April. The center, built with a combination of funds from a federal Community Development Block Grant and the city general fund, will be located on Ridgeway Avenue northwest of the Hermiston Public Library where Armand Larive Middle School once stood. G2 Construction was the low bidder of three companies, with a \$2,198,000 base bid plus \$80,000 for an elevator. Mayor David Drotzmann said he was pleased to see a bid that came in under budget and allowed for the addition of the elevator. "Considering the construction landscape we've seen, this is exciting not having to value-engineer everything," he said.

**County donating dumpster for area cleanup**

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Kiwanis Club will tackle a major task today: cleaning up the vacant property on Theater Lane. The club is looking for more volunteers to help with the cleanup. Volunteers will gather at noon at 8th Street and Theater Lane, and hope to work for an hour or two cleaning up debris. Trash bags and water will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing in case of rain. The area has become an unauthorized dump site, but Kiwanis Club members are hoping to clean it all up this week. The county donated a 29 cubic-foot dumpster, which the club hopes to completely fill with trash.



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Examples of the murals on the side of the Carniceria Julissa on Hermiston Avenue. Gabriel Villasenor (bottom right) paints the final of four murals Saturday.

## COLORFUL ADDITION TO DOWNTOWN

Hermiston market Carniceria Julissa will sell meat, other foods

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
Staff Writer

Carniceria Julissa is a new addition to Hermiston, but for owners Jose and Alicia Valle, it's another expansion of their business.

"I have a couple in the Tri-Cities by the same name," Jose said. The Valles are busy preparing to open up the butcher's shop on 292 W. Hermiston Ave. which, in addition to meat, will sell fresh produce, deli products, hot food and beverages.

Alicia's brother, Roman Orozco, will serve as the manager. The family does not have an official opening day yet, but hopes to be open to the public some time in the next couple of weeks.

In addition to groceries, the store will sell some medicine, other general items, and provide services to send money to family members in different parts of the world.

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Jose Valle, Alicia Valle and Ramon Orozco are busy preparing the store on West Hermiston Avenue for opening in the next few weeks. The Valles own two other stores in Tri-Cities, and Orozco will serve as the manager of the Hermiston store.

## I Love My City effort swells to 300

Spring cleanup event set for April 8

By JADE MCDOWELL  
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Hermiston will get a spring cleaning April 8 when the "I Love My City" campaign has its biggest event yet.

New Hope Community Church and Templo de Fe Esperanza y Amor are joining the effort, started by Hermiston Assembly of God last fall, to show their community some love through no-strings-attached service projects. Clayton Haight,



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Christina Haight, Bekah Tolman, Breana Wadekamper help promote an I Love My City free car wash in August 2016 at Les Schwab Tires in Hermiston.

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