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REPAIRS BEGIN ON 60-YEAR OLD BRIDGE



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South bound traffic is reduced to one lane at the Umatilla bridge over the Columbia River on Monday in Umatilla. Below: The year-long construction project on the Oregon-bound bridge spanning the Columbia River has begun in Umatilla.

3 MINUTES WITH
MEET TOM HUXOLL, OWNER
OF CASCADE AUTO REPAIR.
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**SUSPECT
ARRAIGNED**
THE SUSPECT IN A FATAL
HERMISTON SHOOTING WAS
ARRAIGNED TUESDAY IN
CIRCUIT COURT.
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INJURY CRASH
TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED
MONDAY IN A THREE-VEHICLE
CRASH SOUTH OF HERMISTON.
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ARRESTED
UMATILLA POLICE ARREST
2 BROTHERS ON ASSAULT
CHARGES OVER WEEKEND.
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Road to Omaha goes through Hermiston

Local Oregon State University Beavers super fans **Steve and Janet Williams** are off to Omaha for the College World Series. The Williamses have been regular attendees of Beaver Baseball games in Corvallis, including the Regional and Super Regional Rounds and are taking their son **Jason** and grandson **Cooper** along for the adventure. They are only going to be able to stay for the first two days of action, but are hoping to return home to watch the Beavers win their third national championship on TV, and share memories of their Omaha experience with the rest of us relegated to watching all the action on TV.

We heard a rumor that **Yoke's Fresh Markets** might be joining **Ranch & Home** in expanding from the Tri-Cities into Hermiston on South Highway 395, but the grocery chain says that while it does continue to monitor growing markets in the area, there are no current plans for Yoke's Fresh Markets to open a Hermiston location in the near future.

The winners of the **Jeremy Howard** "For the Love of the Game" Scholarships for 2017 were announced last week. This year's recipients are **Jose Manuel Lopez Jr.** and **Ellery Jones**. Proceeds from the annual memorial tournament have contributed to more than \$49,000 in scholarships to Hermiston High School athletes. This year's eighth annual tournament, which raises money and awareness about skin cancer prevention, kicks off on Friday. Former local resident **Fred Widman**, who now lives in Colorado, who has been a supporter of the tournament since its inception, is participating as a sponsor with his business **Reliant Services** and has a team in this year's tournament. Fred will also be here,

Project will funnel 2-way traffic onto single span

By **JADE McDOWELL**
Staff Writer

Interstate 82's Oregon-bound bridge into Umatilla will be closed for more than a year for construction.

Travel over the Columbia River will be reduced to the newer Washington-bound bridge, which will

have one lane dedicated to eastbound traffic and one lane for westbound traffic starting on or shortly after July 4. Work on creating the detour for eastbound travelers started Monday, reducing the Oregon-bound bridge to one lane of travel for the remainder of the month before full closure.

The Washington State Department of Transportation plans to replace the patch-filled deck of the steel truss bridge, built in 1955, and do small upgrades to lighting and drainage. The bridge is expected to re-open sometime in the fall of 2018.

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School librarian will take Appalachian trip to create lessons for students

By **JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN**
Staff Writer

Hermiston High School doesn't have a dedicated geography class, but its students can still become global citizens.

So says librarian Delia Wallis, who hopes to encourage that process via a trip she and several other Oregon educators will make this summer.

Wallis will be taking a three-week trip to Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia with a group of teachers from Oregon, learning about the geography of the Appalachian Mountains, and comparing it to the geography of Oregon's mountains.

After the trip, Wallis hopes to use that information to work with

Hermiston teachers to create specific geography lesson plans.

The trip is entirely funded by the Gray Family Foundation and run through Portland State University's Center for Geography Education in Oregon.

The group will visit major cities, small towns, historical sites and geographical regions, and will stop at several sites to discuss both the physical and human geography of each location.

"We've already met a couple of times prior to going," said Wallis, who leaves for the trip on Monday, June 19. "A pair of us will be an 'expert' at each stop along the way."

Wallis, along with a teacher from



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Hermiston schools librarian **Delia Wallis** will be traveling with a group of teachers to the Appalachian Mountains this month, and hopes to apply what she learns to lessons for Hermiston students.

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