

HERMISTON

School district ready to expand into old fairgrounds

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The Hermiston School District will begin its expansion into the old fairgrounds this summer and add parking at the high school next school year.

Mike Kay, the facilities director for the district, gave the board a presentation Monday night on the Hermiston High School demolition and site expansion plans. Work on the current Umatilla County Fairgrounds, where Hermiston High School plans to expand, is scheduled to start in June. Demolition of the fairground will begin, and the space will be used for student parking that can be accessed from Orchard Avenue.

Kay presented on the scope of the project and the timeline. After a bid on May 15, demolition is scheduled to begin June 12 and the project should be mostly completed by September 22.

Work will include clearing the site of several buildings, except for Thompson and Hoeft halls, before laying the groundwork for a parking lot and an irrigation loop to water the grass.



Hermiston School District plans to expand student parking onto the current fairgrounds site, starting construction in June.

In another project, the board unanimously approved plans to move forward with the construction of the Harkenrider Center, the senior center that will be built on Ridgeway Avenue near the

Hermiston Public Library. The school district owns the property and signed a 50-year lease with the city at \$1 per year.

Construction is scheduled to be finished by August 2017.

As part of his presentation, Kay also provided an update to the economic impact study of the school's athletic facilities.

The athletic economic impact study reviewed how Hermis-

ton's athletic facilities are used throughout the region, and tried to answer several questions: What is the economic impact of HSD facilities on the local economy, the impact from the district hosting outside events, and potential impact of adding more events at those facilities?

The study, conducted by Eugene firm EcoNW, found that in the past three years, the district had hosted 1,228 events, with total attendance of 485,186. All but 159 of those events were district-related. Attendance at those events generated \$13,203,975 spent on goods and services in the county, and supported 256 full-time jobs.

The study showed that the money generated from district-hosted events is slightly more than that generated by community-related events, and projected that trend will continue.

The study also looked at the potential impact of adding three gyms to the district's schools, a project they may consider in the future.

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Easter family-fun events hop into region

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Many area organizations have family-fun events planned as the Easter weekend approaches. Most of the activities are free of charge. Information about special events that were sent to the *East Oregonian* include:

PENDLETON

McKay Creek Estates
For egg-straordinary fun, hop on over to McKay Creek Estates for candy, treats and family fun.

The facility's annual Easter egg hunt is Friday at 2 p.m. at 1601 Southgate Place. A special visit from the Easter bunny is planned. (541-276-1987).

Eagles Easter Egg Hunt
The Pendleton Eagles Lodge is hosting a pair of Easter egg hunts. Both are set for Saturday at 9 a.m.

Kids ages 0-6 will hunt at Til Taylor Park, 700 block S.E. Court Ave.; and youths 7-12 will gather at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave. (coffmanann22@yahoo.com).

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Hermiston Public Library

The Hermiston Public Library is turning the page on Easter fun with an egg hunt within the book collection.

The event is Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at 235 E. Gladys Ave. Open to kids through fifth grade, a bag will be provided to participants. In addition, prizes will be distributed. (541-567-2882).

Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter bunny is going to be hopping all weekend with the Simmons Agency sponsoring the annual Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt.

Thousands of filled eggs will be hidden in the dark. Children 10-and-under are invited to bring a flashlight and gather eggs Friday at 8:15 p.m. at Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St. (541-667-5018).

Peter Rabbit Breakfast
In its 31st year, the First United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Peter Rabbit Breakfast.

The all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast is Saturday from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at 191 E. Gladys Ave. The cost is \$5 and free for kids 5-and-under. Don't forget your camera to take pictures with Peter Rabbit. The event also includes an Easter egg hunt, face painting and Easter craft projects. (541-567-3002).

Victory Baptist Church
An Easter egg hunt and family picnic is being hosted by Victory Baptist Church.

The event is Saturday at 11 a.m. at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St. (541-303-3840).

Hermiston Church of the Nazarene

An Easter egg hunt for kids through fifth grade is planned at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.



File photo

Kaizer Jolliff tastes an egg he found during a past Eagles Easter egg hunt at Til Taylor Park in Pendleton.

The event is Saturday at 10 a.m. Then, at 10:30 a.m., a separate hunt will be held for kids with special needs. (541-567-3677).

BOARDMAN

Easter Egg Hunt

More than 4,000 eggs are hidden at Boardman Marina Park for the annual Easter egg hunt.

The event begins Saturday with an Easter bunny

meet-and-greet at 9:15 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., kids through fourth grade are invited to hunt for eggs. In addition to regular eggs, special prize eggs are hidden for each age category. There will be plenty of fun for the whole family, including bouncy castles, face-painting and food concessions. No dogs are allowed. (541-481-9252, michelle@cityofboardman.com).

PILOT ROCK

Pilot Rock Easter Egg Hunt

Kids through age 10 are invited to bring an Easter basket and hunt for eggs Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Pilot Rock Elementary School and Pilot Rock City Park. Parents are encouraged to bring a camera as the Easter bunny will be "hoppy" to pose for photos. (community_reunionweekend@yahoo.com).

STANFIELD

Stanfield Moose Lodge

A community Easter egg hunt is sponsored by the Stanfield Moose Lodge.

Kids up to age 12 are invited to participate Saturday at 10 a.m. at Coe Park. Lots of eggs will be hidden, along with some special prize eggs. (541-449-3304).

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Dallas men sentenced for poaching elk

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Two Dallas men will lose their hunting privileges for three years after they poached a 6x6-point trophy bull elk in the Kings Valley area of Benton County.

David Bruce Maxfield Jr. and Allen Craig Boal, both 26, were charged with unlawful take for killing the animal and leaving the carcass to waste. Neither of them had a proper tag.

Maxfield pleaded guilty to the offense, while Boal pleaded no contest. Both men were sentenced to 12 months bench probation and will have their hunting privileges suspended for three years. They must also

complete 40 hours each of community service and pay \$7,600 in fines, fees and restitution.

In addition, Maxfield's bow and the elk's antlers were forfeited to Oregon State Police. Other wildlife charges were dismissed as part of the plea deal.

Boal had a previous wildlife conviction on his record.

The Oregon Hunters Association and OSP offer rewards for turning in poachers through the state Turn-In-Poachers, or TIP, program, by calling 1-800-452-7888 or email TIP@state.or.us. Tipsters can remain anonymous, and rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000.



Boal



Maxfield

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