

# Harkenrider Center to be dedicated Sept. 8

By **JADE MCDOWELL**  
East Oregonian

Hermiston's new senior center will officially open on Sept. 8.

The city and senior center board are hosting a dedication celebration of the Harkenrider Center on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the festival street at the corner of Northeast Second Street and Gladys Avenue. The event will include a ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m., and tickets for a barbecue that day are available at the Hermiston Community Center.

Hermiston Parks and Recreation director Larry Fetter said finishing touches on landscaping and painting the parking lot are underway, while the spacious new kitchen is being outfitted with more than \$100,000 worth of equipment that the seniors raised funds for.

"That's what they used to equip the kitchen, and it is spectacular," he said.

Since the former senior center on Orchard Avenue was demolished along with most of the old fairgrounds last September, the seniors have been having their community meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church's parish hall. Once the Har-



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Finishing touches are being added to the Harkenrider Center before its dedication.

kenrider Center opens meals will be moved there, along with activities old and new. Fetter said a slate of new activities for seniors are featured in the parks department's fall recreation guide, and there are plans for even more new activities and trips next year.

"They've got some expanded programs they're going to do," he said. "They're going to do a monthly newsletter, and take it up a few notches from what they were doing."

As part of the landscaping and new parking lot behind the Hermiston Public Library that will complement the Harkenrider Center, the Kiwanis Club helped get grant funding to add walkway lighting and LED lighting on the old Union High School/Armand Larive Middle School arch, which will also see some new landscaping and an interpretive panel explaining the history of the schools that sat on the site over the course of Hermiston's history.

Fetter said a flag pole will be resurrected where the school's old flag pole sat, and it will mark a time capsule that the city plans to seal up for the Sept. 8 dedication and open in 50 years.

Mark Rose, Hermiston Public Library's head librarian, is heading up the time capsule effort, and items can be dropped off at the library for consideration until Sept. 5.

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# Thunderstorms spark new fires in Oregon and Washington

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Six new fires have been detected in the Umatilla National Forest after recent thunderstorms, according to a news release from the U.S. Forest Service, including one 650-acre blaze that has prompted Grant County officials to issue a level one pre-evacuation fire advisory.

In the Heppner Ranger District, the 650-acre Gilman Fire is the largest of two.

Grant County issued a level one pre-evacuation fire advisory from state Route 402, north of the Grant County line, to Highway 395, west of the Grant County line. The advisory affects people living in Monument, Ritter, Dale, and the Middle and North Fork areas. Three Oregon Department of Forestry engines, three Forest Service engines and five dozers were on the scene battling the fire. Additional resources were expected to arrive from the Kinzua Complex Fire near Fossil to help battle the flames on Tuesday.

The Copper Canyon Fire is also located in the Heppner Ranger District and is burning four miles northwest of Monument. It is burning 60 acres and is 60 percent lined. Three Oregon Department of Forestry engines, one Umatilla National Forest engine and one hand crew were on the scene.

The Harrison Fire, an approximately 30-acre blaze, is burning 16 miles west of Sumpter and two miles south of Olive Lake in the North Fork John Day Ranger District. The fire was reported Monday night around 8 p.m. As of Tuesday morning, firefighters were hiking in to

the area to analyze the fire and develop a suppression plan.

Three fires affect Washington. Two fires started in the Pomeroy Ranger District. One fire, which started near Grouse Flats, is 100 percent lined and firefighters were working to secure it on Tuesday. The Hardy Fire is a bush and grass fire burning 20 miles south of Pomeroy, Wash., near Hard to Get to Ridge. It is fewer than a tenth of an acre and was reported Monday night at 8:47 p.m. Three firefighters were working to secure containment lines.

Two fires make up the Low Ridge Fire in the Mill Creek Watershed near Indian Ridge, which is approximately 17 miles southeast of Walla Walla in the Walla Walla Ranger District. The fires are grass and timber fires reported at 4:53 p.m. Monday. They are both 100 percent lined and together are fewer than three-and-a-half acres.

The news release stated more thunderstorms are expected Wednesday afternoon and more smoke reports are expected over the next few days.

The smoke caused limited visibility so fire detection has been a challenge, said the news release. Fire managers used a thermal detection software program called MODIS and infrared detection from a National Guard aircraft to spot new fires.

The news release said the fire danger rating is still in the "extreme" range and Public Use Restrictions involving campfires and chainsaws are in effect.

For more information regarding restrictions, contact Umatilla National Forest Information Hotline: 877-958-9663.

## MISSION

# Kidz Pow Wow drums up dancing, singing

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An afternoon of dancing, drumming, singing and playing games is featured during the annual Kidz Pow Wow at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute in Mission.

Regalia is not required, and all youths can join the fun — both tribal and non-tribal. Participation is free for kids up to age 12 and there will be prizes and T-shirts.

In its eighth year, the event is Saturday, Sept. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the museum's back lawn. Tamástslikt is located near Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off Interstate 84 at Exit 216. In addition, the Kinship Cafe is offering weekly specials, including huckleberry treats.

Also, "Beautiful Games: American Indian Sport & Art" is currently on display at the museum. The exhibit highlights the artistic element of sports and features artwork, artifacts, history and information about sports and its role in tribal life.

Exhibit sponsors include St.



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Alice Johnson chats with Katie Blackwolf Bevis, as she puts hair wraps on her niece, Elizabeth Bevis, before the start of the 2017 Kidz Pow Wow at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute.

Anthony Hospital and the C.M. Bishop Jr. Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. "Beautiful Games" runs through Oct. 13.

Celebrating the traditions of Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes, Tamástslikt also features permanent exhibits, interactive displays and special events. In addition, the Coyote Theater introduces visitors to Spilyáy, the magical coyote who shares about wisdom and foolishness.

Tamástslikt is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Kinship Cafe is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Regular museum admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$6 for youths 6-17 and free for ages 5 and under. Also, the Libraries of Eastern Oregon has provided many area libraries with free family passes that can be checked out.

For more information, call 541-429-7700 or visit [www.tamastlikt.org](http://www.tamastlikt.org).

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## COMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22**  
**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**ADVENTURE TIME STORY TIME**, 2-3 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Stories and activities for developmentally disabled children and adults. Free. (541-567-2882)

**ADULT BEGINNERS' COMPUTERS**, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

**ECHO SCHOOL ADDITION RIBBON-CUTTING**, 5:30 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. Tour the new addition featuring new classrooms, shop, gym, community center, fitness center and improved security. Refreshments. Free. (Raymon Smith 541-376-8436)

**BULLET JOURNALS**, 6 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Meet and discuss design, layout, technique and more. Washi tape and markers will be available. Free and no registration required. (541-966-0380)

**WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK**, 6 p.m., Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Regional band will perform a free concert for all ages. Concessions available for purchase. (541-276-8100)

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**, 6:30 p.m., Gib Olinger Elementary School gym, 1011 S Mill St., Milton-Freewater. Enjoy a G-rated movie and dress as your favorite Disney character. Popcorn, bottled water and candy bars will be available for purchase. Free admission. (Jennifer Konrad 541-938-5563)

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Join the jam session, or just listen. Light refreshments included. (Laura Mecham 541-567-3141)

location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 23**  
**EARLY MORNING BASKETBALL**, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. All ages. Free. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under. \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra \$0 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

**ADVENTURE TOURS INFORMATIONAL SEMINARS**, 12 p.m., Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395, Ste. 111, Hermiston. Learn about Travel Club trips to Costa Rica (noon), the French Riviera (1 p.m.) and Croatia (2 p.m.) Everyone welcome. (Debbie Pedro 541-567-6151)

**SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

**SKILLS FOR LIFE**, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities at 3 p.m., life skills at 4 p.m. for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Suzanne Moore 541-276-3987)

**WRITER'S GROUP**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Writing support group offering encouragement, inspiration and motivation. All writers welcome. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)

**YARN CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**GIB OLINGER ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION**, 5:30 p.m., Gib Olinger Elementary School, 1011 S. Mill St., Milton-Freewater. Parade from Grove to Gib Olinger at 5:30 p.m. followed by Harvest of Art show (5:30-8 p.m.), food vendors, dance and cheer demonstrations, soccer, football, basketball, face painting, cake walk, dunk tank and more. Free admission. (Jennifer Konrad 541-938-5563)

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m.,

then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

**FIDDLER'S NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

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