

# Walla Walla Fair comes in hot

Brothers Osborne headlines concert

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WALLA WALLA — The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days is “Comin’ in Hot.”

It opens Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the fairgrounds, 363 Orchard St., Walla Walla. And as part of Pepsi Family Fun Day, everyone is admitted free until 3 p.m.

Make plans to linger longer, as Brothers Osborne performs at 7 p.m. in the newly upgraded Potlatch No 1 Financial Credit Union Walla Walla County Fairgrounds Grandstand Complex. The Southern rock/outlaw country musicians climbed the charts with their 2015 hit, “Stay a Little Longer.”

Opening the show is Jackson Dean, known for his old-school, gritty style of country music. Tickets range from \$54-\$114, which includes fair admission.

The fairgrounds open daily at 11 a.m. Regular admission is \$12/adults or \$7/children and seniors. Kids’ Day (Friday, Sept. 2) tickets



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**The Walla Walla Fair & Frontier Days parade is Sept. 4, 2022, 10 a.m. in downtown Walla Walla. The 2022 event kicks off Wednesday, Aug. 31, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 4, at the fairgrounds in Walla Walla.**

for children ages 6-12 are \$3. The fair closes Wednesday and Thursday at 11 p.m. — and midnight through the weekend.

Also, a familiar face and voice from Eastern Oregon will perform on the fair’s Many Waters Stage. Singer-songwriter Wade Aylett of Irrigon will strum some tunes with his band Friday, Sept. 2, 6 p.m. And The Hankers, a Southern rock, country and blues band, will close out the night at 9:30 p.m.

Other highlights include a

demolition derby (Thursday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m.). Don’t wait to buy tickets — reserved seats are \$24-\$32 — organizers said it always sells out. PRCA action Sept. 2-4 kicks off nightly at 6:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$18-\$25 or giddy up all three nights for \$60, which includes fair admission. Also, a four-event package offers the demolition derby, three nights of rodeo and gate admission for \$90.

Additional stage entertainment during the week features The Matt Baker

Comedy + Stunt Show, offering a unique combination of humor and skills that have landed him five Guinness World Records; Vikki Gasko Green, a bilingual ventriloquist and magician; Hilla Hula Hoop Extraordinaire, with jaw-dropping tricks; and Dangerous Feats of Comedy, a high-energy act with daredevil juggling and fire breathing.

Davis Shows Northwest is bringing all your favorite carnival rides. Regular all-day armbands are \$38. Buddy Day (Wednesday, Aug. 31) features buy one, get the second half off and Family Day (Thursday, Sept. 1) is \$3 per ride or armbands for \$33.

The fair parade, which rolls through downtown Walla Walla, is Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m. Also, a classic car show revs up Sept. 2-3 behind the Pepsi Stage. And motorcycles hog the limelight Sunday, Sept. 4. Both shows run from 3-6 p.m.

For tickets and more information, visit [www.walla-wallafairgrounds.com](http://www.walla-wallafairgrounds.com). For questions, contact 509-527-3247 or [info@wallawalla-fairgrounds.com](mailto:info@wallawalla-fairgrounds.com).

## HERMISTON



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**Ramon Quirarte and Joel Varela enjoy breakfast before class in September 2018 at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston. Starting this fall, all Hermiston School District students enrolled for the 2022-23 school year at the elementary and middle schools may eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.**

## K-8 students to receive free breakfast, lunch

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well-nourished and ready to learn.

HERMISTON — Beginning this fall, all Hermiston School District students enrolled at the elementary and middle schools may eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.

As part of The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the Community Eligibility Provision, allows the nation’s highest poverty districts and/or schools to serve all students free meals without submitting household income information or completing an application.

No action is required by families for their students to eat breakfast and/or lunch at the schools.

According to a press release from the school district, the provision eliminates the possible stigma associated with free or reduced price status because all students will receive the meals free of charge. Also, by offering all students a nutritious breakfast and lunch, more students will come to class

streamlines administrative requirements, saving the district time and money. While Hermiston High School didn’t qualify for the program, the district can reapply next year.

Students enrolled at the high school are eligible for one free breakfast per day. In addition, students may be eligible for the traditional free or reduced price lunch program by completing a family application or via direct certification. Students not qualifying for the traditional program will pay \$3.50 for lunch.

For more information about the program, contact Briana Cortaberria, district communications officer, at 541-667-6010 or [briana.cortaberria@hermiston.k12.or.us](mailto:briana.cortaberria@hermiston.k12.or.us). For questions about free or reduced price meals, contact Naomi Lopez-Navarrete in food services at [naomi.lopez-navarrete@hermiston.k12.or.us](mailto:naomi.lopez-navarrete@hermiston.k12.or.us) or 541-667-6026.

## Hermiston prepares to open doors to new schools

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HERMISTON — With the 2022-23 school year just around the corner, the Hermiston School District is preparing to unveil its two new elementary schools. The public is invited to ribbon-cutting events at each of the facilities.

The original Rocky Heights Elementary School, constructed in 1962, had numerous maintenance and security concerns. The new school is on the site’s former athletic fields. The official opening is Tuesday, Aug. 30, 6-8 p.m. at 650 W. Standard Ave.

The other new facility, which helps address increased student enrollment, is Loma Vista Elementary School. The ribbon-cutting Wednesday, Aug. 31, 6-8 p.m. at 2095 N.E. 19th St.

Voters in November 2019 approved an \$82.7 million bond measure to pay for projects. The bond will pay for the new softball complex, a new annex adding classrooms at Hermiston High School, the purchase of additional property for future schools, and



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**The new Rocky Heights Elementary School, 650 W. Standard Ave., Hermiston, prepares Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, for its opening Aug. 30, 6-8 p.m.**



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**The new Loma Vista Elementary School, 2095 N.E. 19th St., Hermiston, prepares Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, for the new school year. The ribbon-cutting for the school’s opening is Aug. 31, 6-8 p.m.**

improvements to the parking and drop-off areas at several schools.

Each of the new schools has a capacity to serve 600 students. After voters

## STUDENTS

Willamette Connections releases honor roll

SCIO — Willamette Connections Academy recently announced its kindergarten through middle school honor roll for the second semester 2021-22 school year.

Local students recognized for superior academic achievement, their grade level and town include **William Larsen** (sixth) of Adams; **Alexandra Hennings** (second) and **Katherine Hennings** (seventh) both of Hermiston; and **Jaxx Clayton** (eighth) of Pendleton.

The tuition-free, virtual public school serves kindergarten through 12th grade students throughout the state. Authorized by the Scio School District, it is overseen by its own governing board and school leadership.

Willamette Connections is enrolling students for the 2022-23 academic year. For more information, visit [www.willametteconnectionsacademy.com](http://www.willametteconnectionsacademy.com) or call 800-382-6010.

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### Terri L. Downs

May 5, 1949 - August 13, 2022

Terri L. Downs was born in Boise, ID on May 5, 1949, and went home to Heaven on Aug. 13, 2022, in Thornton, Colorado, at the age of 73 years.

Terri was the daughter of Chester H. Downs and G. Imogene Downs of Hermiston. She moved to Hermiston in 1959 with her family and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1967. After high school, she attended Northwestern College of Business in Portland, Oregon, receiving a diploma in fashion merchandising and went on to attend a school of nursing before finding and enjoying her niche as a stewardess for United Airlines for 10 years.

During her 10 years of service, she traveled, either professionally or personally, to most of the lower 48 states, as well as a few overseas trips. She retired from United Airlines to marry and raise a family. Terri’s home domicile with United Airlines was Denver, Colorado, and she continued to make Denver her home for over 40 years.

She and her husband divorced when their children were young and she raised a daughter and son as a single mother. She had a mother’s love for her children, which never diminished, even as they reached adulthood.

She loved the Lord and had a strong Christian faith, which sustained her every day. Besides her children, she most enjoyed her friends, her dogs, sewing, going out to eat, watching movies on the Hallmark Channel, cooking and baking and sharing homemade muffins with her neighbors.

Terri is survived by her children, Susannah L. Staples of Denver, Colorado; and Joel M. Staples of Westminster, Colorado; her four-legged fur baby, Jill; and sister, Kathy A. Downs of Hermiston, Oregon.

A graveside burial was held on Aug. 25, 2022, at the Hermiston Cemetery with Pastor Gary Snively officiating and a celebration of life will be held on Sept. 4, 2022, in Thornton, Colorado.

Please share memories of Terri with her family at [www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com). Burns Mortuary in Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.



approved the bond, a Nov. 5, 2019, district press release said student enrollment had increased by nearly 900 students since the 2008 general obligation bond for \$69.9 million. That project included the replacement of West Park and Sunset elementary schools and the construction of a new Armand Larive Middle School.

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