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April 1 through April 7 and is always busy, especially during the weekend, he said. For the last two years, more than 1,500 loads were processed, he said.

The transfer station is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

At the free Hermiston clean-up event, people can recycle tires and a variety of other items from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 in the Umatilla Electric Cooperative parking lot, 750 W. Elm Ave.

People can also recycle appliances, car batteries, computers, electronics, concrete, paint, aluminum, tin, scrap metal, glass, paper, plastic, cardboard, yard debris and clean wood, but the items must be sorted.

Hermiston Parks and Recreation Director Larry Fetter said the event allows people to get rid of items that are difficult to dispose of to clean up the community.

“The most important thing is people need to sort those things out,” he said. “Each bin will be staffed so that we can make sure the right things go in the right piles. We’re collecting there and disposing of it, recycling it, if you will, in various

Spring cleaning

Sanitary Disposal transfer station

With a \$13.50 discount per load of acceptable solid waste, excluding tires, loads up to 2.5 cubic feet with a maximum weight of 454.4 pounds are free at the transfer station Wednesday through April 7 on the west side of Highway 395 two miles north of Hermiston. The station is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

Umatilla’s Slam

Dunk the Junk

Dumpsters people can use for free will be available from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through April 5 at the Port of Umatilla office on Willamette Street and next to the baseball field at Nugent

Park on Eighth Street. A dumpster for scrap metal and appliances will be available from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through April 4 at the city garage on Third Street. The event will culminate with volunteers in various neighborhoods helping cleanup starting at 9 a.m. April 4.

Hermiston’s recycling event

Aluminum, appliances, car batteries, computers, concrete, electronics, paint, paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, tin, tires, scrap metal, yard debris and clean wood can be recycled for free from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 in the Umatilla Electric Cooperative parking lot, 750 W. Elm Ave., Hermiston. The items must be sorted because each will be recycled separately. The event is open to residents outside city limits as well.

ious fashions depending on what it is.”

Fetter said the event is open to anyone, not just Hermiston residents, and, next year, neighborhood work parties may also be organized to clean difficult areas.

In Umatilla, work groups will be cleaning up neighborhoods this year for the Slam Dunk the Junk event starting at 9 a.m. April 4, City Manager Bob Ward said.

“The major clean-up event will be on April 4, and we’ll have volunteer groups and vehicles out in the various

neighborhoods helping people to get rid of their larger stuff,” he said. “We also like to get people who are elderly or can’t afford to take care of their yards to sign up by contacting City Hall.”

Ward said, if people sign a waiver, volunteers can help clean up private property but cannot enter homes. More volunteers are also needed to help at the event, and Ward requested they sign up by contacting City Hall as well.

Each dumpster load costs \$172, and the city is also looking for people or busi-

nesses to help sponsor the event, so the burden is not solely on the city. Last year, seven dumpsters were filled, and Ward said he hopes the event actually gets easier each year as more and more material gets disposed.

“It’s always beneficial to a city when there’s that sense of community pride, people wanting to have their community look good — not



SEAN HART PHOTO

Weighmaster Jana Larsen, right, weighs the vehicle of a customer leaving the Sanitary Disposal transfer station, about two miles north of Hermiston on Highway 395, Thursday, Wednesday through April 7, people paying with cash will receive a \$13.50 discount off of each load of all acceptable solid waste, excluding tires. Loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.4 pounds can be disposed of free of charge. The transfer station is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

only for their neighbors but also people passing through, people scoping out Umatilla,” he said. “Obviously, if it’s a place that people see as clean and tidy, that’s a good thing for us.”

Ward said dumpsters people can use for free will also be available from Tuesday through April 5 at the Port

of Umatilla office on Willamette Street and at the old city shop on Eighth Street next to the baseball field at Nugent Park. A dumpster for scrap metal and appliances will be available at the city garage on Third Street Tuesday through April 4. People can use the dumpsters from about 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



SEAN HART PHOTO

People can use these recycling bins before loads are weighed at the Sanitary Disposal transfer station two miles north of Hermiston on the west side of Highway 395. Cash customers will receive a \$13.50 discount per load Wednesday through April 7, so loads up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.4 pounds are free. The station is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

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a wide swath.”

Preus said the Oregon Trail Fire Training Association, comprised of members from the fire districts in Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties, would determine whether the tower would be built in Hermiston or Pendleton.

Hermiston fire Chief Scott Stanton said he is currently preparing a memorandum of understanding that would work out more of the details about the training tower.

“Our intent would be it’s on our land at Station 3 (78760 Westland Road, Hermiston),” he said. “That’s still to be determined, but that’s going to be my proposal.”

Stanton said, wherever the structure ends up, it will provide a wide variety of training opportunities to both fire sciences students and veteran firefighters. He said the tower would be a multi-use facility applicable for house and commercial structure fires, where

people could participate in live fire, ventilation, rappelling, search and rescue, fire sprinkler, hose and aerial ladder training.

“I think it’s a huge thing for the region for fire training, not only to hone your craft, but to provide training,” he said. “It’s definitely a critical need, but they are expensive.”

Stanton said he expects \$348,000 for the tower if the bond passes, but he is also trying to secure additional funding from other sources because he expects it to cost between \$350,000 and \$500,000.

“The more people we have involved, the better chance we have to get it funded and get it built and get what I call a regional training center for all the fire departments to use,” he said. “It’s critical for the training of our own people, whether you’re talking about the students at Blue Mountain or our firefighters.”

The total \$22.9 million bond would cost an average Hermiston homeowner \$33.20 per year, according to information from

BMCC. In addition to the \$1 million for instructional equipment, the bond includes \$3.2 million for a precision irrigated agriculture facility in Hermiston, \$4.7 million for a workforce training and early learning center in Boardman and \$4.2 million for renovations to the Facility for Agricultural Resource Management in Pendleton, as well as \$8.6 million for repairs, \$2 million for better technology and \$1.1 million for increased safety and security features.



SUBMITTED IMAGE

This diagram shows a tentative site map for a free recycling event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 in the Umatilla Electric Cooperative parking lot on Elm Avenue in Hermiston. The items must be separated, and only specified items can be recycled.

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Load up your Spring Cleaning waste and take it to the Transfer Station for disposal.

Cash customers using the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station will receive up to \$13.50 off each load. This means a load measuring up to 2.5 cu. yards with a maximum weight of 454.5 lbs. can be disposed of for **FREE!** This includes all acceptable solid waste with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.

The Transfer Station is located 2 miles north of Hermiston on Hwy 395 and is open weekdays from 8am to 5pm and weekends from 9am to 5pm.

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