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## First Thursday events to begin in downtown

People can enjoy refreshments, discounts and a drawing

BY SEAN HART  
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Many downtown Hermiston businesses are hosting a special event Thursday to help people discover what the district has to offer.

Hermiston Downtown Association co-chair Judy Pederson, owner of Lucky Endz Gifts, said the organization is hosting First Thursday events from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday, July 2 and Aug. 6.

"We just want people to be able to come down to downtown and explore," she said. "We want them to know what we have to offer. I think some people don't realize the unique businesses that are downtown."

Thirteen members of the downtown association will offer discounts and refreshments for people stopping in. Attendees can pick up a "passport" at the participating businesses and, after getting them stamped at four of the establishments,

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## TODAY'S WEATHER



Mainly sunny  
High: 77° Low: 52°

## OUTLOOK

- THURSDAY  
Mostly sunny  
High: 82° Low: 52°
- FRIDAY  
Sunny  
High: 90° Low: 57°

A complete weather forecast is featured on page A2.



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## Student-built home bidding process opens

District set reserve price at \$268,500

BY JESSICA KELLER  
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People wishing to bid on the Hermiston School District student-built home but who could not attend Monday's open house may still inspect the house by arranging a private viewing with the district.

Until July 19, people can call Career and Technical Education instructor Curt Berger to access the property for further inspection.

The school district hosted an open house at the home, 895 W. Angus Court, next to Armand Larive Middle School Monday, where students in the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilder Program led prospective buyers

and other people on tours of the house.

After Doug Barak, of Barak & Associates Appraisals, appraised the house, the school district set a reserve price of \$268,500 on the house, which is the first of 11 homes area students in the homebuilder program will build with tradesmen.

Deputy Superintendent Wade Smith said Barak took into consideration many factors when helping the district establish a minimum bid price. He factored in square footage of the house, amenities and houses with similar characteristics to help establish the value of the property. Smith said, however, Barak had difficulty setting an upper price range on the house, taking into consideration comparables.

"It's very tough to find a compar-

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JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Area residents interested in seeing the recently completed 2,050-square-foot student-built home, 895 W. Angus Court, toured the home Monday. Interested buyers can submit bids to the school district until June 19.



SEAN HART PHOTO

Hermiston dog trainer Patty O'Brien works with her dog Jazzy Monday. She said teaching dogs tricks helps develop a closer relationship between the owner and the dog.

## Local woman teaches dogs and their humans new tricks

BY SEAN HART  
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Months of training paid off when Jazzy recently starred in her first commercial.

The 2-year-old Hermiston border collie landed a role in an online advertisement for a Flir FX security system for the Oregon-based Flir Systems.

Of course, Jazzy was already successful before her acting career. She attained the highest ratings possible as both a trick and an agility dog.

Her owner and trainer, Patty O'Brien, Hermiston, said the clever canine knows more than 100 tricks

and loves to learn.

"They get so they want to do it," she said. "It's just fun for them. Each trick gets easier because they learn to start thinking."

O'Brien said Jazzy worked through the five trick dog levels to achieve champion status in about eight months. The accomplishment required five expert tricks, so Jazzy learned to open her crate, get in and

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SEAN HART PHOTO

Jazzy, a 2-year-old border collie, runs through a tunnel in an agility training course Monday. Jazzy has earned the top agility dog status of master and competes in the Pacific Northwest. Her owner, Pattie O'Brien, teaches others how to work with their dogs through her business Smarty Dog.

## Chrzanowski's future bright after high school



Senior one of 280 students to walk Saturday

BY JESSICA KELLER  
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Tymoteusz Chrzanowski doesn't know why people call him an over-achiever.

"I hear that phrase a lot, but I don't really understand it," he said. "I don't really understand the concept of over-achieving be-

## Class of 2015

What: Hermiston High School graduation  
Where: Hermiston High School Auditorium  
When: 10:30 a.m.  
Tickets are required

cause there's always more to do."

Chrzanowski will graduate from Hermiston High School Saturday a valedictorian, a Career and Technical Education completer

in two programs, as well as with an honors medallion and as a member of many school clubs.

Chrzanowski has done a lot in his four years at Hermiston High School. He was one of the two students to receive the Outstanding Student in Language Arts award at the HHS Evening of Excellence in May. He was a member of Key Club and National Honor Society and helped found the school's knitting club.

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JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Hermiston senior Tymoteusz Chrzanowski made the most of his time in high school. He was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, the music program, speech and debate and was one of the founders of the school's knitting club. He will attend Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania this fall.

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