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Hermiston **adopts \$57.2** million budget

BY SEAN HART HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston City Council adopted the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year at the regular meeting Monday.

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, the budget includes \$57.2 million in revenues and expenditures.

The primary revenues include \$23.5 million from cash forward, \$8.1 million from energy service, \$5.8 million in transfers from other funds, \$5.5 million from property taxes and \$4.5 million from other agencies.

The largest expenditures include \$17.6 million on materials and services, \$9.3 million on personnel services and \$6.8 million on capital outlay with \$9.4 million reserved for future expenditures and an unappropriated balance of \$3.9 million.

According to a budget message from City Manager Byron Smith, this year's budget includes \$40,000 to repaint the south water tower, \$100,000 for community enhancement projects, \$100,000 in a reserve fund for future City Hall improvements and a 2.25 percent pay increase for city employees.

In other news, the coun-

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Mostly sunny High: 96° Low: 59°

OUTLOOK

 THURSDAY Sunny High: 95° Low: 59°

FRIDAY Sunny High: 87° Low: 52°

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New look, frequency and editor for Herald

BY EO MEDIA GROUP

Changes are coming to the Hermiston Herald on July 1.

On that date, the Hermiston Herald will debut a redesigned newspaper, celebrating Hermiston's past, present and future.

The new-look print edition will be distributed once a week on Wednesdays. HermistonHerald.com will become the principal platform for breaking news and information for the community.

Kathryn B. Brown, publisher of



the Hermiston Herald and East Oregonian newspapers, also announced that a new editor will take over management of the Herald, effective July 1. Gary L. West, 49,

will replace Jessica Keller who has been editor of the Herald for the past two years. "Gary West has played an im-

portant role in EO Media Group's

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Hermiston High School graduating seniors celebrate at the end of the 2015 commencement ceremony by shooting silly string Saturday at HHS. More than 200 seniors graduated in this year's class.

Seniors' accomplishments lauded in Saturday's ceremony

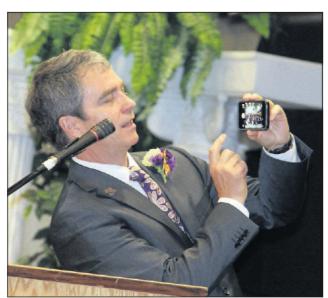
BY JESSICA KELLER HERMISTON HERALD

More than 200 members of the 2015 Hermiston High School graduating class celebrated the end of their high school careers Saturday by shooting off silly string and tossing around beach balls in the school gymnasium amid laughter and tears.

commencement The ceremony was marked by speeches from various figures, including HHS Distinguished Alumnus Stuart Allen, who, in his keynote address, showed a picture of himself when he was in high school. He also paused to take a new picture, a selfie with this year's class of seniors.

The day was also marked by the accomplishments of the graduating seniors, of whom there were five valedictorians, Tymoteusz Chrzanowski, Taylor Katsel Bradshaw, Alexander Meyers, Kyler Mikami and Tyler Wadekamper, who all graduated with 4.0 grade point averages and honors diplomas.

Principal Jocelyn Jones said 26 other students earned honors diplomas, given to students who met the most rigorous standards in either honors, advanced placement or dual-credit courses while exceeding state standards and maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Of the 139 program completers, 40 graduated with GPAs of 3.5 or higher as well. Of



JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Hermiston High School Distinguished Alumnus Stuart Allen, a member of the 1980 graduating class, takes a selfie with this year's graduating class during his keynote address Saturday at HHS.



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Tim Covert, second from right, decorates his niece Helena Hains' car with crepe paper and celebratory messages before the 2015 Hermiston High School graduation ceremony Saturday.

entering the military.

This year's class earned at least 6,171 college credits while in high school, Jones said. Financially, the the graduates, 13 will be class of 2015 has qualified

for more than \$3.7 million in scholarship funds, which were just those reported, Jones said.

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Hermiston High School grads look back, ahead to future

BY JESSICA KELLER **HERMISTON HERALD**

The Hermiston Herald asked six Hermiston High School graduates at Saturday's commencement cere-

- mony to share some of their plans for the future and thoughts on high school. They were asked six ques-1. What are your long-term plans after high school?
- 2. What are your plans for the summer? 3. Who was your favorite high school teacher and
- 4. What was your most memorable experience in high school?
- 5. If you could go back and do anything over, what would it be?
- 6. Do you plan on returning to Hermiston one day to live?

Landon Gammell

1. "Get a degree in education at the College of Idaho and become a teacher and coach."

2. "Work construction for one of my friend's dads.'

3. "Mr. (Rich) Harshberger because I just like talking to him about sports and life in general. He's just a relatable

4. "Winning a state championship in foot-



5. "All four years of Gammel football."

6. "Yeah, if I got a teaching job or a coaching job, I'd come back to Hermiston or anywhere in the area."

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