

COMMUNITY

# Firefighters compete in charity donkey basketball game

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Just before tipoff of a charity basketball game in Hermiston, the players mounted their donkeys, and the action began.

Hermiston and Umatilla firefighters faced off

for the second year in a donkey basketball game benefiting the Desert Shrine Club Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo grounds.

Umatilla charged to an early lead, up 8 to 4 at the end of the first quarter, before Hermiston pulled

ahead by a nose with a 10-8 lead at the half. In the second half, Umatilla was running away for the win until Hermiston made a final push in the homestretch. Hermiston came up short, however, and Umatilla claimed a 29-26 victory.

The firefighters said they enjoyed the game, but the real winner was the Desert Shrine Club.

Vice President Jim Leitch said the event in Hermiston last year raised about \$2,400, and he expected a similar amount this year. He

said the club supports the Shriners Hospital in Portland, which provided free care to about 200 children from the area in each of the last two years.

"We work hard to get the money to keep that hospital operating," he said.



SEAN HART PHOTOS

Firefighters from Hermiston and Umatilla battled in a game of donkey basketball to raise funds for the Desert Shrine Club Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo grounds in Hermiston. The club supports the Shriners Hospital in Portland, which provides free care for children.

# Umatilla postpones commercial zoning change decision – again

## New strip club moratorium set to expire July 14, the day after the City Council will discuss the issue again

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Umatilla City Council members postponed a decision on commercial zoning changes for a third time at the regular meeting Tuesday.

The Umatilla Planning Commission worked for months to come up with a proposal that would define where new strip clubs — along with every other type of commercial business — could locate and sent the recommendations to the City Council in April.

The city enacted a moratorium preventing new adult entertainment businesses from opening last year and extended the temporary ban earlier this year. With the moratorium set to expire July 14, the council decided to continue discussion about the commercial zoning changes to a special meeting at 7 p.m. July 13 at Umatilla City Hall.

Mayor Dave Trott made the recommendation to postpone a decision before any discussion about the zoning changes. He said, except for strip clubs and marijuana dispensaries, none of the changes needed to be enacted immediately. He said the council should have the time to diligently understand and discuss the issue.

City Manager Bob Ward said the city may be able to extend the moratorium again, but he was not certain whether the notification requirements could be met before the current extension expired.

# HHS earns bronze from national magazine

Hermiston School District announced this week that Hermiston High School was recently recognized by a national magazine in rankings of public high schools.

U.S. News and World

Report reviewed 29,070 U.S. public high schools as part of the Best High Schools rankings. According to the 2015 report, released last month, Oregon had 114 high schools make the rankings. Hermiston

High School was among those, listed as a bronze medalist.

In partnership with RTI International, a research firm based in North Carolina, U.S. News judges high schools on advanced place-

ment scores, state testing scores, how well a school serves all students and how well a school prepares students for college.

Oregon has 185,591 high school students instructed by 8,216 full-

time teachers throughout 325 high schools in 180 school districts. Of the 325 high schools, 114 were included on the Best High School rankings: three earned gold medals, 25 earned silver

medals and 86 earned bronze medals.

To see the full 2015 U.S. News High Schools rankings, nationwide and by state, visit <http://usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

### Entries being accepted for Desert Classic Jackpot Show

The Umatilla County Cattlemen's Association is accepting entries for the sixth annual Desert Classic Jackpot Steer & Heifer Show July 11 at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston. The champion steer will receive \$300, the reserve champion steer will receive \$200 and the third-place steer will receive \$100. Premiums/payouts for the heifers will depend on the number entered and the size of the jackpot. The champion heifer will receive 50 percent of the jackpot, reserve champion heifer will receive 33 percent and the third-place heifer will receive 17 percent. Silver buckles will be awarded to the champion showman in each of the three age categories of junior, 11 years and under, intermediate, 12-15 years old, and senior, youth 16 and older.

Additional information is available at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/umatilla/cattlemen-association> or by contacting Marie Linnell, 541-561-6563 or [mlinnell15@gmail.com](mailto:mlinnell15@gmail.com), or Randy Mills, 541-278-5403.

### Agape House parking lot sale Saturday

Hermiston's Agape House is conducting a parking lot sale from 8:30

a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Agape House, 500 Harper Road. The sale will feature clothing, furniture, books and other assorted goods. Clothing items are three for \$1. Furniture is priced as marked, and customers may name their price for all other goods.

Donations are welcome through Friday. Call Dave at Agape House at 541-567-8774 or 541-571-7293 with any questions.

### Class reunion scheduled

The Hermiston High School Class of 1955 is holding its 60th class reunion

Aug. 27 through Aug. 29. Call Peggy at 541-567-6568 for more information.

### Free summer lunches available to youth

The City of Hermiston is sponsoring free summer lunches to all children 18 years old and younger Monday through Friday through Aug. 14.

Lunches are available at Sunset Park from 11:30 a.m. to noon; at Butte Park from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; at Rocky Heights Elementary School from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; at the aquatic center from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.; and at

Victory Square from 12:45 pm. to 1:15 p.m.

All meals are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be eaten on site.

### Rib cook-off coming up

The Boardman Fire-fighter's Association and the Boardman Fire Corps are hosting the sixth annual Scorchin' Summer Rib Cook Off July 11 at the SAGE Center parking lot in Boardman. Check-in begins at 7 a.m., and judging starts at 2:30 p.m. Top prize receives \$100, second-place gets \$75 and third receives \$50. The people's Choice Award,

though, pays out \$200. A raffle and children's activities will be offered.

The field is limited to 20 teams. For rules and entry forms, call 541-481-3473.

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