

District seeks contract for in-school health center

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Hermiston students and school staff may have easier access to medical services next year.

The Hermiston School Board authorized district administrators to finalize contract agreements for a school wellness center at the meeting Monday.

Superintendent Fred Maiocco said the center at Hermiston High School will be staffed by a contracted medical group that will receive payment for the services from the patients, so the district will not have to pay for the medical services. He said the medical group will assume most of the business risk, but beginning next school year, if the wellness center operates at a loss of more than

\$10,000 per quarter, the district will be liable for up to \$7,000 per quarter.

Maiocco said representatives from two groups, Family Health Associates and Providence Medical, toured the facility, but Family Health Associates submitted the only bid to provide services. He said the wellness center is scheduled to open Jan. 1 but will only operate half-time until the demand for services necessitates full-time staffing.

The center will provide students, staff and their dependents certain services, such as well visits, physicals, screenings, diagnosing and treating acute illnesses, vaccinations and referrals for more advanced care, Maiocco said. Services relating to contraceptives,

sexually transmitted diseases and mental health will not be provided on school district property, he said.

Executive Director of Special Programs Jon Mishra said the district first had discussions about creating a wellness center in 2013. He said the district was methodical in developing the program and involved all of the stakeholders in the process.

"We're going to be able to provide a service to our children," he said, adding staff members would also benefit from reduced waiting times for simple ailments.

Board member Don Rankin, however, said the district would only further undermine parental authority by establishing

the wellness center. He said the schools now feed many students and take care of them during the week.

"It seems like it keeps snowballing," he said. Rankin requested the item be removed from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

Board member Maria Duron said parents would still be responsible for the students because they would have to pay for, or have insurance to cover, the cost of the medical services.

"I see this as a great benefit, not another thing we are taking on," she said.

Rankin voted against authorizing the district to finalize the contracts, but the action item passed, 6-1.

Holiday cup: Pranked or punk'd?

Have you caught any of the hullabaloo about the Starbucks red holiday cup?

A former pastor turned social media personality originally announced on Facebook (Nov. 5 at 10:56 a.m.) that Starbucks had lost his business and encouraged others to also boycott the coffee empire.

Joshua Feuerstein's post also includes a link to a piece — "Starbucks 'Holiday cups' No Longer Contain Christmas References" written by Michael Cantrell on theradicals.com — that explains his sudden disdain for Starbucks.

However, it seems Feuerstein's personal black-balling of Starbucks lasted a little more than an hour. In his follow-up post at 12:15 p.m., Feuerstein encourages people to join him in a movement he's calling #merrychristmasstarbucks.

"Starbucks REMOVED CHRISTMAS from their cups because they hate Jesus ... SO I PRANKED THEM," the post says, which includes a video clip shot in front of a Starbucks with Feuerstein clutching a holiday cup.

Feuerstein's accusation against the coffee kingdom was in response to the company opting to go with "plain red" cups this holiday season. By the way, the cup is red and includes the green Starbucks logo, which, to me, displays the classic colors generally associated with Christmas.

According to the company website, the first Starbucks holiday cup introduced in 1997 featured "... a jazz-themed design in jewel tones of deeper reds, greens and blues."

To me, this doesn't exactly scream Christmas — other than the fact it included red and green.

The company website goes on to say, "Every year

since, the cup has told a story of the holidays by featuring symbols of the season from vintage ornaments and hand-drawn reindeer to modern vector-illustrated characters."

Starbucks notes people have been doodling images on their cups for years. This year's "plain" holiday cup provides a "blank canvas" to further encourage the creativity of its customers, the website states. Starbucks has even held red cup contests with the winners receiving gift cards.

Although three of my Facebook friends "like" Joshua Feuerstein's Facebook page, I had never heard of him until this whole Starbucks thing went viral. However, after browsing his page and listening to some of his YouTube rants, I have formed an opinion. I believe people like Feuerstein have a tendency to provide partial information and then dogmatically spread their version of "the truth."

"Starbucks, I tricked you into putting 'Merry Christmas' on your cup," Feuerstein said in the video clip, by telling the barista that was his name.

Personally, I just don't get Feuerstein's "prank." He's encouraging people to buy Starbucks drinks, then taking selfies with their red holiday cup and posting them on the Internet. So, not only are people supporting Starbucks by making a purchase, but they're also providing advertisements by plastering the photos all over social media.

I'm just waiting for Ashton Kutcher and the old "Punk'd" crew to pop up any moment.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11
SAFE COMMUNITIES, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference center 2, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. RSVP to Kathy at 541-667-3502.
RIVERSIDE SITE COUNCIL, 5:30 p.m., Riverside High School library, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman.
UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR BOARD, 6:30 p.m., TBA
HERMISTON FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Hermiston Fire Station No.1, 320 S. First S.
HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.
STANFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 1120 N. Main St.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12
MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.
BLUE MOUNTAIN FOREST PLAN REVISION TECHNICAL MEETING: FORESTRY, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St., La Grande.

Specific to Blue Mountains national forests. A facilitator will ensure everyone has time to speak, listen to others and propose solutions. (Peter Fargo 541-523-1231)

BOARDMAN RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., 300 S.W. Wilson Lane.

PORT OF MORROW COMMISSION, 1:30 p.m., port offices, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

BLUE MOUNTAIN FOREST PLAN REVISION PUBLIC MEETING: PACE AND SCALE OF RESTORATION, 5:30 p.m. doors open, meeting begins at 6 p.m., La Grande Armory, 404 12th St. Specific to Willowa-Whitman and Umatilla national forests. A facilitator will ensure everyone has time to speak, listen to others and propose solutions. (Peter Fargo 541-523-1231)

HERMISTON PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston City Hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

UMATILLA SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 1001 Sixth St.

UMATILLA-MORROW COUNTY FARM BUREAU, TBA. Call Julie Sprattling at 541-457-6045 for more information.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13
No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, NOV. 16
WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 9 a.m., Irrigon Fire Department, 705 N.E. Main St. (541-922-3814).

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1 p.m., district office, 77096 Highway 207, Echo.

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo School, 600 Gerone St.

UMATILLA-MORROW HEAD START, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston. (Leanna 541-564-6878).

TUESDAY, NOV. 17
IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main St.

UMATILLA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, 6 p.m., SWCD conference room, 200 S.E. Hailey Ave., Pendleton.

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 150 W. Coe St.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18
MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.

INTERMOUNTAIN ESD, 6:30 p.m., district office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton.

BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 202 N. Main St.

OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Heppner Public Library, 444 N. Main St.

UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St.

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IN BRIEF

Fitness studio hosts Woman's Day

Fashion, food and fun are planned during Woman's Day at the Higher Power Fitness.

The free event is Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. with kickboxing. The rest of the fun, which includes several vendors, runs from noon to 4 p.m. at 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 202, Hermiston.

Donations of gently used clothing, coats and shoes will be accepted on behalf of the local women's shelter.

For more information, contact 541-289-5483 or info@higherpowerfitnessllc.com.

Warming station sets volunteer training

Additional training and safety meetings are planned for those interested in volunteering at the Hermiston Warming Station.

The sessions available are Thursday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. The training takes place at the First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave.

For more information, contact 541-720-1146, warming_station@gmail.com or search Facebook for "Hermiston Warming Station."

Teens get ready to jam on Portland trip

A field trip to Portland includes an evening of listening to Christian bands and speakers.

The Winter Jam trip is organized by Hermiston Church of the Nazarene. The event is Friday at the Moda Center in Portland. Those planning to attend must call or text Janet Breshears today at 541-571-0700.

The cost is \$15 per person, plus extra money for dinner. Also, participants can bring additional money for concessions and band merchandise purchases.

For information about the event, visit <http://2015.jamtour.com>.

Grange sets pre-holiday flea market

A pre-Christmas flea market is upcoming at the Columbia Grange.

The event also includes an all-you-can-eat breakfast for \$6. The flea market, which includes holiday gifts and ideas, is Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Vendor space is available for \$8.

For more information or for vendor space, call Doris at 541-567-8663 or Pat at 541-567-5706.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Worship with us!

<p>The Full Gospel Home Church 235 SW 3rd Phone 567-7678 Rev. Ed Baker - Rev. Nina Baker Sunday: Sunday School.....10:00 am Worship.....11:00 am Evening Service.....7:00 pm Wednesday Service.....7:00 pm "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church Of Hermiston Rev. Dr. James T. Pierce, Pastor Open Hearts, Open minds, Open doors 191 E. Gladys Ave. Sunday Worship at 11am (541) 567-3002</p>	<p>First Christian Church "Proclaiming the Message of Hope, Living the Gospel of Love" SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHURCH 11:00 AM Nursery Provided 567-3013 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston</p>	<p>Echo Community Church 21 N Bonanza Street Echo, OR Phone: (541) 376-8108 Sunday School.....9:30 am Worship10:45 am Children's Church.....11:15 am Potluck & Communion ~ First Sunday of the Month</p>
<p>Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church 565 W. HERMISTON AVE. DAILY MASS: Monday-FridayEnglish 7:00 am THURSDAYSpanish 6:00 pm SATURDAY:English 5:00 pmSpanish 7:00 pm SUNDAY:English 9:00 amBilingual 11:00 amSpanish 1:00 pm OFFICE.....567-5812</p>	<p>Grace Baptist Church 555 SW 11th, Hermiston 567-9497 Nursery provided for all services Sunday School - 9:30 AM Worship - 10:45 AM 6:00 pm Wed Prayer & Worship - 7:00 PM "Proclaiming God's word, growing in God's grace"</p>	<p>HermNaz the best thing about Sundays 1520 W ORCHARD AVE Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am Classes for kids @ 9:15 am SEEKING JESUS, SHARING LIFE, SERVING PEOPLE www.hermistonnazarene.org</p>	<p>Seventh-day Adventist Church Saturdays Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....11:00 a.m. 567-8241 855 W. Highland • Hermiston</p>
<p>NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston Sunday Worship Services English- Pastor Dave Andrus 9:00 & 10:45 am Spanish- Pastor Genaro Loredo 9:00 & 10:15 am Classes for kids during all services For more information call 541-567-8441</p>	<p>THE COUNTRY CHURCH Pastor James Becker 32742 Diagonal RD Hermiston OR 97838 Sunday School 10 am Worship 7 am Evening Service 7 pm Bible Study Wednesdays 7 pm Firestarter Youth Ministry (Ages 12-17) Monday @ 6 pm</p>	<p>HARVEST Baptist Church Come Grow With Us! Sunday AM Service 10:30 Sunday PM Service 3:30 OXFORD SUITES CONFERENCE ROOM (541) 701-9055 www.HBCHermiston.com</p>	<p>LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH 125 E. Beech Ave. • 567-3232 Pastor David Dever Sun. Bible Classes.....10:00am Sun. Worship Service.....11:00am Sun. Evening Worship.....6:00pm Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....6:00pm www.hermistonlmbc.com</p>

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