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brought to Hermiston, most recently as president of the Oregon Chamber of Commerce.

"When I am in Salem I always get asked about four things: watermelons, our great schools, wrestling and our woman of the year," he said.

The 2015 Man of the Year was Phil Hamm, director of the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Presenter Greg Harris said Hamm is one of the most respected plant pathologists in the nation, with a long list of awards and publications to his name as well as a significant amount of community service. Harris said Hamm's colleagues describe him as a man of character, integrity and passion, with a "mind that never stops."

Hamm said he was deeply honored by the award and thanked everyone, from his supportive wife Linda to the "best staff" of any extension center in the state.

"I'm hugely humbled by this recognition," he said. "I know about the people who have stood in this position in the past and I don't fill those shoes."

Hermiston Veterinary Clinic was recognized with the Bob Severson Rotary Business of the Year Award. Dave Rademacher, Tom Pitzer and Creigh Lincoln co-own the Hermiston clinic, which has been serving Eastern Oregon for 75 years. The clinic is involved in a long list of community projects, including the dog program at Two Rivers Correctional Institution.

The 2015 Altrusan Young Citizen Award went to Andrea Gispert Tello, a Hermiston High School senior who keeps a 4.0 GPA while participating in extra-curricular activities such as Girl Scouts, National Honor Society, dance, tennis, swimming and various community service projects.

Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services Chief Scott Stanton presented paramedic firefighter Joshua Smith with the 2016 Fire Service Award. Stanton said Smith is known for his integrity and his good rapport with the community.

Bob Green, executive director of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation, was awarded the Spirit of Excellence Award, formerly known as the Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award. Pedro said Green has only lived in Hermiston for two and a half years, but immediately dove into serving in



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Phil Hamm holds his granddaughter Blakely Noland, 2, while accepting the Man of the Year award during the Hermiston Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet on Wednesday in Hermiston.



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Bob Green, executive director of the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation, accepts the Spirit of Excellence Award during the Hermiston Distinguished Citizens Awards Banquet on Wednesday in Hermiston.

the community in whatever way he could.

The Award of Merit, which recognizes an indi-

vidual or organization for outstanding leadership and contributions to the community, was presented to

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Hermiston School District.

Presenter Steve Williams said the district not only did an admirable job of fulfilling its primary mission of educating students, but was also an important community partner in a number of ways. One example, he said, was how the district brought millions

of dollars of economic benefit to the community by building premier facilities and always being willing to host events there.

The district's Educators of the Year and Administrator of the Year, previously

announced at the Jan. 11 school board meeting, were also recognized at the banquet. At the end of that presentation Dr. Fred Maiocco named Hermiston High School counselor Melody Bustillos as the district's top Educator of the Year.

Among her other contributions to the school district, Bustillos was a co-founder of Generation College, which helps mentor first-generation college students through the application process and college. Maiocco said so far Bustillos had attended the college graduation of 55 students that she had helped mentor through college.

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primary election.

Smith said the city did not have to run a notice in the newspaper or post it in public locations but he felt it was important to make the public aware of the opportunity to run for both open city positions.

Drotzmann has said recently he was still undecided about running for re-election.

The mayor's term was changed from two years to four years when Hermiston adopted a new city charter, but voters rejected an amendment to change the municipal judge position from elected to appointed. At-large city councilors will be up for re-election in November. If more than two candidates file for mayor, the May election will be considered a primary election, with the top two vote-getters advancing to the general election in November.

To run for mayor or municipal judge candidates must turn in an application to the city recorder by 5 p.m. on March 8. Forms are available at City Hall or online at sos.oregon.gov/elections/pages/manuals-tutorials.aspx.

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Third Friday of each month
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 GSMC Conference Center 7 (by Education Dept)

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