



Hermiston putting in extra time to bring home championship  
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# CRAFTING CREATIVITY

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Banks, pots and rattles wait for glaze in an art room at Hermiston High School. The school recently revitalized its ceramics program thanks to two grants.

## CERAMICS CLASS RETURNS TO HERMISTON HIGH

By **JENNIFER COLTON**  
Staff Writer

In a classroom at Hermiston High School, 30 students worked in tandem. A gentle hum of conversation filled the room, but the students were focused, cell phones silent and joking to a minimum. The topic for the day's lesson was simple but engaging: Clay.

"You can tell they're engaged, and you can tell they're learning from it. As an educator, this is awesome," instructor Marianne Smith said. "We are exposing these kids to an art that's been around for thousands of years. I think it's important they know where this art form came from and how difficult it is."

Hermiston High School's ceramics program was cut six years ago due to budget cuts. This year, Smith, an art teacher, revitalized the program through grant funding and a lot of initiative. The grants, including one for \$5,000 from the Hermiston Education Foundation and one from the Walmart Foundation, have purchased clay, glaze, and equipment. Smith has crafted a curriculum out of her own sort of clay, laying out plans and lessons to bring the art form to students.

Monday. Gisselle Galaviz, a senior, rolled clay into delicate spirals and placed the coils on her base. She concentrated on making the spirals even and round.

"I'm more of a drawing/painting person, and you actu-

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Seniors **Monica Aguilar**, left, and **Gisselle Galaviz**, place clay for their coil pots Monday at Hermiston High School. The school recently revitalized its ceramics program thanks to two grants.



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Junior **Dalton Hains** places clay for a coil pot Monday at Hermiston High School.



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**Marianne Smith** works with senior **Bryce Flanagan** on a coil pot Monday at Hermiston High School. The school recently revitalized its ceramics program thanks to two grants.

### SPRING FORWARD



**Daylight Saving Time** starts on **Sunday at 2 a.m.** when clocks are turned to **3 a.m.** Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later than the day before, which means there will be more light in the evening.

### ABOUT TOWN

#### Former Umatilla city manager wins Man of the Year

Bob Ward may no longer work for the city of Umatilla, but he's still near and dear to many citizens' hearts.

The former city manager was honored with the Man of the Year award at the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet Saturday.



**Ward**



**Putnam**



**Borden**

The chamber praised Ward's honesty and integrity in helping city hall become a place people want to visit.

Vicky Borden was named Woman of the Year.

Her highlights include contributing to local schools and the chamber of commerce and was singled out in collecting the signatures for the chamber awards' silent auction.

Taking home Business of the Year was Carlson's Umatilla Drug Store and its owner, Catherine Putnam.

The chamber honored Putnam because of her strong customer service, helping fill orders for residents who can't leave their home and then helping them administer injections before she leaves.

In the community, she serves in the Umatilla/Irrigon Lions Club, Two Rivers Correctional Institution's Prison Advisory Committee, the Agape House and the chamber of commerce.

## Chief: Murder investigation ongoing



**Madrigal**

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Alonzo Madrigal was killed more than a year ago in a Hermiston parking lot in a round of gunfire. He was 23.

Hermiston Chief of Police Jason Edmiston said his department determined early on that gang members were involved and a wall of silence would hinder solving the case. "That's still true," he said.

"We have not made an arrest yet."

Even so, Edmiston said, the case is "inching forward." Last week detectives took another trip to California to follow leads, just as they have traveled to other nearby states for the investigation. And detectives Randy Studebaker and Robert Guerrero have questioned and interviewed people over and over, often to verify

information. The detectives also continue to communicate with Madrigal's family, including on the anniversary of death of their son and brother.

"They have walked with the family through the last year," Edmiston said. "Everybody's got the same goal: Hold the people responsible (for the crime) accountable."

Hermiston police the night of March 4, 2015, responded

to a call about gunshots. Officers then heard shooting from the area of the 11th Street Market and rushed there. Edmiston said an officer got to Madrigal as he drew his last breath.

Two weeks later, a vehicle associated with the murder turned up in southern California. Detectives flew to Los Angeles. Edmiston credited the

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