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**Chuckwagon congratulates graduates**

Cathy Stolz and the crew at the Chuckwagon Cafe want to congratulate area graduates.

During the month of June, 2016 graduates of all ages will receive a free surprise dessert. Also, parties of eight or more will receive a 20.16 percent discount.

The cafe is located at 81027 Highway 395 North, Hermiston. For more information or to make reservations for large parties, call 541-567-6329.

**Head Start drives away with donations**

HERMISTON HERALD

When Umatilla Morrow Head Start recently went car shopping at Rogers Toyota in Hermiston, they drove away with more than a vehicle.

The conversation with sales staff by UMCHS Deputy Director Aaron Treadwell led to a dialogue with Glenn Silaski, general manager of Rogers Toyota of Hermiston. Silaski said the dealership wanted to get more involved with the community, particularly children and families — Treadwell had plenty of ideas.

A few days later, Silaski, Treadwell and UMCHS Executive Director Maureen McGrath were in a classroom at the Victory Square Head Start Center, playing with a group of the center's 4-year old students. Silaski learned how the Head Start program operates, including information about a broad spectrum of programs targeted at young children and their families.

The visit led to Rogers Toyota contributing \$2,500 to Head Start. Silaski then nominated UMCHS for the Toyota Dealer Match Program. The program will match an approved local dealership's contribution to a charity of its choice. Several weeks later, a second \$2,500 check arrived, bringing Toyota's contribution to UMCHS to \$5,000.

The Toyota contribution will be used for Head Start programs that provide early childhood education, nutrition, child care referral and home visiting services.

For more information about Head Start, contact Treadwell at 541-564-6878 or atreadwe@umchs.org.



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**MacDonal Rivas, teacher assistant; Aaron Treadwell, deputy director; Glenn Silaski, general manager Rogers Toyota; Maureen McGrath, executive director; and April Williams, education manager; visit a Umatilla Morrow Head Start classroom in Hermiston.**



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Graduates return to their seats after receiving their diplomas while waiting for other classmates to receive theirs Saturday, June 4, at Hermiston High School.

# SCHOOL'S OUT!

More than 300 students earn diplomas as part of Hermiston High's 2016 commencement

Hermiston Herald

**M**ore than 300 students earned diplomas from Hermiston High School as part of this year's senior class.

About 290 of them participated in commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 4, at the school.

Now all that's left for the class to do as a group, according to the class prophecy presented by Madilyn Hofbauer is to "watch our friends grow fat and bald on Facebook."

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Tom Spoo, principal of Hermiston High School, prepares to greet each graduate from the Class of 2016 on the stage during the commencement ceremony. Behind him on the dais are Bryn Browning, assistant superintendent, and Ginny Holthus, chair of the school board, and Wade Smith, deputy superintendent.



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The section leaders for choir, three of whom graduated Saturday, pose for a group photo with the choir director in the commons after the commencement ceremony. Left to right are: Robert Crane, junior bass section leader; Tanner Smith, tenor section leader; Joshua Rist, choir instructor/director; Alanna Ellis, soprano section leader; and Corrina Tiboni, alto section leader.



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Preston Pederson looks back over his shoulder into the crowd after receiving his diploma during commencement ceremonies Saturday, June 4, at Hermiston High School.

## Farmworker housing project proposed in Morrow County

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**  
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Threemile Canyon Farms is looking to add a new housing development west of Boardman for 200 to 800 seasonal workers who are needed to grow more organic crops.

But first, Morrow County must approve a zoning change for the property on Tower Road south of Interstate 84. The land is currently zoned Space Age Industrial, which does not allow seasonal farmworker housing as a permitted use. Instead, Threemile Canyon Farms wants the land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use,

which would allow the project to move forward.

The Morrow County Planning Commission met May 24 to review the zoning request, and continued that hearing for its next meeting on Tuesday, June 28. Planning director Carla McLane said the commission will make its recommendation to the county court, which has final say on the matter. The commission will meet at 7 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building in Heppner.

Threemile Canyon Farms is owned and operated by R.D. Offutt Company, which is working on a deal to buy 66 acres from the city

of Boardman through its real estate branch — PROfuutt Limited Partnership — to build farmworker housing along the east side of Tower Road. The property is outside of the city's urban growth boundary, across from the Boardman Airport.

Organic farming has become more of an emphasis at the farm in recent years, with 7,800 acres now in organic peas, corn, onions, carrots and other vegetables. General manager Marty Myers has said they hope to expand to over 12,000 organic acres in the next two years.

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