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# PAOLA WINS 3-POINT CONTEST FOR THIRD-STRAIGHT YEAR



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Justin Paola shoots during the three-pointer competition at the 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday in Hermiston. The Hermiston man has won the competition for three years running.

## Hermiston resident's smooth shot leads to Takin' it to the Streets 3-point championship

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Justin Paola stepped onto the HAPO Credit Union Center Court on Saturday with one thing on his mind: Just make shots.

That mindset worked as well as it has for the past three years, as the Hermiston resident nailed a total of 19 3-pointers to capture the Takin' it to the Streets 3-point championship for the third consecutive year. Paola said the adrenaline rush he gets in the event is what keeps him coming back each year.

"I've played in this every year since it started so there are some really good people that come here for this," Paola said, "and the new guys each year bring it too. The competition is always great."

The 45-year-old sharpshooter has quite the basketball background, playing collegiately at Eastern Washington University from 1990-1992 where he earned his place as one of the best 3-point shooters in school history. He currently sits at No. 7 on the all-time list in made 3-pointers with 164. He has played competitively in various 3-on-3 tournaments and other events since graduating from college, which he says has allowed him to keep his shot sharp.



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Two players battle it out Sunday in the high school boys championship game of the Takin' it to the Streets three-on-three basketball tournament.

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## New fire district faces rent increase



FILE PHOTO

New decals adorn the door of a Umatilla County Fire District 1 engine at the main station downtown in Hermiston.

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The fire board for Umatilla County Fire District 1 met Wednesday and learned their landlord is proposing to increase their rent.

The city of Hermiston owns the Public Safety Center, which houses the police department, and leases a portion to Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services. The terms of the original lease, which had been in effect since 2007, had the Hermiston Fire Department paying \$1 a year. When the new district was formed on July 1, the previous lease agreement was terminated. The city proposed a new lease agreement with the first year's rent

## Head Start accepts fall enrollments

Although school buildings are empty for the summer, Umatilla Morrow Head Start is already working to fill its classrooms for the 2016-17 school year.

Head Start invites applications from pregnant mothers and families with children ranging from newborns to 5 year olds. The agency provides services to children and their families in Morrow, Umatilla, Wallowa, Gilliam, Grant, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

Also, the agency is teaming up with the Morrow County School District to offer the Ready for Kindergarten program to 3- and 4- year olds from families that don't meet Head Start eligibility criteria. Classes will be offered two days per week in Irrigon and Boardman.

To register, visit [www.umchs.org](http://www.umchs.org), and select "Head Start Application." Also, applications are available at Oregon Department of Human Services, area social service agencies and the Head Start administration office, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.

For more information, call Suellen Whitlock at 541-564-6878 or 800-559-5878.

## Hermiston parks dept. sets movie nights

An oversized inflatable movie screen will be erected for Movies in the Park.

The public is invited to view "Norm of the North" for free Friday at dusk at McKenzie Park, 320 S. First St., Hermiston. People are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and snacks and enjoy the show.

The July 29 show features "The Good Dinosaur" and the Aug. 5 movie is "Star Wars: The Force Awakens."

For more information, call Hermiston Parks & Recreation at 541-667-5018.

## Robotics workshop returns to fair

Participants will build, design and program working robots and will showcase their robots at the fair.

InterMountain Education Service District and the Umatilla School District have partnered to provide the opportunity for students entering sixth through ninth grades. The workshop is Thursday, Aug. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hoeft Hall on the fairgrounds, 515 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. In addition, a special demonstration day is set for Saturday Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. on the fair's Coke Stage.

Space is limited and it costs \$20 per student. Registration is required by Friday, July 29. Forms are available at the Umatilla School District Office, 1001 Sixth St., Umatilla; the fairgrounds office or at [www.umatillacounty.net/fair](http://www.umatillacounty.net/fair). For more information, contact 541-567-6121 or [fair@umatillacounty.net](mailto:fair@umatillacounty.net).

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