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Perhaps the moment Arstein was most proud of was the final 30 seconds of the overtime period, as Hermiston's defense put together its best stand of the game. The Bulldogs defenders stayed right in the faces of the Dallas players,

not allowing an open look from the 3-point line for nearly the entire 30 seconds until Dallas attempted a prayer shot from the corner as time expired.

"In the huddle we talked about that they (Dallas) gotta go for a three," he said. "I was mainly concerned with getting flipped on a screen or not fouling, but I thought the

guys did a good job of grinding one out."

DHS 9 16 10 14 2 - 51  
HHS 15 9 12 13 5 - 54  
DALLAS — J. Richey 14, E. Courtney 9, J. Ronco 7, C. Weissensee 7, J. Collins 4, A. White 4, J. Stewart 4.  
HERMISTON — X. Rambo 21, A. James 10, J. Ramirez 6, K. Moss 6, C. Ortiz 5, H. Walls 4, A. Earl 2.  
3-pointers — DHS 3, HHS 3. Free throws — DHS 12-13, HHS 9-13. Fouls — DHS 14, HHS 20.

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Hermiston's Andrew James splits Dallas defenders Evan Courtney (3) and Carter Weissenese (22).



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Hermiston's Kody Moss shoots the ball guarded by Dallas' Aaron White.



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS  
Hermiston's Jordan Ramirez shoots the ball guarded by Dallas' Jaret Stewart (44) and Evan Courtney (3) in the Bulldogs' 54-51 win over the Dragons on Friday in Hermiston.

# DISPOSAL:

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He urges people to move it away from the street onto a lawn or

planter area. If that's not possible, Sivey said it's fine to pile it right next to the curb and along the gutter area.

"The worst thing that people do is they

make big piles out in the street and when we plow by we're gonna plow it back," he said. "So we end up playing a game that way back and forth."



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI  
Snow builds up between driving lanes Monday afternoon in the vicinity of Hermiston Avenue and Northwest 11th Street in Hermiston.

# EMS:

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year, and Johnson's team is up for January.

"Our team commander sends out the federal info to us and asks us if we want to go," he said.

The teams provide medical assistance, and are akin to hospital units that can set up anywhere.

"We basically can take care of ourselves for up to three days," Johnson said. The group was created in 2000, and Johnson was one of the charter members for Oregon's team. The team has provided medical care at catastrophes like hurricanes

Rita and Katrina, as well as been present at other events — such as when international figureheads visit the U.S. — to provide medical care if necessary.

"Our medical team was one of the teams (there) for the pope's visit," he said, recalling his most recent deployment.

In order to work the event, paramedics and team members had to be vetted and cleared at a federal level. Johnson said with the animosity surrounding this year's election and inauguration, it's possible his team will see more issues.

"It has the potential to be challenging for securi-

ty," he said of working the inauguration. "We know from that standpoint — the federal government — security is one of their strong points. But every deployment has the potential. This one is more politically active."

The team does a lot of training, some for specific activities and some for general maintenance and preparation.

"Our job is to be there, and to be available for anything that happens at a moment's notice," he said.

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# BULLDOGS:

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At this point, the biggest question that remains is which classification will be the top group starting in 2018. The OSAA committee is considering proposals with both five and six classifications. One other option being considered is a five-classification model for all sports excluding football, which would have a six-classification system.

The latest proposal still had Hermiston in the 6A Mt. Hood Conference with the

same schools, minus Reynolds, which would move down to Class 5A because of lack of recent success and lower participation turnouts in comparison to other 6A schools. Usher says he and many athletic directors across the state are in favor of this proposal.

"One thing I like about it, and other AD's agree, is you end up getting rid of situations where schools, like The Dalles, have to go independent in football because of safety issues being low on numbers," he said. "Good example for us, we consistently suited up one

sophomore full-time and that was starting quarterback Andrew James, where if we go play schools like La Grande or Baker that have 700 kids fewer than us, they'll be consistently suiting up sophomores and freshmen.

"It creates some safety issues when you have some big, strong 17-18-year-old men going up against 15-year-old kids and that's tough to do."

Another consequence that could come out of a Hermiston move is the possible hiatus of the rivalry with Pendleton in some cas-

es, mainly football. The two teams have met on the football field nearly every year since 1922, but as Pendleton projects an enrollment of 779 in 2018 it would remain in the second-highest classification and play its way out of Hermiston's schedule.

"It was something that was brought up with our boosters earlier, that it's a real possibility that last year could very well be the last time we host a football game against Pend-

leton for a while," Usher said. "We could end up in a situation where we're in a nine- or 10-team league and we have eight or nine conference games. We wouldn't be playing them anymore, maybe not in any sports."

"Looking at non-conference opportunities, we're still going to be like we are now, forced to find in-state teams in the same classification as much as possible. If it provides opportunities to

continue playing schools in a lower classification, then by all means we'll do that because it's a great way to minimize travel and costs."

The OSAA has seven more reclassification meetings scheduled this year starting on Jan. 30 and finishing up on Sept. 30, before making its final recommendation to the Executive Committee in October.

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STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI  
A group of Stanfield Secondary School basketball players carry snow shovels Monday afternoon while clearing sidewalks in Stanfield.

# SNOW:

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"I think it develops team bonding," Sanchez said.

"We're getting to know each other better."

Sperr said the effort was important, not only to provide a service to the community, but in helping to

develop well-rounded individuals.

"We are trying to build them into great young men, not just basketball players," he said.

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