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Hermiston schools plan community forums

Hermiston School District announced a day of community forums to talk about a bond issue it will ask voters to approve to address enrollment challenges, safety and security concerns and aging infrastructure at district schools. Three sessions are scheduled Friday, March 10, in the Hermiston School District office, 305 S.W. 11th Street. The forums will begin at 7 a.m., noon and 7 p.m. Translation services will be available. All who are interested in learning about the different aspects of the bond or who have questions, comments or concerns are encouraged to attend.

Inland Musicians announce competition

The Inland Northwest Musicians is accepting applications for its annual Young Artists Competition. In its 17th year, the event is Sunday, March 12, at Hermiston High School. The competition is open to young musicians in four categories: Elementary (through grade 5), Junior (grades 6-8), Senior (grades 9-12) and Young Adult (ages 19-25). Instrumentalists and singers will perform for adjudication and the opportunity to receive cash prizes. Some competitors will be chosen to perform in concert with the Inland Northwest Orchestra in April. The deadline for entries is Saturday, March 4. Information and application materials are available at www.inland-northwestmusicians.com. For questions, contact Alice Massey at amassey@wtech-link.us or 541-379-5564.

HERMISTON STUDENTS STAGE BROADWAY MUSICAL



'Fiddler on the Roof' opens Friday

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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Participants and directors alike, are excited about staging "Fiddler on the Roof" at Hermiston High School.

"Musicals are a lot of fun," said Sean McClanahan, the school's band teacher who serves as pit director. "The band students get a real-world experience of what it's like to be a professional musician."

Jordan Bemrose-Rust, Hermiston's choir director, said the musical is fun, has a lot of good music and was a great fit with the abilities of student actors and musicians. In addition, because the Broadway musical is a classic, she said it should draw a number of people in to see the performances.

"We want to get people in here to see what our kids can do — talent-wise," Bemrose-Rust said.

Rounding out the cast is a handful of Inland Northwest Musicians members, who are playing in the orchestra pit alongside student performers.

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Members of the cast rehearse a scene during a Feb. 27 dress rehearsal for the Hermiston High School production of "Fiddler on the Roof."



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The cast of Hermiston High School production of "Fiddler on the Roof" rehearses a dance number during a dress rehearsal this week.



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Female cast members perform a scene during a Feb. 27 dress rehearsal. The first performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" is scheduled for Friday.



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Members of the woodwind section play during a Feb. 27 dress rehearsal for the Hermiston High School production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Holiday Inn Express grand opening highlights city's newest hotel, amenities

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
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Hermiston residents, business and civic leaders got a good, long look at the city's newest hotel on Friday after a year of watching the Holiday Inn Express construction alter the downtown skyline.

The city's newest hotel, located at 245 N. First St. in Hermiston, celebrated its grand opening Friday with a ribbon-cutting and tours of rooms on each of its four floors.

The hotel has 93 rooms, 18 suites and amenities including



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Locals and members of the Holiday Inn staff celebrate the opening of Hermiston's newest hotel on Friday with a ribbon-cutting.

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