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Justin Shandor, a top Elvis tribute artist, will shake things up during the 22nd anniversary celebration March 9-10 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets are now on sale for the 21-and-older shows.

## Elvis kicks off 22nd Wildhorse celebration

Hermiston Herald

A nationally recognized Elvis tribute artist will help shake things up as Wildhorse Resort & Casino celebrates its 22nd anniversary.

Justin Shandor will perform Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Rivers Event Center at the resort, which is located off Interstate 84 at Exit 216, Mission. A no-host bar will be available.

Tickets for the 21-and-older shows can be purchased at [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com) or at the Wildhorse Gift Shop. Platinum seats in the first two rows are \$39.99, which includes a free gift and entry

to win an exclusive prize. Premium tickets are \$29.99 and general seats tickets are \$24.99. Enter your Club Wild member number under for discount pricing.

The celebration blasts off with a free fireworks show Saturday at 8 p.m. above the casino. Touted as the largest display in Eastern Oregon, a special musical medley is choreographed with the fireworks show. Huge outdoor speakers are on site or people can tune in to KCUW, 104.3 FM.

Other special drawings and cash giveaways are offered in the casino. For more information, visit [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com).

## Deputies working to feed skinny horses

Hermiston Herald

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office is helping provide food and water to five reportedly neglected horses on a rented pasture in Hermiston.

Undersheriff Jim Littlefield said they are working with the horses' owner, Jaime Haines of Irrigon, after fielding reports about the animals in early January.

Littlefield said two of the older horses are "very thin," and it may take some time before they are able to regain their weight. In the meantime, deputies will continue to work with

Haines before they consider any further action.

The horses have not been confiscated and remain in their pasture at 80361 Banks Lane. Littlefield said it is possible Haines, 37, will be cited with animal neglect, though that decision has not been made yet.

Right now, Littlefield said the case is ongoing and they are simply working on getting the animals back to a healthy weight.

"Whenever we can, we'll help out and try to get some feed out to them," Littlefield said.

## Umatilla hosts night to gather feedback on downtown

Umatilla wants to hear from its residents about what they think their community should look like.

The city is hosting an interactive event on March 10 from 3-7 p.m. in the Umatilla High School commons to gather feedback on a downtown re-

vitalization plan in the works. The event is a partnership between Umatilla, Umatilla County, Umatilla School District and Portland State University graduate students who have taken on creation of a downtown revitalization plan for Umatilla as an ac-

ademic project.

The students, according to a news release, are "looking for the participation of community members to share the history and identity of the city, build upon existing efforts and set the direction for the future of

Umatilla."

The event will be family-friendly, with childcare, Spanish translation, free food and a free professional photo booth. Those who participate will be entered into a raffle for various household items.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Hermiston School District is bursting at the seams

Hermiston is the largest town in Eastern Oregon and the second fastest growing school district in Oregon.

Did you know that because we are growing at such a fast rate the Hermiston School District has had to utilize 34 modular classrooms across the district since our last school bond that passed in 2008. Most of those modular temporary classrooms serve 320 students and most of them are located on our elementary school campuses. The district is on track to grow another 24 percent, which

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equates to 1,100 additional students within the next seven years. If this bond does not pass there will be even more modular classrooms throughout the district.

New and safe schools are good for Hermiston's economy. When businesses, corporations or employee recruits are seeking information about Hermiston, schools and what they offer are typically at the top of the list for inquiries, which leads to visits and tours of the facilities. We have a lot to be proud of and in order to continue

to grow and provide for the needs of our students, we must think about building and expanding to adequately provide the classroom space needed.

What is included in the Bond? Replace the aging Rocky Heights Elementary School on the same site, build a new elementary school on district owned property located on Theater Lane, expand the Hermiston High School, replace Highland Hills Elementary

School on the same site and address deferred maintenance issues at Sandstone Middle School.

We have been blessed with great leadership, administration and faculty taking us to new heights, and now is the time to back them up with the facility improvements, safe new schools, additions and space we need, all for the benefit for our children and our future leaders.

I am asking you to vote with me and approve the Hermiston School District bond that will be on your ballot May 16, 2017.

DEBBIE PEDRO  
HERMISTON

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Sunday School • 9:30am  
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Worship..... 11:00 am  
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1 Pet. 5:7

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