

School board discusses expansion projects

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At its Monday night meeting, the Hermiston School Board heard updates on several major expansion projects that the district will tackle in the future.

The board unanimously approved plans to move forward with the construction of the Harkenrider Center, the new senior center that will be built at Ridgeway Avenue near the Hermiston Public Library.

The school district owns the property and signed a 50-year lease with the city for that property, at \$1 per year.

Construction is scheduled to be finished by August of this year.

Facilities Director Mike

Kay gave the board a presentation on the Hermiston High School site expansion plans. Demolition work on the current Umatilla County Fairgrounds, onto which Hermiston High School plans to expand, is scheduled to start in June.

A portion of the former fairgrounds will be used for student parking that can be accessed off Orchard Avenue.

Kay presented on the scope of the project, and the timeline. After a bid on May 15, demolition is scheduled to begin June 12 and the project should be

mostly completed by Sept. 22.

Work will include clearing the site of several buildings, except for Thompson and Hoeft halls, before laying the groundwork for a parking lot and an irrigation loop to water the grass.

Kay also provided an update to the economic impact study of the school's athletic facilities.

The athletic economic impact study reviewed how Hermiston's athletic facilities are used throughout the region, and tried to answer several questions: what is the economic impact of

HSD facilities on the local economy, the impact from the district hosting outside events, and potential impact of adding more events at those facilities.

The study, conducted by Eugene firm EcoNW, found that in the past three years, the district had hosted 1,228 events, with total attendance of 485,186. All but 159 of those events were district-related. Attendance at those events generated an estimated \$13.2 million spent on goods and services in the community, and supported about 256 full-time jobs.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Residents urged to list rooms available in the community 75 years ago today

25 YEARS AGO

APRIL 14, 1992

The Hermiston Bulldogs (8-4 overall, 2-0 in the IMC East Division) swept La Grande, 7-3, 6-2, at La Grande in a doubleheader. "I was happy to come away with two wins," summed up fourth-year head coach Rob Phillips. "Our kids really battled. We're playing better, but we're still not where we want to be."

Fines issued in the Hermiston Municipal Court will increase July 1. Municipal Judge Dan Hill said that "the average traffic ticket with a \$45 bail will be raised to \$52 due to the increased state assessment." Of these amounts, \$29 is the city portion of the fine and the rest goes out to the state and county for distribution to various financial accounts. The increase comes after a change in the legislation governing municipal fines. The legislation created a new account called the unitary assessment which "is hardly unitary," Hill said. "Unitary implies one account," he said.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 13, 1967

Col. Herman P. Hoplin, commanding officer of the Umatilla Army Depot for the past two years and a highly esteemed figure in local affairs, will be leaving his present assignment the first week in July, it was announced at a press conference held at the Depot on April 11. Col. Hoplin will report to his new assignment, as General William Westmoreland's Special Assistant for Material Readiness, in Vietnam, in August. He will be replaced at the depot by Col. William J. Whelan, a 45-year old Ohioan now attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Ft. McNair in Vail, Colorado. Whelan is slated to take command of the Depot in early July.

Fast sprinters and smooth hand offs between runners brought in a first for Hermiston in the 880 yard relay Friday at the Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed. The time for the flying four was a tape breaking 1:36.8, a tenth of a second faster than the team from Pendleton. The members of the cinder-burning relay team were as follows: Jerry Vasquez, Jim Helmstetter, Tom Ditton and Bryan Hendrickson. The team won a first-place trophy for the 880-yard relay.

75 YEARS AGO

APRIL 16, 1942

Every man between 20 and 44 years of age who

registered for Selective Service on February 16 must fill out an occupational questionnaire, which the local Selective Service board will send to him within a few days. The form must be returned to the Selective Service board within 10 days after receipt. The purpose of this occupational registration, according to the United States Employment Service, is to provide the government with a complete occupational inventory of its manpower. This information, it was said, will avoid induction into the armed forces of men more urgently needed in war production and will also speed the output of war materials by prompting the transfer of workers from non-essential to essential work.

Residents are urged to list rooms. A similar plan as last year will be attempted whereby all vacant rooms, apartments or houses will be listed in one central place. Need for more housing facilities is becoming more acute every day with more workers expected daily. Mary Lou Johnson and Jean Wilson have offered their services at the USO building for the plan. It is urged that anyone having

any available space notify this committee by phoning 2821. Inquiries hereafter will be directed to the USO. Residents are urged to cooperate in this matter in order that every nook and corner can be filled again this year.

100 YEARS AGO

APRIL 14, 1917

At least 200 students, practically one-third of the men of the University of Oregon, will answer the call to arms in case their country needs them, according to an estimate by Karl W. Onthank, secretary to university President P.L. Campbell, who has kept in close touch with student opinion. Already 50 students have enlisted in the Eugene company of the coast artillery, while a number have forwarded their applications to Washington, D.C., signifying their willingness to join the volunteer officers' training camp. This officers camp was authorized by a recent act of Congress, and permits college men after a thorough training and passing of examination, to enter the volunteer force as second lieutenant.

Wednesday evening

a meeting was held at the Civic Center room to discuss the formation of an organization of public safety and to foster patriotism, working in whatever way possible to uphold the nation in this time of war. With the election of Thos. Campbell as temporary chairman, the subject was taken up from every angle and the greater number of those present participated. As finally decided upon the organization was completed with a view to upholding the government in all ways possible, especially to discourage remarks that tend to show disrespect to the nation, thoughtlessly or otherwise. In a number of instances these slighting remarks have been made in the presence of young people and cannot help but have some influence. It was agreed that a group, composed of responsible men of the community, would offset this effect and swing the forming opinions of the young people in the right direction. To those few exhibiting a tendency to do these things it is believed the organization will have a good moral effect. If not more effective steps will be taken.

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ALEX HOBBS

Student at Oregon State University and ESL Family Liaison for Umatilla High School and Clara Brownell Middle School

1) When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I was born and raised here. I've moved away a couple times, however, and still came back.... Must be something about it!

2) What's your favorite place to eat?

Tacos San Pedro! But we're spoiled with a lot of good taquerias around here.

3) What is your favorite activity in your free time?

Reading. I'm a bookworm.

4) What is the last book you read?

In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson. It's a non-fiction book about Franklin Roosevelt's ambassador to Germany during Hitler's consolidation of power. Definitely recommend!

5) What app or website do you use most often, other than Facebook?

Duolingo. I use it to help with my Spanish.

6) What surprises you about Hermiston?

I've lived here my whole life and still manage to meet new people every day who inspire me.

7) If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Ukraine to see my great-grandparents' village.

8) Describe the funniest thing that's ever happened to you.

It probably involves a toddler boy, some bodily functions and it's definitely not fit for print!

9) Name one of your goals for the next 12 months.

Making a difference in the lives of families I work with.

10) What is your proudest accomplishment?

Finishing my bachelor's degree while raising two young boys.

Easter

Celebration Services

Easter Sunrise Service

Come worship with us in the Blue Mountains on Easter Morning! Enjoy a wonderful complimentary breakfast buffet after the service.



Sunday • April 16, 2017 • 7 AM
At the Historic Meacham Hotel in Meacham, Oregon
Music will be provided by Lon Thornburg
Speaker will be Pastor Wayne Pickens

Service organized by Blue Mountain Christian Cowboys
For questions please call (541) 276-8540 or (541) 969-2677

Peter Rabbit Breakfast

Sat. April 15thth
7:30 - 10:30 AM

\$5.00 for
Breakfast
5 & under
FREE

Face painting,
Easter egg
hunt, Crafts, &
Peter Rabbit



First United Methodist Church
Hermiston, OR 191 E. Gladys Ave.,
Easter Day, April 16th

Sunrise Worship at the Cross on the Butte: 6:30 AM
Church Worship Services: 10:30 AM

You are invited to our
Easter Celebration
Sunday, April 16th at 10 o'clock
AN ANOINTED MESSAGE OF HOPE
SINGING - PUPPETS - DINNER
The Pendleton Lighthouse Church
417 NW 21st Street - Pendleton, OR 97801
541-276-6588 or 541-377-4252
www.pendletonlighthouse.com

Journey to new life!
Palm to Passion Sunday
April 9 at 10am
Maundy Thursday Supper & Tenebrae
April 13 at 6pm
Easter Celebration with Brass
April 16 at 10am
Holy Humor Sunday
April 23 at 10am

First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
201 SW Dorion • 541-276-7681
www.pendletonpresbyterian.com
Listen on KUMA 1290 at 10am Sundays

Wednesday, April 12th
6:00 pm - Last Supper Communion
Sunday, April 16th
10:00 am - Resurrection Celebration
He Lives!
Come worship the risen Christ!
Living Word Christian Center 541-278-8082
401 Northgate Pendleton www.livingwordcc.com