

# Our Community

E-mail your community news items to:  
community@hermistonherald.com

## IN BRIEF

### Senior center to change meal venue

The last day for meals in the current Hermiston Senior Center is Thursday, which features a special Mother's Day meal.

The menu for Thursday includes ham, yams, baked potato, vegetable and a special cake provided by Sun Terrace Hermiston. A special invitation is extended to residents in local assisted living facilities. Thursday's meal is at noon at the current Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., located at the old Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

Starting Tuesday, May 16, meals will be held at the Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church Parish Hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave. The meals are served each Tuesday and Thursday at noon.

The cost is \$4 for adults and Meals on Wheels. It's free for kids 10-and-under. There's an additional fee of 50 cents for those who need utensils and dishes. Also, transportation to the senior center can be arranged for a donation.

For more information or to schedule a ride, call 541-567-3582.

### FFA offers Mother's Day gifts ideas

With Mother's Day just days away, the Hermiston FFA Chapter has gift ideas for that special woman in your life.

The group, which held its initial sale April 28-29, will again be selling plants Friday from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the greenhouse at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

Students have created some special baskets and decorative pots with flowers for the holiday.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/HermistonORFFA](http://www.facebook.com/HermistonORFFA).

### Arts center announces May shows

A pair of upcoming shows at Pendleton Center for the Arts offer unique concert experiences.

Hanneke Cassel, Mike Block and Christopher Lew-

is will perform Friday, May 12. The trio creates sounds on the cutting edge of acoustic music while retaining the integrity and soul of the Scottish fiddle tradition.

Cassel is the 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion, cellist Block tours with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble and guitarist Christopher Lewis is a fixture in the Boston indie rock scene.

Seffarine will take the stage Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. The duo features Moroccan singer Lamiae Naki and oud player/flamenco guitarist Nat Hulskamp. They perform classical Arabic and Andalusian music and original compositions influenced by Spanish flamenco, classical Persian music, American jazz and others.

The arts center is located at 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Tickets for each show are \$15. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 541-278-9201.

### Eastern Oregon Arts Festival postponed

The Eastern Oregon Arts Festival has been postponed.

The event, which is presented by the Desert Arts Council, was to occur Saturday, May 13.

Larry Fetter, Hermiston Parks & Recreation director, said a juried art show is being organized as part of Hermiston Funfest. The *Hermiston Herald* will report additional details as further information is received.

For more information about the Desert Arts Council, contact 541-667-5018 or [parksandrec@hermiston.or.us](mailto:parksandrec@hermiston.or.us).

### Show highlights nature's treasures

A cornucopia of rocks and gems are featured in the annual show organized by the Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society.

Nature's Treasures Under Foot is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. The admission fee is \$3. Ages

12-and-under are free if accompanied by an adult.

The event features dealers, showcases of special collections, demonstrations, silent auctions and hourly door prizes. Also, a Kids' Corner offers special activities and displays for the younger crowd. In addition, on Mother's Day, all moms are eligible for additional special hourly door prize drawings.

The local gem and mineral club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Those attending club meetings can enter through the back of the building.

A hobby club, participants meet to share their interest and experiences in searching for rocks, gems, minerals and fossils. It's open to novice and experienced rock hounds. Anyone interested in learning more about the group is invited to attend a meeting. The group also plans field trips and other social activities.

For more information, contact Mike Filarski at 541-571-2593 or visit [www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds](http://www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds).

### Elks host Mother's Day event

Special music by The Coffeys and a champagne brunch are featured during the Hermiston Elks Mother's Day Service.

Open to the public, the event is Sunday with the service at 10 a.m., followed by brunch and music from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will be held at the Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St. The cost for the meal is \$10. There is no fee for the service.

For more information, call 541-567-6923.

## HHS graduate lands lead role in 'The Odd Couple'

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
Community Editor

Riley Mulvihill has real life experience with roommate oddities.

"I don't know if I want to get into specifics," he said with a laugh. "Long story short, I decided to get a studio apartment my last year in Eugene."

The recent University of Oregon graduate's own personal situations may have given him some insight into playing the role of Felix Ungar in "The Odd Couple." The character in Neil Simon's classic comedy is a bit of a neat freak.

Although not to the level of Simon's storyline, Mulvihill did share about some issues that came up with five roommates during his second year in Eugene.

"You'd be amazed how big of a deal doing dishes can become," he said.

A 2014 Hermiston High School graduate, Mulvihill recently returned to Eastern Oregon. He auditioned for "The Odd Couple" at the urging of Craig McIntosh, College Community Theatre artistic director and theatre arts instructor at Blue Mountain Community College. The two met when Mulvihill worked in the information technology department last summer at BMCC.

In his first CCT performance, Mulvihill is excited about taking the stage in "The Odd Couple." The production also marks his 20th acting role — which dates back to Hermiston Parks & Recreation programs and as a student at Hermiston High School, as well as more recent performances in Eugene.

The play opens with a pay-what-you-can preview night Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Bob Clapp Theatre, located in Pioneer Hall at Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.

The production will be presented in separate male and female versions. McIntosh, director of the male version, said CCT decided to do dual productions to offer audiences a opportunity to experience a double-dose of Simon's comic genius. Also, he said it provides twice the number of acting opportunities.

Playing opposite Mulvihill is JJ Hill as Oscar Madison. Mulvihill said he's learning a lot from the CCT veteran.

"He's a phenomenally talented actor," Mulvihill said. "He has motivated me into



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DEBBIE MCINTOSH

**JJ Hill as Oscar Madison, and Riley Mulvihill as Felix Ungar, play the leading roles in the male version of "The Odd Couple." The College Community Theatre production opens Thursday with a pay-what-you-can preview night at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.**

putting a little more thought into my performance."

The regular performances of the male version includes matinee shows Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. And, evening shows are Friday, May 19; and Saturday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The female version, which features Jannette Lemons as Olive Madison and MJ Kuhar portraying Florence Ungar, takes the stage Friday, Saturday and Thursday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. The female matinee shows are Saturday, May 20; and Sunday, May 21, at 2 p.m.

McIntosh said 20 years after the production opened on Broadway, the playwright wrote a female-based version. Simon modeled it after the original, with women in all of the major roles and he updated it for the 1980s.

Steve Bowen, director of the female version, said just like the original version, hilarity ensues during the production. Audiences should enjoy the differences, including a wacky scene of the gals playing a game of Trivial Pursuit with friends.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and students of all ages. Kids 3-and-under are not permitted. The Pioneer Hall box office is open Monday through Fridays from noon to 2 p.m. In addition, tickets will be available at the door.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call 541-278-5953.

**Hermiston Herald**  
VOLUME 111 • NUMBER 17

Gary L. West | Editor • [gwest@hermistonherald.com](mailto:gwest@hermistonherald.com) • 541-564-4532

Tammy Malgesini | Community Editor • [tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com](mailto:tmalgesini@eastoregonian.com) • 541-564-4539

Jayati Ramakrishnan | Reporter • [jramakrishnan@hermistonherald.com](mailto:jramakrishnan@hermistonherald.com) • 541-564-4534

Jade McDowell | Reporter • [jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com](mailto:jmcdowell@eastoregonian.com) • 541-564-4536

Jeanne Jewett | Multi-Media consultant • [jjewett@hermistonherald.com](mailto:jjewett@hermistonherald.com) • 541-564-4531

Shannon Paxton | Office coordinator • [spaxton@hermistonherald.com](mailto:spaxton@hermistonherald.com) • 541-564-4530

Audra Workman | Multi-Media consultant • [aworkman@eastoregonian.com](mailto:aworkman@eastoregonian.com) • 541-564-4538

Dawn Hendricks | Circulation District Manager • [dhendricks@eastoregonian.com](mailto:dhendricks@eastoregonian.com) • 541-564-4540

To contact the Hermiston Herald for news, advertising or subscription information:  
• call 541-567-6457  
• e-mail [info@hermistonherald.com](mailto:info@hermistonherald.com)  
• stop by our offices at 333 E. Main St.  
• visit us online at: [hermistonherald.com](http://hermistonherald.com)

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
Delivered by carrier and mail Wednesdays  
Inside Umatilla/Morrow counties.....\$42.65  
Outside Umatilla/Morrow counties.....\$53.90  
Periodical postage paid at Hermiston, OR.  
Postmaster, send address changes to  
Hermiston Herald, 333 E. Main St.,  
Hermiston, OR 97838.

Member of EO Media Group Copyright ©2017



## ENERGY COSTS TOO HIGH? TRY LOOKING AT IT IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT.

Want to lower your energy costs? When you update lighting and other equipment, you can see the difference instantly and recoup your investment in no time. Talk to a qualified trade ally to learn about Energy Trust of Oregon cash incentives for all kinds of energy-saving solutions.

**+**  
Get more from your energy. Visit [www.energytrust.org/mybusiness](http://www.energytrust.org/mybusiness) or call us at **1.866.368.7878**.

Serving customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista.

**EnergyTrust**  
of Oregon

**LET US MEAT YOUR NEEDS**



**BBQ season is fast approaching. Call today to order your X-tra thick steaks for grilling!**

*If you order in time you can even have them for the weekends!*

**541.567.2011**  
253 W. Hermiston Ave.  
Hermiston

**E.O.M.S.**  
EASTERN OREGON  
MOBILE SLAUGHTER