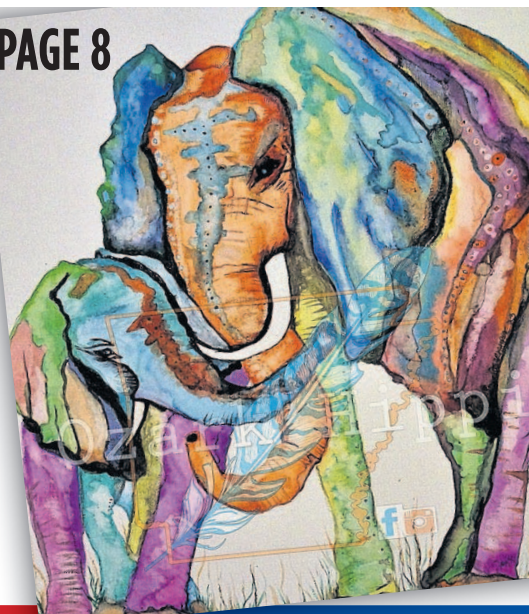


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Yasmine Torres, of Umatilla, relaxes as she gets her face painted Saturday during Hermiston's Funfest.

## Cars, canvases, carvers draw crowds

FunFest celebrates 11th year with variety of events

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
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The Hermiston Classics Car Club hosted its 22nd annual Cool Rides Car Show, showcasing a plethora of vehicles, some of which came from out-of-state, during Hermiston's 11th annual Funfest on Saturday.

Jeanne Steffey of the car club said the entrant from farthest away was a car from Bellflower, California, in the Los Angeles area.

The oldest car was a 1924 Ford C-Cab, owned by Lyle and Helen Bliss of Hermiston.

The couple bought the car a year ago from a man in Louisiana, and now plans to sell it — a common practice for them.

"We buy 'em, he fixes 'em up, we sell 'em and get something else," Helen said.

Do they drive it?

"Oh yeah!" Lyle said with a grin. "Horses are trailered, hot rods are driven. It runs great, 500 horsepower."

Helen helps detail the cars and keep them clean, too.

"I've got grease under my fingernails," she said.

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Former Ringling Brothers clown Richard Melendy ties balloon animals Saturday during Hermiston's Funfest.



STAFF PHOTO BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

Paintings at the Eastern Oregon Arts Show were featured in a tent next to the Farmer's Market. The painting on the left, 'Zebra,' by Andrea Murphy, won first prize.



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A row of Corvettes at the 22nd Annual Cool Rides Car Show in McKenzie Park, Hermiston.

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### BY THE WAY

## Blazers may be coming this fall

Representatives of the Portland Trail Blazers — possibly including some players — will be coming sometime in September for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for new playground equipment on Sunset Park off of Fourth Street. The new equipment is being paid for by the Moda Assist online competition that Hermiston won earlier this year.

No one has been charged in the June 26 fire that burned down a duplex on Northwest 13th Street, but more arson suspects may be collared soon thanks to a new role for Detective Randy Studebaker of the Hermiston Police Department, who took on the new role of arson detective on July 1. The duplex fire, which started in tall grass after witnesses said they heard fireworks, will be the type of incident Studebaker will investigate in partnership with Umatilla County Fire District 1.

The Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District and Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association recently celebrated 20 years of volunteer services from one of its members.

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## Superintendent to take leave for military duty



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Brigadier General Fred Maiocco

### Board will select interim superintendent in Maiocco's absence

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
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Hermiston School District Superintendent Fred Maiocco, who is a brigadier general with the U.S. Army Reserves, announced Monday that he will take a leave of absence to serve a tour of duty.

He will leave July 24 to serve 15 to 18 months in Europe.

Maiocco will be assigned as the commander, 7th Mission Support Command, a forward-deployed,

consequence management and civil affairs unit based in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He will also serve as the deputy commanding general for the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, coordinating logistical support to U.S. forces in Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Maiocco last deployed overseas in 2011, to Kuwait and Iraq for 18 months.

He was promoted to brigadier general in 2014.

Along with announcing his imminent departure and requesting a leave of absence, Maiocco advised the board of their options for the coming months. He told the board it had the option to not approve the leave of absence, at which point they would enter negotiations, and

look for a full-time superintendent. The board also had the option to immediately appoint an interim superintendent from within the district, or open the position up for applications and go through a standard hiring process.

The board unanimously approved Maiocco's request for a leave of absence, and decided to advertise the position and go through a standard hiring process, with interviews conducted by district staff and board members. The position will be open until filled.

To qualify, candidates must have a valid Oregon administrator's license and a master's degree in an education-related field, Maiocco said.

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