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Farewell Frank Perkins and Stet's Steak House

Long-time Eastern Oregon restaurateur **Frank Perkins** is closing his Hermiston restaurant this weekend. **Stet's Steak House**, formerly known as Stetson's Steak House, will be closing on Saturday. The restaurant, originally opened in Pendleton in 1999, moved to Hermiston in 2014 and changed its name in 2016, after legal complaints from the John B. Stetson Company, makers of the famous western-style hat. So, if you're hankering for one more Stet's steak or surf-and-turf meal, time is running out. Stet's Steak House is at 1619 N First St., in Hermiston.

Robert Doherty, a science teacher at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston, has been awarded as the Outstanding Earth Science Teacher from the National Association of Geoscience Teachers for the Pacific Northwest region of the U.S.

"Mr. Doherty is a teacher who is passionate about science," said **Tricia Mooney**, interim superintendent for Hermiston School District. "The district is fortunate to have wonderful teachers

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Nolan the Colon provides information about colorectal cancer. It's one of the featured displays during Saturday's Family Health & Fitness Day at Hermiston High School.

Healthy fun in store Saturday

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Nolan the Colon will make an appearance at the Family Health & Fitness Day. In addition to the giant colon replica, the free health fair event offers a variety of medical screenings and testing, information and activities for healthy lifestyle choices and the popular Teddy Bear Clinic.

The free event is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

Provided through the American Cancer Society, Nolan the Colon increases awareness about colorectal cancer and the importance of colorectal screening, said **Catie Brenaman**, community health educator at Good Shepherd Medical Center. According to the ACS, colon cancer is the third most common cancer. However, it's also the most preventable.

The health fair also includes adolescent well child checks. Available to ages 12-21, youths who complete the exam will receive a \$10 gift card (while supplies last) for such businesses as Subway, Safeway, Amazon and Obie's.

Angie Treadwell, OSU Extension SNAP Ed Coordinator, said offering the well child checks free of charge provides an opportunity to teach kids and their parents the importance of preventive care. The gift card, she said, provides an extra incentive for youths to participate.

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Information and activity booths are featured during the Family Health & Fitness Day. The free event, which provides medical screenings, health-related activities and information, is Saturday at Hermiston High School.



Brownie the teddy bear goes into surgery for a broken femur at the Teddy Bear Clinic during the 2016 Family Health & Fitness Day. This year's event is Saturday at Hermiston High School.

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Hermiston narrows graduation venue options



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A high school graduation takes place at the Toyota Center in Kennewick in this file photo.

District sends out another survey to residents

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The Hermiston School District has narrowed its options for a high school graduation venue down to two, and will decide between leaving the 2018 ceremony in its current location, the high school gymnasium, or moving it to the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

It has removed the two outdoor options, Kennison Field and the rodeo arena at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center. The district has made a survey available to the public, asking for their input on the two venues. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YDGVRC8>.

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The district sent out a press release detailing the two options. The high school gym has a capacity for 1,800 guests, will allow students to give four tickets to their families, and the district claims it will cost about \$11,000. If the ceremony remains at Hermiston High School, it will take place Saturday, June 9, at 10 a.m.

The Toyota Center can hold 5,000 guests, will eliminate the need for tickets, and will cost about \$6,500, including transportation of students and staff to Kennewick. The ceremony would take place Thursday, June 7, around 7 p.m.

Some local proprietors said the move would likely impact their

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