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Madison Wilson won the 100-meter hurdles in 14.73 seconds.

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Hermiston's new disc golf course hosting its first professional tournament Saturday. **PAGE A4**

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The National Guard is educating employers about new training schedules that will take soldiers away from their jobs more days out of the year. **PAGE A6**

BY THE WAY

Election results available online

Curious about election results? The *Hermiston Herald* has them online at www.hermistonherald.com.

The Herald prints at 7 p.m. on Tuesday nights, and Election Day results are not announced until after the 8 p.m. deadline for turning in ballots, so we weren't able to get them into today's paper. But updates can be found online, or in the print edition of our sister paper the *East Oregonian*, which has a later deadline.

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Billed as a Night of Champions, a faith-based event in Hermiston will feature music, feats of strength and a motivational message. **Power & Rap** includes professional rapper **George Moss** and 1983 Hermiston High School graduate **John Kopta**, a staff member with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Arkansas and member of The Power Team.

The event is Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at **Hermiston Assembly of God Church**, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. Admission is \$2 at the door. Watch for more details in the May 23 *Hermiston Herald*.

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MAXWELL MARKET BACK ON TRACK

Two venue changes and a new opening date for Hermiston farmers market

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
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After a rocky week for the Hermiston Farmer's Market, it is now scheduled to open May 24 under the name Maxwell Market.

A week ago it wasn't certain Hermiston would have a farmers market at all. At a vendors meeting last Wednesday, organizer Mitch Myers announced he was canceling the event, which had been slated to start June 2, due to a dispute with the city over the Maxwell Pavilion that was to be the market's new home. On Thursday, citing a flood of calls from disappointed citizens, city parks and recreation director Larry Fetter said Hermiston was willing to host the market on its new festival street, which is also under construction. On Friday, Myers then announced he had decided to hold a farmers market on a different property he owns, and he "could care less" what the city did in response. On Monday, the city announced that it wasn't interested in holding a competing market and would defer to Myers if he was indeed holding one after all.

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Fresh onions line the table as Naomi and Ildelfonso Zuniga of Finley's Fresh Produce ring up customers at the Hermiston Farmer's Market.

OTHER FARMERS MARKETS IN THE REGION

Irrigon Farmers Market

- Every Saturday, May-September
- 3-7 p.m.
- Irrigon City Hall parking lot

Echo Open Air Market

- This Saturday, May 19 at 4 p.m. at George Park
- There will be a second market on June 16 and a third in October

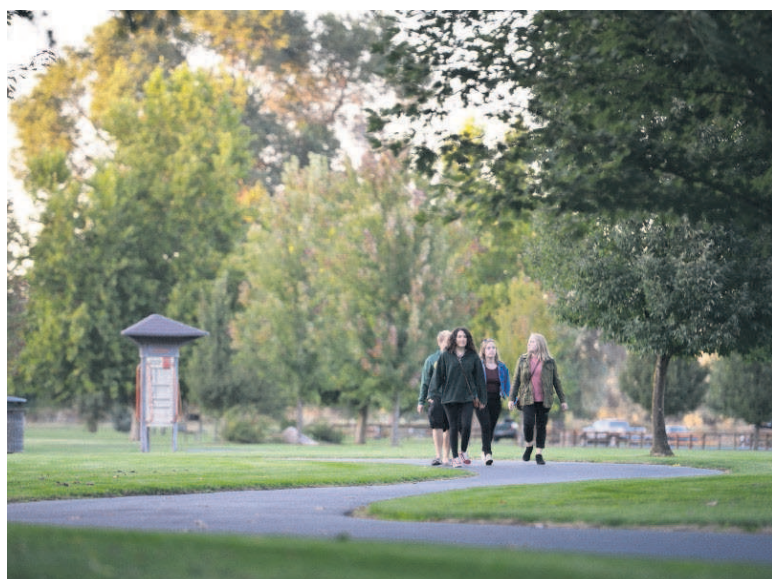
Pendleton Farmers Market

- Every Friday, May-October
- 4-7 p.m.
- 300 block of South Main Street



The Maxwell Market is planned for this property across First Place from the Maxwell Event Center, 145 N First Place in Hermiston. STAFF PHOTO BY JADE MCDOWELL

City to add park foreman, water tower to budget



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

A group of walkers strolls down the paths of Riverfront Park in October 2017. The city of Hermiston will hire a parks foreman in the next fiscal year.

Budget passed out of committee, still needs final approval from city council

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New staff are being added to the city of Hermiston to support its expanding services, including a parks foreman to allow the parks and recreation director to focus on long-term projects as the city eyes the possibility of a new aquatic center.

The changes were reviewed by the city's budget committee, which approved the 2018-2019 budget Thursday and passed it on

to the city council for approval. City Manager Byron Smith said the city is currently conducting an aquatic center feasibility study and also plans to create an overall master plan for parks and trails in 2018-2019. Hiring a full-time parks foreman, who will oversee day-to-day maintenance of city parks, will free up department head Larry Fetter to focus on more "long-term vision" projects like the possible indoor aquatics or "wellness" center, which was a top request citizens made during a livability study in 2015. "At the end of this study we will have a dollar amount, an estimate of what it would cost ... then we will be able to figure out how we are going to pay for that," he said.

Part-time clerical positions are

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