

SMALL SCHOOLS

The region's 1A, 2A and 3A schools competed last week at Hayward Field for state track and field titles.

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POWER & RAP

A professional rap artist will visit Hermiston this week.

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NEW GROWTH

Plots are available at the updated Lovin' Spadefuls community garden.

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BY THE WAY

Memorial Day services set

The public is encouraged to join a pair of local veterans' organizations who are organizing ceremonies in Hermiston and Irrigon to remember the service and sacrifice of those who died while in military service to our country.

Leading up to Memorial Day, the **Avenue of Flags** will be erected at the **Hermiston Cemetery**, located off Highway 395 at the south end of town. Upwards of 800 flags will be installed Friday at 5 p.m. and will remain through Monday at 5 p.m. The cemetery is open from daylight to dusk.

Post commander **Ron Jardine** of **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4750** said members of the Hermiston High School football team will assist with putting the flags in place this weekend. Others are invited to help with the project.

The ceremonies, coordinated by the **VFW** and **American Legion Post 37**, are Monday at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston Cemetery and Monday at 11 a.m. at **Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery**, located off Highway 730 in Irrigon.

Jardine, who served in the U. S. Army from 1966-68, said it's important to participate in Memorial Day events to express appreciation and respect for military personnel — especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The state has published an online directory of Memorial Day events around Oregon at oregondva.com/2018memorialday.

Umatilla County is getting its own methadone clinic.

The clinic will open in

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RAISE THEM UP

Hermiston's Tyler Rohrman raises his arms as he learns he broke the state meet record for the 5A 110-meter high hurdles Saturday during the OSAA State Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene.

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ONE LAST RUN



Above: Hermiston's Madison Wilson and Quin Fraley, of Summit, battle it out during the 5A girls 100-meter hurdles Saturday during the OSAA State Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. Fraley outleaned Wilson to take first.

Right: Hermiston's Scout Reagan takes the baton from teammate Makaylee Young on the final leg of the 4x100-meter relay Saturday. Hermiston finished second (49.05) just behind Bend (48.81).



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Hermiston athletes bid goodbye to Hayward Field during state track

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EUGENE — Before Hermiston's Tyler Rohrman competed at the historic Hayward Field for the last time, he penned his signature on a national letter of intent to Whitworth University to continue his track career. And a couple of months prior, he helped the Bulldogs to a Class 5A football state championship.

After claiming a state championship of his own in the boys 110-meter hurdles and helping Hermiston to an eighth place finish on Saturday, the credits are rolling on his prep career and Rohrman couldn't be happier.

"I'm on top of the world," he said after his busy day. "Like I said, it's a movie and I'm just blessed to be in it."

Running at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon isn't something many Hermiston athletes who come after Rohrman will experience, at least in the near future. As part of Hermiston School District's move to the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, the next crop of Bulldogs will compete for state in Washington starting next year.

The self-titled 'Roller Coaster Ride of Tyler Rohrman' had plenty of up-and-down moments during the final day of the OSAA State Track and Field Championships.

Rohrman competed in four different final events Saturday. First up was the 4x100-meter relay.

After losing their second leg at districts, the Bulldog squad was now made up of two

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Election shakes up council, board



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Umatilla County commissioner candidate John Shafer reacts to the first round of results showing him ahead of Larry Givens on election night.

Shafer beats Givens, Gomolski wins primary to force run-off

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Candidates are looking to the future after last week's elections placed some new faces in seats and pushed other races into a November run-off.

The Hermiston City Council will have least one new face in January with Roy Barron, who won the Ward 2 seat with 56.2 percent of the vote, beating out Shean Fitzgerald. Barron, who moved to Hermiston in 2015 after graduating from Xavier Univer-

sity in Cincinnati, grew up in Weiser, Idaho and now works for Umatilla County in the RISE program, which sends mental health counselors into schools.

"This town has given me many opportunities, and I'm so grateful it's giving me another," he said. "I'm ready to go."

He said he already has some experience with the city through his membership on the Hispanic Advisory Committee but he will also begin attending city council meetings in preparation for when the new councilors take their seats on Jan. 1, 2019.

Whether Hermiston residents will also see a new face representing Ward 1 won't be revealed until

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