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The *Hermiston Herald* is planning to spotlight a different Hermiston school each month through the end of the year to help the community get to know its schools better, and **Highland Hills Elementary School** has been chosen for the month of March.

Look for photos, stories and information about Highland Hills to pop up in each edition of the *Herald* and on our website throughout March, starting with coverage of the school's family night on Thursday.

Boardman's **Ordnance Brewing** is a staple for many local beer drinkers. But the company got a bigger stage last weekend at the **Best of Craft Beer** awards, which took place in Bend.

Ordnance took home three medals, including a gold medal for its **EOD**, an American Style IPA. The brew was chosen from 124 entries. The festival featured entries from 33 states, and 162 different breweries.

Catie Doverspike, team coordinator at Ordnance Brewing, said they entered eight beers at the festival, but were most proud of the IPA win.

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The element of SURPRISE



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Umatilla County Assistant District Attorney Jaelyn Jenkins looks over towards Hermiston School District Superintendent Trish Mooney after she was named as the Hermiston School District's Distinguished Alumni at the Hermiston Distinguished Citizens Banquet.

Hermiston's Distinguished Citizens weren't expecting their honors

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Before some of Hermiston's best were honored at last week's Distinguished Citizens Awards, their friends and family engaged in plenty of subterfuge to get them there without ruining the surprise.

Woman of the Year Shawn Lockwood's colleagues told an elaborate story to get her to come to the event.

"I thought I was bringing my boss, Brad Knight," said the Hermiston Generating Company accounting manager. "Phil Hamm contacted me a few months ago to ask me if I could get him to the banquet."

Lockwood had plans to be out of town for work that week, but said she would find a way to get him there. She reserved a table at the banquet for her office, and told several colleagues that Knight would be winning an award. Then, her trip got canceled, supposedly because some of the company's executives were coming to town.

"That was a hoax," she said.

As the ceremony on Wednesday drew closer to the end, Lockwood got nervous.

"I thought, 'we're running out of awards,'" she said.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Ford Bonney gives a speech after being named the 2018 Man of the Year at the Hermiston Distinguished Citizens Banquet. For more photos of the event, see A13.

When her name was finally called, Lockwood was speechless as she listened to presenter Tim Beal, pastor of New Hope Church, talk about her boundless energy as she spends much of her free time working with youth in the community at New Hope, Campus Life, youth sports and elsewhere.

"People usually don't pull things over on me," she said. "I'm usually the one pulling things on them. It was a total sur-

prise — it was very cool."

Hermiston's Man of the Year, Ford Bonney, was told that he needed to be at the event to host an auction for charity that would be taking place. There was no auction, but the request wasn't out of the ordinary for Bonney, who has lent his talents to many charitable events in the past.

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Chuckwagon Cafe serves up 48 years

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After 48 years of providing comfort food, the Chuckwagon Cafe is closing.

Owner Cathy Stolz said people have made the endeavor fulfilling and enjoyable. She said the motto, "Serving the best since 1970," refers to the food, the guests and employees.

"You don't last 48 years in any business without a stellar staff," she said. "And we've had the best of the best."

Leading up to the Wednesday, March 6 closing, Stolz is hosting a four-day "Farewell and Thank You Party." It began Tuesday and runs through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 81027 N. Highway 395, Hermiston. The celebration crescen-

dos Friday from 6 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Free cake will be served all four days. Featured specials include New York steaks, catfish dinners and encrusted French toast breakfasts.

Also, the Buttercreek Boys will assist in the farewell by performing toe-tappin' tunes Friday from 6-7:30 p.m. The seasoned musicians have performed monthly at the cafe since November 2010.

All former staff will receive a 48 percent discount — in recognition of the cafe's 48 years. Stolz hopes to catch up with lots of familiar faces.

"I love connecting with past staff members who come in to dine or text me or post updates and photos on Facebook," she said. "They will always be family to me."



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Owner Cathy Stolz announced that after 48 years, the Chuckwagon Cafe is closing March 6. A "Farewell and Thank You Party" runs Feb. 26 through March 1 at the restaurant, located north of Hermiston.

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