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Election results coming late Tuesday night were not posted in time to make it in today's print edition of the *Hermiston Herald*, which prints at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. However, the results of the Hermiston School District bond vote and Umatilla County charter measures can be found online at www.hermistonherald.com, in today's *East Oregonian* or in next week's *Hermiston Herald*.

The Hermiston downtown area was invaded by hundreds of costume-clad kids and youths (as well as some teens and adults) during **Treats on Main and Beyond**. The yearly Halloween event provides a fun and safe trick-or-treating environment for area families.

Gina Wicks of Hermiston Parks & Recreation expressed thanks on behalf of the **City of Hermiston** for all the businesses and individuals who contributed to the event's success.

"The sidewalks were packed," she said. "It was so crazy and fun for all attending."

Also, Wicks said a number of new businesses not located on Main Street headed to the festival street area to "set up shop" so they could hand out candy to little ghosts, goblins and super heroes.

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INTO THE FUTURE



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Janelle Almaguer, 17, steams milk in the Java Dawg coffee shop during the an evening event highlighting Hermiston High School's Career and Technical Education program Monday night at the high school.

Hermiston High School's long-running CTE program prepares a new generation of future workers for success

By JESSICA POLLARD
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Hannah Melville is a sophomore at Hermiston High School. At 16, she can't register to vote yet, but she does know how to operate a laser cutter and a 3D printer, thanks to the school's Computer Aided Design classes.

"You have to be open to tweaking with the machine," she said as she and sophomore Quinton Peterson, 15, watched the laser cutter burn the phrase "GO STEM" into a small wooden key-chain tag.

It's a Monday night at the Hermiston High School, and students who are part of some of the high school's Career and Technical Education programs—some of which involve CAD classes—are showcasing their skills for parents, siblings and fellow students during parent teacher conferences.

Melville's journey to CAD class was a long time in the making. Knowing how to use design software is an integral skill for architects, engineers and artists alike.

"I started to like making floor-plans



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Quinton Peterson, 15, opens a laser cutter to remove a freshly cut wooden keychain during a school function highlighting Hermiston High School's Career and Technical Education program Monday night.

in middle school," she said. "Now I lean towards mechanical engineering."

When she heard about CAD classes, she said she couldn't wait to sign up.

"This is what I want to do," she said.

Peterson pointed to some of their first attempts at wood-cutting with the laser Monday night, which were burnt and smudged.

He noted that earlier in the night, there was an error present in the programming that stopped the laser cutter from punching a key-chain hole through the tags. It had since been corrected.

"There are some failed designs; it's all trial and error," he said.

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City committees struggle to keep members



EO file photo

Sheriff Terry Rowan, left, speaks during a 2018 Hispanic Advisory Committee meeting at Hermiston City Hall.

By JADE MCDOWELL
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If giving approval for a \$55 million budget sounds fun, the city of Hermiston's Budget Committee has a few openings that might be right for you.

"Position No. 8 has been open for about two years, and position No. 9 has been open for about a year," City Recorder Lilly Alarcon-Strong said.

The budget committee is one of about 15 committees that the city regularly finds itself struggling to keep full. If someone wants to volunteer for the city, Alarcon-Strong said, there's generally at least a couple of openings on committees at any given time.

Currently there are five open

positions on the Budget Committee, one on the Recreation Projects Fund Advisory Committee, one on the Faith Based Advisory Committee and one on the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center Committee.

A committee can't vote on anything without a quorum — meaning at least half the committee members are present — so some committees have reduced the number of people on their committee in order to be able to meet that requirement more often when seats are vacant or committee members are absent.

"The Hispanic Advisory Committee went from nine to seven to five," Alarcon-Strong said.

The commitment for serving on a committee varies. Some, like the

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