

City Hall

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Meanwhile, the Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Fire District No. 1 also faced significant space challenges for existing services at the Public Safety Center as the community population has grown.

"Hermiston's population has roughly doubled, from 9,000 residents when city hall was first used to more than 18,000 residents today, and the state of Oregon projects that Hermiston will grow to 28,000 residents by the year 2035," Morgan said.

Moving the municipal court out of the Public Safety Center into an expanded city hall allows for long-range expansion of public safety services.

"Another aspect was that the old building was not compliant with access requirements in the Americans with Disabilities Act," Morgan said.

Attempting to retro-fit the necessary lifts to accommodate ADA into the existing building would have been very costly. The cost of the lifts themselves is large, but also the cost of designing around those improvements can make the cost of a workable floor plan higher than starting from scratch.

"A new building constructed with a similar footprint will make more efficient use of space, be more accessible for residents and will lower long-term maintenance costs compared to maintaining a 55 year-old building," Morgan said, "all with an upfront cost comparable to renovation."

The city council determined that city hall should remain centrally located in the downtown core to allow residents easy access as well as to attract regular traffic to the downtown in an effort to support downtown businesses.

"Based on the overall site size necessary for a new city hall, there were very few options for alternative downtown locations, all of which would have come with significant acquisition costs," Morgan said. "Meanwhile, the resale value of the existing building was questionable due to the facility's size, age, configuration and costs associated with bringing it to ADA compliance."



Above: Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith points in the main reception area of the new city hall during a tour of the facility Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, in downtown Hermiston. The city anticipates opening the new Hermiston City Hall in October.

Left: Hermiston City Manager Byron Smith, center, talks about the municipal court/council chambers during a tour Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, of the New Hermiston City Hall.

Daniel Wattenburger
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assistant city manager

Auction

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"We also need to celebrate the work done by FFA and 4-H clubs," he said.

According to Linnel, this was the last year of participation of several young exhibitors who are heading off to col-

lege. The proceeds from the Umatilla County Fair Youth Livestock Auction were helping make their post high school plans a reality.

"Besides saving money for education, some of the young exhibitors also saved money for next year's livestock to buy animals and keep up with rising

feeding costs, and sheltering," Linnel explained.

Parents have a fundamental role in their children's preparation for the yearly livestock auction.

"I remember that a few years ago my two boys participated in the livestock auction," Linnel said. "They had their

own checking accounts and learned the responsibilities of taking care of the animals and the budget to make a profit."

Local youths also learn the responsibilities of animal care, she said. Feeding animals, cleaning stalls, bedding them down, keeping them cool during the high temperatures during the fair.

And they have friends to share the excitement of participating in livestock auctions.

Ultimately, what the young exhibitors learn is to become leaders.

"Many of them come back to Umatilla County," Linnel said, "after they finish college to serve the community."

Coffee Break!



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- CLUES ACROSS**
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 - Indigenous peoples of northern Scandinavia
 - Popular California/Nevada lake
 - Go quickly
 - Fatty acid in soaps
 - Brand of fuel stations
 - State of fuss
 - Romance novelist
 - Members of a household
 - Asserts to be the case
 - Type of infection
 - With metal inlays
 - Chinese philosophical principle
 - Early multimedia
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - He investigated Clinton administration
 - Shells
 - Six
 - Snakelike fish
 - Capital of Kenya
 - Influential group (abbr.)
 - Used to chop
 - It comes as a case
 - Challenges
 - Small amounts
 - The Golden State
 - Peyton's little brother
 - For walking in Alaska
 - Buddhist honorific titles
 - Lively ballroom dance
 - Snakelike fish
 - Capital of Albania

- Late night host
- Draw from
- A way to utilize
- One who is not native Hawaiian
- A power to perceive
- Bulky
- Horse mackerels
- Proclaim out loud
- Hits
- Bathroom accessory
- Young
- Beef cattles
- It's often in soap
- For each
- Innermost membrane enveloping the brain
- A way to leave
- Emaciation
- Punish with a fine
- Steeds
- Having eight
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Mature reproductive cells (abbr.)
- Armadillo species
- Ancient country in what is now Romania
- Extreme greed
- Stars
- Poems
- Places to sit
- One from the Lone Star State
- Small rails
- One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
- Where coaches work
- Indicates position
- Mammals
- Resembling a wing
- Beliefs
- Hindu male religious teachers
- Mischievously
- Where athletes want to end up (abbr.)
- Large, deep-bodied fish
- Horned squash bug genus
- Excessively sentimental
- Shared verbally
- You can put it on toast
- Data mining methodology (abbr.)
- Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
- Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to water quality.

CAEUNLN

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to traffic. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = A)

A. 11 10 22 21
Clue: Automobiles

B. 13 19 8 19 21 15 22 9 10 5 21
Clue: Persons walking

C. 21 10 7 19 15 12
Clue: Condition of being protected

D. 22 3 10 8 17 10 12 21
Clue: Places to drive

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Level: Intermediate

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on August 26, 1980. I have six siblings and began acting at the age of 4. I have been in many successful movies, including a franchise about a kid being left at home.

WATER QUALITY WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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