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A problem with a bite

County works to handle loose, stray dogs

By ALEXA LOUGEE
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On a clear, blue Tuesday morning in June, Cheri Cook, a Hermiston health coach, was running along the Diagonal Road trail when she was attacked by two lab-mix dogs.

"I screamed and screamed and screamed. Nobody came to help me," Cook recounted.

Eventually help came and Cook was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center where she received more than 20 stitches on her left hand and shoulder. Cook, who uses the trail at least twice a week, said it was the third run-in she's had with the same dogs since she began running there last September. She said she won't be running along that trail anymore, but is speaking up to help raise awareness and to encourage dog

owners to take responsibility for their animals.

The incident took place near Sandstone Middle School and she is concerned that next time it will be a child on the other end of a dog attack.

In Cook's case, the attack occurred outside of city limits and in the jurisdiction of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office. Undersheriff Jim Littlefield indicated the dogs' owner had been located, cited and ordered to quarantine

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Cheri Cook had to get 20 stitches on her arm and hand after being attacked by two dogs while running near Diagonal Road last month just outside of Hermiston.

UMATILLA



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Preschooler Eric Rosales listens as third-grader Oscar Martinez reads from the book "Rumble in the Jungle" during a Book Buddies reading session during summer school at McNary Heights Elementary School in Umatilla.

Summer school creates bridge instead of slide

Students engage with academics to prepare for next grade

By ALEXA LOUGEE
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During a brief July morning recess at McNary Heights Elementary in Umatilla, several students came up to give Nicole Coyle a hug.

Coyle administers the summer school program for Umatilla School District. The district offers the longest summer

school session in the Umatilla County, providing six weeks of instruction for a daily average of 190 students.

"Summer school really helps with the summer slide, especially reading," Coyle said, detailing one of the benefits of summer school. "The reading benchmark for the start of second grade is actually higher than the (benchmark for the) end of first grade,"

she explained.

Umatilla's summer school program has its roots back as far as 2002 when the program was first offered to students of migrant workers through federal funding. In 2004, the district expanded its program to all school-age kids in the city of Umatilla.

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HERMISTON

Grant aids RoeMarks renovation

By JADE MCDOWELL
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A grant from the Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency will help put the top floor of the former RoeMarks building to use again.

The agency, which is comprised of the members of the Hermiston city council, voted to award Simmons Insurance Group a \$10,000 facade grant to put windows into the second story on the eastern portion of the property and make other small exterior enhancements.

City planner Clint Spencer said the window project will cost about \$21,000 in total because the boards in the exterior window holes are covering a load-bearing cement wall, meaning the company can't just replace them with glass.

The RoeMarks building is actually

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Storms bring record-breaking rain to Pendleton

By GEORGE PLAVEN
East Oregonian

More rain fell in downtown Pendleton over a 24-hour period Friday and early Saturday morning than what's typically seen for the entire months of July and August combined, according to the National Weather Service.

Meteorologist Dennis Hull said a series of storms dumped 1.21 inches of rain, which is highly unusual for this time of year. July and August have averaged a mere .35 and .51 inches of precipitation, respectively, over the past 15 years.

"Usually, we might get some thunderstorms with a lot more bang than rain," Hull said.

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Yoga gathering gets bucked from Round-Up Arena



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Participants perform the airplane pose at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds during a past Yoga Round-Up. This year's event has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict with the Pendleton Whisky Music Fest.

Scheduling conflict at arena leads to cancellation

By WILL DENNER
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Tania Wildbill thought she had secured the dates to bring Yoga Round-Up back to Pendleton for a seventh year.

But in January, Wildbill received word from the city of Pendleton and Pendleton Convention Center of another event: the inaugural Pendleton Whisky Music Fest.

The event was slated for July 16 at the Round-Up Stadium, which coincided with the Yoga Round-Up's July 14-17 use of the arena and nearby convention center. Event organizers hoped to find middle ground with Wildbill, but she contends the events

can't coexist in the same space because extra people would've made too much noise during yoga sessions. Wildbill also didn't want to change dates because she had already made promises to people interested in attending the event.

"With events, the most important thing is to have a consistent date," Wildbill said. "For six years, I've built up the third week in July. ... I didn't want to do another date because so many people had set that week."

She ultimately canceled the event, which had drawn as many as 300 people in previous years, notifying people on the event's Facebook page in April.

According to Pendleton Round-Up publicity director Randy Thomas, the Round-Up allocates 16 days of arena use to the city of Pendleton through the Pend-

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