

HERMISTON

ALTV sending crew to cover the eclipse

Will attempt to livestream event from Warm Springs

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They weren't alive during the last eclipse, but the students from Armand Larive TV will be hard at work to document this one.

Five students from the Hermiston middle school's television class will travel to Warm Springs this weekend to interview scientists, professors and viewers during the event.

"We saw this as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Robert Doherty, a science teacher at Armand Larive, and the advisor for the TV program, which is a class available to seventh and eighth graders at the middle school. The team produces a program each month, where they try to average two news stories. They also livestream events around the school and community, including the Breakfast of Champions and sporting events.

For the eclipse, the team will attempt to livestream a show on Sunday evening, as well as the eclipse itself on Monday morning.

"Because it's internet-based, there may be so much internet traffic we can't succeed with the livestream," Doherty said. "But we're still going to do the news story and put it in our monthly show."

The five students taking part are Tanner Bales, JaLay Burns, Katherine Haight, Tristan Stephenson and Dayton Tracy. Burns is an incoming eighth grader and the rest are about to enter Hermiston High School. They will be camping on the football field at Warm Springs Middle School, along with people from all over: scientists from NASA, professors and students from the University of Washington, and 50 students from the Warm Springs K-8 Academy.

The students all have the opportunity to learn every aspect of producing



Staff photo by Jayati Ramakrishnan

Hermiston's Armand Larive Middle School will send several students from their television program to cover the eclipse. Pictured are Daytona Tracy, teacher Robert Doherty and JaLay Burns. Tracy was sporting a solar eclipse hat, and Burns, solar eclipse glasses.

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— JaLay Burns, incoming Armand Larive eighth grader

and anchoring a TV show, Doherty said. But many soon find they like one aspect best, and hone their skills.

Tracy and Burns both enjoy anchoring, and will be interviewing people and reporting live on the event.

The two have prepared by studying the eclipse, and thinking of interview questions before they leave for Warm Springs.

"The first thing I did was take a class that taught me what the eclipse was," Tracy said. "Next, I made sure my glasses worked."

She also started coming up with a list of interview questions to ask people, especially the scientists at NASA and University of Washington.

"I might ask them how long it takes for an eclipse to occur, what did they do to learn about the eclipse," she said. "I'd ask people from far away why they traveled so far."

Burns said she would look for people who might have seen an eclipse before.

"I'd ask them if they enjoyed it, and what they expect," she said.

She said she would also be interested in talking to scientists about how and why an eclipse happens.

The two said they were excited, but a little nervous for the event.

"I want to get good answers from people," Tracy said.

Burns said while they have interviewed complete strangers before, there would be some unique challenges for this project.

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Doherty said while the

team is very used to producing and filming shows in the area, this will be the first livestream they've attempted from out of town.

While the school has purchased a filter for the camera that makes it safe to film the eclipse, Doherty said the team might also try to use footage from NASA, which is available to the public.

He said that people in Warm Springs are aware that ALTV is coming, and have been very supportive.

"I hope since our show is geared toward middle schoolers, we'll get the chance to interview some students camping out there," he said.

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IRRIGON

Woman has a hundred eclipse glasses stolen

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"But it backfired on us. We're unable to get more in time."

An Irrigon woman's viewing party was eclipsed after someone stole 100 pairs of solar glasses out of her vehicle Wednesday evening.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department said several items were stolen from a car just before 6 p.m. on Southeast Thomas Street in Irrigon.

Patricia Martinez, whose vehicle was burglarized, said in addition to the eclipse glasses the thief stole a travel carry case.

Martinez, who owns the Sub Zero Restaurant and Lounge in Irrigon, said she knows who stole the items out of her car, but the police have yet to reprimand that person.

The 100 pairs of glasses, Martinez said, were meant to be shared with Irrigon residents who wanted to watch the eclipse on Monday.

"It was going to be kind of a community event, just to try to do something together," Martinez said.

She said the window of the vehicle was slightly open, and that the suspect may have pushed down the window far enough to get the items out.

Martinez said she notified police of who she thought the suspect was, and said witnesses saw the person steal the items out of her car.

"I had witnesses state that (the suspect) was trying to sell my case at someone's residence," Martinez said. "Unfortunately, the police didn't do anything."

Martinez also operates a motel near the restaurant, and said she has had trouble getting the police to follow up at her business. Martinez said there have been 10 to 12 incidents in the last four years that involve burglary or destruction of property at the hotel.

Morrow County Sheriff's Sgt. Sarah Smith said on Friday afternoon that the department did not yet have a suspect for the latest theft case.

Forest service re-opens road to Anthony Lakes ahead of eclipse

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Forest Road 73, also known as the Elkhorn Drive Scenic Byway, has been reopened by the U.S. Forest Service, according to a Friday press release.

With the 499-acre Bear Butte Fire 20 miles northwest of Baker City 98 percent contained, the forest service decided to reopen the 106-mile loop, which connects Baker County communities like Baker City, Sumpter, Granite and Haines with Anthony Lakes.

With much of Baker County inside the solar eclipse's path of totality, the forest service acknowledged visitors' desire to access the road, but urged extreme caution.

"Due to dry conditions and the recent wildfire, we are not allowing campfires in the forest at this time," Fire Management Officer Willy Crippen said. "Also, we ask anyone traveling on the 73 Road to look out for fire crews that may still be working in and around the Anthony Lakes area."

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