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Sherwood Elementary physical education teacher Lynette Minthorn explains to a group of fourth graders how to play a game that teaches spatial awareness on Tuesday in Pendleton. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Fresh take on teaching

Oregon Teacher Pathways looks to cultivate diversity in classrooms

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN and ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Learning about teaching methods is a crucial part of the Oregon Teacher Pathways class — but so is understanding that nothing about teaching is “one-size-fits-all.”

In class at Hermiston, high school students are getting familiar with seven different learning styles, and each small group has to educate their classmates about the different ways people absorb information.

“Physical learners like to do things with their hands,” said senior Hannah Thompson. “They aren’t as good at listening.”

“They fidget a lot,” said senior Isaac Medelez. “They’re good at hand-eye coordination.”

The other styles of learning are social, solitary, oral, visual, logical and verbal.

The Oregon Teacher Pathway program is in its second year in Hermiston. It started as a way to create diversity in the field of teaching, and encourage young students to think about a career in education.



Hermiston High School teacher Erika Keefauver passes out worksheets during a Oregon Teacher Pathways class on Tuesday in Hermiston. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

“Predominantly, teachers in Oregon and across the nation are white females,” said Erika Keefauver, a Hermiston High instructional coach and the new Oregon Teacher Pathways instructor. “That’s a statistically accurate stereotype.”

She said across the state, one-third of Oregon students speak a language other than English. Sonia Cooley, a careers

teacher at Pendleton High School, said she recently polled the 12 students in her Oregon Teacher Pathways classroom and found that none had minority teachers throughout their education.

“We talk about white privilege,” she said. “That’s what we have in Pendleton.”

According to Eastern Oregon University, students of color are more likely to achieve higher

“OTP exposes students to a classroom, and gives them the first opportunity to cement their desire to be a teacher, or to say ‘This isn’t really for me.’”

— Juan Rodriguez,
Hermiston High science teacher who taught the Oregon Teacher Pathways class last year

academic success when exposed to teachers of color, or teachers trained in culturally responsive practices.

It’s important to find teachers that are linguistically and culturally diverse, Keefauver said. But cultural understanding is not just about race — it can include familiarity with a rural population as well.

“We want to get teachers to come to a rural setting, and be from a background that understands those needs,” she said.

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PENDLETON Latest dog shooting part of larger problem

City has 112 dangerous dogs

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

At the end of 2016, Oregon counted 112 wolves in the state. That’s the same number of dangerous dogs Pendleton has now.

The population is likely to tick up to 113 after Pendleton police Cpl. Jon Lehman shot an aggressive dog Monday afternoon, Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said, the second time this year a Pendleton officer used fire power to stop an attacking dog.

Roberts said Lehman at 4:51 p.m. responded to the 700 block of Northwest 10th Street for several dogs running at large. He placed one dog in the back of his patrol car, then tried to herd three more into the fenced yard of their owner, who Roberts said was not home.

Lehman dealt with the trio of dogs, Roberts said, when a pit bull he had not seen charged him.

“The officer kicked at the dog several times but the dog continued to advance,” according to Roberts. “The officer, believing an attack was imminent, drew his firearm and fired one shot downward at the dog.”

The bullet grazed the dog’s front leg, Roberts said, and the animal bolted. Officers found the dog a few blocks away in another yard, cornered it and looped a noose around its neck from a catch pole.

Roberts said police sent digital photos of the wound to an on-call veterinarian, who decided the injury was not severe and treatment could wait. Officers took the dog to the city pound.

Police contacted the dog’s owner, explained the circumstances to her and cited her for dogs at large, Roberts reported.

Now the pit bill is subject to the city’s dangerous dog evaluation process.

City ordinance 3382 “gives police officers the discretionary authority to dispatch aggressive or mad dogs running at large,” Roberts stated. It defines five levels of dangerous dogs and gives the chief of police the authority to determine at what level a dog should land.

Level 1 is for dogs that are aggressive with another domestic animal, Level 2 is for dogs that threaten people. Roberts said these levels generally mean the dogs chase, menace and bark — but don’t bite.

Level 3 applies to confined dogs that

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HERMISTON City to assist pavilion project in exchange for skate park land

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

A deal between the city of Hermiston and Mitco Investments will spur public and private development along South First Place.

Mitco plans to build a 5,000-square-foot event pavilion between Locust Avenue and Orchard Avenue by June 1, 2018. The Maxwell Marketplace will feature restrooms, roll-down glass doors and a 65-space parking lot.

Mitch Myers of Mitco Investments said the space could host everything from a farmer’s market to a car show to Oktoberfest.

“There are just a lot of great ideas being thrown at us,” he said.

The Hermiston City Council approved a letter of intent Monday, pledging \$220,000 toward the project in exchange for the lease to a parcel of land across from the police station where the city plans to build a skate park, as well as an agreement from Mitco to allow the public free use of the parking lot at the Maxwell Marketplace.

New businesses locating within 500 feet of the parking lot will be able to count the lot as the parking they are required by city ordinance

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This conceptual drawing shows plans for the Maxwell Marketplace. Artwork from Mitco Investments.



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