

HERMISTON

# Summer reading program kicks off in wild way

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Corbin Maxey, aka The Reptile Guy, is helping kick off the Hermiston Public Library summer reading program.

At the age of 12, Maxey founded Cyprus Hill Reptile Reserve, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reptile rescue, conservation and education, in Meridian, Idaho. He later went on to attend Boise State University where he received a bachelor's degree in biology. Over the years, he has found homes for hundreds of homeless, abused and neglected reptiles and amphibians.

Kids of all ages are invited to catch Maxey during his Summer of Scales tour. He will make an appearance Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hermiston library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. There is no admission fee.

Maxey has been surrounded by wildlife for as long as he can remember. He spent the majority of his childhood observing snakes, lizards, frogs and toads. He even developed an exotic animal collection, which included Booger, his first lizard.

A reptile and amphibian activist from a young age, at age 14 Maxey wrote, produced, and starred in "Reptile Rampage," a weekly live performance at Zoo Boise in Idaho.

The show was highly successful and attracted thousands of people. It helped in spreading a message about



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responsible pet ownership.

Maxey's passion for all animals influenced his decision to commit his life to them. Now 28 years old, The Reptile Guy and friends have been featured on many TV shows, including "Late Night with Seth Meyers," "Inside Edition," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Today Show."

In conjunction with top zoological facilities, Maxey has expanded his reach in working with all different types of animals including orcas, bottlenose dolphins, beluga whales, tigers, giraffes, penguins, primates, and reptiles.

Registration for "Libraries Rock!" the summer reading program, is Monday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. and Tuesday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at 541-567-2882 or visit [www.hermistonlibrary.us](http://www.hermistonlibrary.us). For more about Maxey, go to [www.corbinmaxey.com](http://www.corbinmaxey.com).

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## Fundraisers scheduled for shooting victim

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Two fundraisers are scheduled to help pay for the medical bills of Erik Navarrete Campos.

Navarrete Campos was shot early Monday morning at his residence in the 500 block of Hartley Avenue in Hermiston and remains in the hospital in critical condition. Police have not announced any arrests or persons of interest in the case.

Family and friends of Navarrete Campos are



Campos

having two car washes this weekend to raise money for his medical expenses. He is a lifelong Hermiston resident. Donations received at the car wash will help his parents

with his medical expenses. One car wash will begin 9 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot across from the Hermiston Post Office at 375 W. Orchard Ave., and the other will begin at 9 a.m. at Smitty's ACE Hardware, 1845 N. First St., in Hermiston.

BRIEFLY

### Recount confirms two-vote win in 53rd district primary election

SALEM (AP) — A hand recount has confirmed a two-vote win by Jack Zika in the Republican primary election in Oregon's 53rd House district.

Early results had shown Zika leading opponent Ben Schimmoller by 11 votes, but that lead shrunk to two Monday after officials counted additional votes. The close margin, out of nearly 9,000 votes cast, triggered an automatic recount.

Deschutes County Clerk Nancy Blankenship said election staff finished the count Thursday afternoon.

As primary winner, Zika will compete with Democrat Eileen Kiely in November's general election; Republican incumbent Rep. Gene Whisnant announced in December he wouldn't seek re-election.

Republicans have a registration edge in the district of roughly 7 percentage points, but nearly one-third of the district's voters are non-affiliated, a potential swing vote.

The Secretary of State has until June 14 to certify the race.

### Bend city council approves plans for OSU campus

BEND (AP) — The Bend City Council has unanimously approved plans for a 128-acre Oregon State University campus in Bend that will serve up to 3,000 to 5,000 students.

The council's vote Wednesday follows a required review by the city that allowed the area where the campus will be built to be reclassified as mixed use zoning.

The master plan covers the existing 10-acre campus, a 46-acre former pumice mine and the 72-acre former Deschutes County demolition landfill.

The plan details campus districts that will serve academic functions, residential housing, recreation, and an innovation district where businesses can locate and collaborate with OSU-Cascades research faculty and student interns.

It also includes 10 miles of walking and bike paths.



Photo courtesy of Les Stukenberg of the Daily Courier

Doug Hyde works on a statue of a Nez Perce woman in his Prescott Valley, Arizona, studio. Upon completion, the statue will be part of an art installation project on Main Street in Joseph. Hyde, who was born in Hermiston, will attend a public reception June 14 at Joseph Center for Arts and Culture.

## American Indian sculptor works on Joseph project

JOSEPH — Sculptor Doug Hyde of Prescott, Arizona, will return near his old stomping grounds as he prepares for an art installation for a streetscape project in Joseph.

Hyde, who was born in Hermiston, was chosen by the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture for the "Plateau Indian Art on Main Street" project. He will be in Joseph to make final decisions and planning for the project. The public is invited to a public reception to meet Hyde Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Joseph Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

With roots with the Nez

Perce, Assiniboine and Chipewewa American Indian tribes, Hyde attended the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as well as the San Francisco Art Institute. While serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, he was seriously wounded by a grenade. During his recuperation, Hyde learned to use power tools for cutting and shaping stone doing work in a friend's tombstone business, while still studying art and working on sculptures. His sculpting career was launched after entering some of his work for a show, which was spon-

sored by the Northern Plains Indian Museum in Browning, Montana.

Hyde's work has been shown across the country, including an installation at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. Also, he recently was named (along with jazz vocalist Dennis Rowland) Artist of the Year in the 37th annual Governor's

Art Awards in Arizona.

In recent years, Hyde has made an effort to help many American Indian tribes tell their own stories in stone and bronze. The Joseph project offers him a chance to work with his own tribal history.

For more information, contact 541-432-0505, [info@josephy.org](mailto:info@josephy.org) or visit [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org).

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## Orchard Avenue, other streets blocked July 8-10

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Streets around Hermiston will be blocked off July 8-10 for slurry seal projects.

Contractors will be working on Orchard Avenue from SW 11th Street to Highway 395 on those days. Also included in the project are downtown parking lots, and portions of Jennie Avenue, Southwest 7th Street, Southwest 9th Street, Moore Avenue, Southwest Butte Drive and single downtown blocks of East Gladys Avenue, East Newport Avenue, East Hurlburt Avenue and East Ridgeway Avenue.

Contractors will work with surrounding residents and businesses to try to minimize the effects of the maintenance, according to a news release from the city of Hermiston. A map of all the projects is available on the city's website at [hermiston.or.us](http://hermiston.or.us).

The projects — part of the city's Street Preservation Program using gas tax

funds — will cost approximately \$115,000 and will prolong the life of the roads where a Type II Slurry Seal is applied. The city completed the same type of slurry seal along Highland Avenue in 2016.

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