Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Forty. I am a male Great Pyrenees available for adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue in Hermiston.

I was surrendered by my owner, and I need a new home. I've already had my shots, and I am good with children and other dogs. I am 5 years old and can be adopted for \$150. I come with a free vet check and a three-day return policy. If I am neutered within 60 days of adoption, my owner will receive a \$50 refund.

If you are interested in welcoming Forty to your family, please stop by the humane society at 1844 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston, or call 541-564-6222.

NEWS IN BRIEF

International children's choir performing

His Little Feet International Children's Choir will perform at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. The event is free and open to the public. Children, ages 6 to 13, from India and Ethiopia will be singing as part of the Light Your World tour. Love offerings will be accepted with the proceds benefiting His Little Feet.

Veterans Health Care Transportation Town Hall event planned

Morrow and Umatilla County Veterans Services and Walla Walla VA Medical Center will host a Veterans Health Care Transportation Town Hall at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 5 at Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 Opal Place, Irrigon. Honorably discharged veterans who pre-register will receive a free spaghetti lunch. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, call 541-922-6420.

Elks taking orders for annual crab feed

Money raised from the Hermiston Elks Lodge's annual crab feed helps support youth programs in the community. The crab feed is Jan. 30 beginning at 6 p.m. at the lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. People are invited to arrive early for the happy hour beginning at 5 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person and orders for the crab must be made in advance.

Place orders by Tuesday by calling the lodge at 541-567-6923 or Jim Voss at 541-571-5116.

Support group changes locations

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group is moving its meetings from Good Shepherd to Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. The meetings are at 1 p.m. the first Monday of the month. For more information, call Carol and Charles Clupny at 541-720-4256 or 541-567-9420.

Fitness center ribbon cutting coming up

Higher Power Fitness is opening a new fitness center in the Cornerstone Court, 1055 S. Highway 395, Suite 202, Hermiston, and the Umatilla Chamber of Commerce is helping owner Cindee Henderson celebrate with a ribbon cutting at noon Monday. The business offers personal training, a 12-week virtual online fitness program and small-group classes. For more information, call Henderson, 541-314-3096, about the business or the chamber, 541-922-4825, about the ribbon cutting.

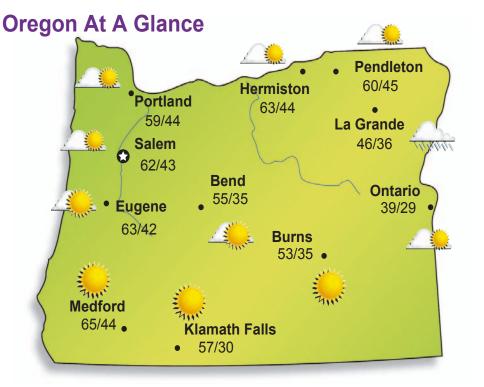
Agreement could pave the way for a new hotel in Hermiston

City Council to consider street vacation requested by potential developer City Council agenda, City Manager Byron Smith entered an agreement with Rhonda Sallee that states Sallee Properties LLC will consent to the vacation of a portion of West Ridgeway Avenue adjacent to the company's property, and portions of

proceeded with the plans. The agreement signed by Sallee and Smith Thursday stipulates no compensation will be exchanged, and Sallee will not appeal or challenge the vacation.

According to the agreement, the south 15 feet of the entire 313-foot-wide

Today's Weather					
Local 5-Day Forecast					
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Albany	61 42 pt sunny	Florence	61 46 pt sunny	Newport	59 47 pt sunny
Ashland	64 44 sunny	Grants Pass	61 42 sunny	Pendleton	60 45 pt sunny
Astoria	57 43 rain	Hermiston	63 44 pt sunny	Portland	59 44 pt sunny
Baker City	38 28 pt sunny	John Day	54 38 mst sunny	Redmond	62 35 mst sunny
Bend	55 35 mst sunny	Klamath Falls	57 30 sunny	Roseburg	65 44 mst sunny
Brookings	65 52 sunny	La Grande	46 36 rain	Salem	62 43 pt sunny
Burns	53 35 sunny	Lakeview	56 32 sunny	Springfield	65 43 mst sunny
Coos Bay	65 46 pt sunny	Lincoln City	61 49 pt sunny	The Dalles	60 42 pt sunny
Corvallis	61 44 pt sunny	Mcminnville	60 44 pt sunny	Tillamook	62 44 pt sunny
Eugene	63 42 mst sunny	Medford	65 44 sunny	Vale	40 30 pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.	City	Hi Lo Cond.
Atlanta	47 31 pt sunny	Houston	61 43 sunny	Phoenix	74 47 sunny
Boston	35 29 mixed	Los Angeles	79 55 windy	San Francisco	69 49 sunny
Chicago	41 32 cloudy	Miami	78 52 pt sunny	Seattle	57 50 rain
Dallas	60 41 sunny	Minneapolis	38 28 cloudy	St. Louis	50 39 sunny
Denver	55 31 mst sunny	New York	36 31 mixed	Washington, DC	43 33 mixed

Moon Phases



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UV Index

Sat 1/24 1	Sun 1/25 1	Mon 1/26 1	Tue 1/27 1	Wed 1/28 1
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BY SEAN HART

A hotel development on Highway 395 in Hermiston may be one step closer to fruition after city offiicals reached an agreement with a property owner who objected to a street vacation requested by the potential developer.

According to information provided with the the vacated right-of-way will revert to ownership by Sallee Properties. The City Council will consider an ordinance enacting the street vacation under the terms of the agreement at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday.

During a public hearing on the issue, Sallee said the vacation would negatively impact the value of her property, and the city was legally required to pay for the damages if it right-of-way on Ridgeway Avenue between North First Street and the railroad will revert to the owner of the property to the south, where the potential hotel would be built. The north five feet of the eastern 210-foot-wide rightof-way and approximately 1,691 square feet on the western part of the right-ofway would revert to Sallee Properties, the agreement states.

Also on the City Council

agenda, Smith will report on the feedback he received during outreach sessions about proposed revisions to the city charter.

In a report to the council, Smith said 10 people in total attended two public input sessions, and three voiced strong concern stating the municipal judge should remain elected rather than appointed and that the judge should be required to be an attorney. Smith said he also attended three local service club meetings, and the Lions Club, whose president is the current elected judge and attorney Thomas Creasing, agreed the judge should be an elected attorney. He said, however, the Noon Kiwanis club expressed no concern about changing to an appointed judge, and the Rotary club spent little time on the issue, but some members mentioned appointing a judge might avoid problems experienced by counties, where elected department heads disregard the authority of the governing body.

Smith said the council has several options to consider, but he recommends requiring the judge to be an attorney who would be appointed for a four-year term by the City Council.

CLARIFICATION

In the article titled "THRIVE provides foster children with opportunities" in the Jan. 21 issue of the Hermiston Herald, the organization in the story was identified simply as "Thrive." The complete name of the organization is "Made to Thrive."

Corrections

It is the policy of the *Hermiston Herald* to correct errors as soon as they are discovered. Incorrect information will be corrected on Page 2A.

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