

CORRECTION

Because of a production error, two pages were not published in the Saturday, Jan. 31 edition of the Hermiston Herald. The missing pages featured comics and puzzles and the conclusion of stories that began on the front page of Saturday's paper. The Hermiston Herald regrets the error and the inconvenience to our readers. Those pages and stories are being republished for our readers as they should have appeared in Saturday's paper. The stories begin on this page and conclude on page 9. The Features page, with the comics and puzzles, is on page 8.

Homeless dogs get new leash on life

BY SEAN HART
HERMISTON HERALD

Some homeless dogs at the shelter in Hermiston will soon have a second chance to find a new home.

Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue Executive Director Beau Putnam announced Thursday the shelter will begin transferring some dogs that may have otherwise been euthanized to the Oregon Humane Society Second Chance Program, which places the animals up for adoption.

Putnam said Pet Rescue has transferred smaller dogs to OHS in the past, but breed restrictions prevented some larger dogs from being accepted. He said he contacted OHS Thursday and was informed most dogs would now be accepted, and he set up a time to begin transferring dogs the same day. He said he now plans to transfer dogs on a monthly basis and possibly more often.

"Beginning early February, they're going to



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Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue volunteer Saige Borrego, 14, Hermiston, feeds the dogs at the shelter Jan. 15. Pet Rescue announced Thursday it will begin transferring animals the shelter cannot house in February.

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A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

Chinese Principal Dong Cai'an has a look at Stanfield junior Nathan Hurty's tool belt Thursday while visiting the first student-built home.

Chinese administrator impressed by Hermiston homebuilding programs

BY MAEGAN MURRAY
HERMISTON HERALD

While Chinese Principal Dong Cai'an traveled to Hermiston Thursday to see what a "large" school in the United States is like, it wasn't the size of the high school that he found most interesting.

Because Cai'an's school in China, Shaanxi Shiquan High School, enrolls about 3,000 students, about twice the size of Hermiston High

School, HHS isn't a large school. Cai'an, however, was most impressed with the career and technical education programs available to the high school students.

Cai'an said Chinese students spend their school days studying the traditional subjects of math, writing, reading and science, but that is all they do.

"They are all studying to prepare for the college entrance test," he said.

Chinese students face

a good deal of pressure to do well on their college entrance exams because those who do are admitted to a good college. His school, and many others like it in China, Cai'an said, do not have the opportunities for career and technical training that they do in Hermiston. The closest thing they have to those types of programs, he said, are after-school clubs, but none focus on the same type of fields featured in Hermiston's.

On Thursday, Cai'an toured the school's wood



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

Chinese Principal Dong Cai'an looks at blue prints for the Columbia Basin Student Homebuilders Program's first student-built house Thursday.

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Committee considering landscaping regulations

Proposed ordinance would require aesthetic improvements in new developments

BY SEAN HART
HERMISTON HERALD

To help improve the aesthetics in Hermiston, the city's Community Enhancement Committee has been reviewing proposed land-

scaping rules for new developments.

Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan said the committee is working on a proposed ordinance that would require certain portions of land under development to be devoted to features that would make the community more visually attractive.

Hermiston Chamber of Commerce CEO and committee member Debbie Pedro said the landscaping requirements would not require "a large footprint," but they would have a large impact on

the city.

"Any nicer aesthetics on the outside landscaping of buildings is always really nice," she said. "It just adds a touch of class to Hermiston. When you're talking about enhancing our industrial and commercial zones within the Hermiston boundaries, I think that is just a part of beautifying Hermiston. When that happens, Hermiston becomes more and more attractive to businesses and industry that are looking to move here."

Morgan said the current document is only a draft, but the com-

mittee members have reached a consensus to recommend the guidelines, which would only apply to new businesses and multi-family residential units. Several minor details still need to be finalized, he said, before the committee solicits initial feedback from the Planning Commission.

Morgan said the Community Enhancement Committee would seek public comment before sending a final draft back to the Planning Commission, which could

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