

LOCAL WEATHER

Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Zoey. I am one of a litter of four female and one male Chihuahua/miniature pincher/terrier/shih tzu puppies 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 6 to 7 weeks old and can be adopted for \$175. I come with a free vet check and a three-day return policy. If I am spayed at 6 months of age, my owner will receive a \$50 refund.

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

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contacted soon by Edmiston with the information of how to pay the more than \$900 in fees needed to get the money released from Mexico.

"Later in the evening, the reporting resident received not only a call from someone claiming to be a Hermiston police officer but they also received an additional call from the

'chief' to give additional information about getting their 'winnings,'" Sandoval wrote. "The residents were vigilant and recognized the scam, stopping their involvement."

She said spoofing technology makes it easy for scammers to fool caller ID into displaying the correct number of the Hermiston Police Department, lending legitimacy to the call.

She urged residents to be vigilant and to edu-

cate friends and neighbors about the scam as well. She said Hermiston Police Department would never act as a representative of Publisher's Clearinghouse or facilitate the transfer of money unless it was something seized by the department in the line of duty.

If anyone has questions or concerns that they are being targeted by a similar scam, they should contact Sandoval at 541-667-5112 or esandoval@hermiston.or.us.

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event," Earp said. "It's kind of a neat opportunity."

After soliciting feedback from the community about Parks and Rec offerings, Earp said many people requested science camps, so a fun, educational camp will add to this year's lineup. Camp Invention: Physics in Motion will take place for first- through sixth-graders Aug. 3 through Aug. 6. The camp costs \$59 for Hermiston residents and \$73 for non-residents.

"It's going to be educational but not so much like a classroom setting — more fun and interactive," Earp said.

Aug. 5 through Aug. 8, 14- through 17-year-olds can participate in Camp Adventure!

"This one is kind of a fun opportunity because it's for teenagers," he said. "We haven't offered a lot of camps for teenagers in the past. The idea of it is each day we'll go into a different activity."

Earp said plans include a day of kayaking, rafting and paddle boarding at the Columbia River, a day at an in-



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

A student completes a bicycle safety course at Sunset Elementary School during the City of Hermiston's Safety Town program.

door rock-climbing facility and an overnight backpacking trip in the mountains.

"We're just going to keep it simple but take the participants out into the mountains and do two days of backpacking," he said. "It's going to be awesome, though, because I didn't want to do something just around here with the sagebrush. I really wanted something that would hook the kids on the outdoors and nature."

Earp said adult kayaking trips have been offered in the past, but two new trips to Hutchinson and Shiner

lakes and the Walla Walla River will be offered this year June 27 and Sept. 12.

"We've expanded our horizons on those (kayaking trips) because they've been really popular," he said. "You don't have to have experience. The water is calm. It's not flowing. It's just flat water. You just have to be in physical-enough shape to paddle a kayak for a few miles."

Earp said the aquatic center will offer open swim water volleyball from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 21 through Aug. 9, and registration is not re-

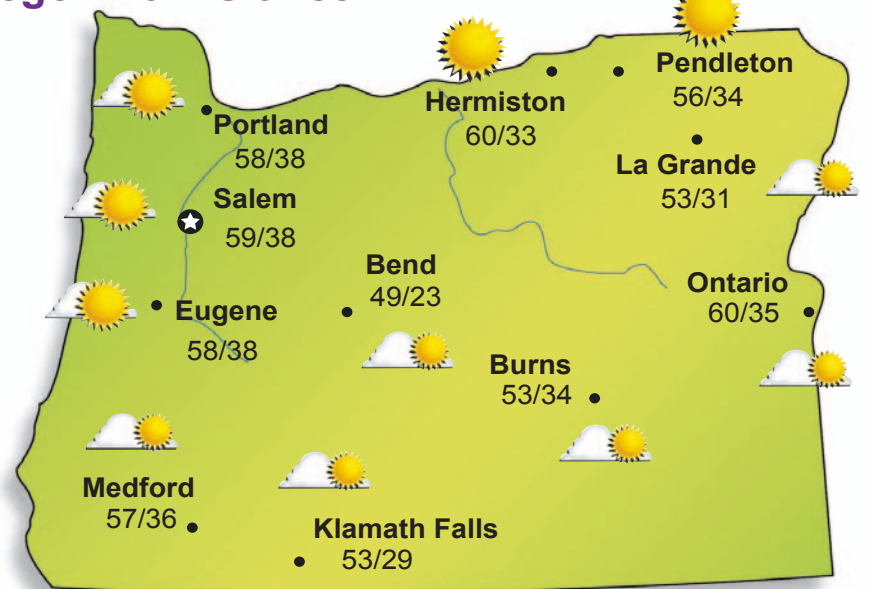
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/4	Sun 4/5	Mon 4/6	Tue 4/7	Wed 4/8
60/33	57/38	60/37	62/38	65/39
Sunny skies. High near 60F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	Cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	Morning clouds followed by afternoon sun.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
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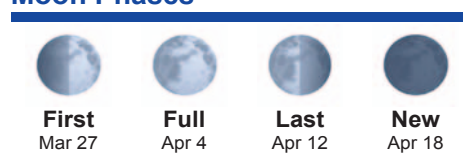
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	59	38	mst sunny	Florence	55	39	pt sunny	Newport	51	40	pt sunny
Ashland	56	36	cloudy	Grants Pass	59	36	pt sunny	Pendleton	56	34	sunny
Astoria	54	35	pt sunny	Hermiston	60	33	sunny	Portland	58	38	mst sunny
Baker City	52	28	pt sunny	John Day	51	33	pt sunny	Redmond	54	28	mst sunny
Bend	49	23	pt sunny	Klamath Falls	53	29	pt sunny	Roseburg	59	39	pt sunny
Brookings	54	40	pt sunny	La Grande	53	31	pt sunny	Salem	59	38	mst sunny
Burns	53	34	pt sunny	Lakeview	54	26	pt sunny	Springfield	57	36	mst sunny
Coos Bay	55	40	pt sunny	Lincoln City	55	40	pt sunny	The Dalles	61	39	sunny
Corvallis	58	35	pt sunny	McMinnville	57	36	mst sunny	Tillamook	56	36	pt sunny
Eugene	58	38	mst sunny	Medford	57	36	pt sunny	Vale	60	36	pt sunny

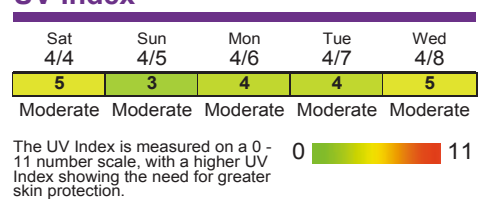
National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	67	42	mst sunny	Houston	70	61	rain	Phoenix	86	57	pt sunny
Boston	52	32	rain	Los Angeles	78	55	sunny	San Francisco	61	48	mst sunny
Chicago	59	43	sunny	Miami	84	70	pt sunny	Seattle	58	39	pt sunny
Dallas	69	52	pt sunny	Minneapolis	57	35	mst sunny	St. Louis	64	43	sunny
Denver	67	36	sunny	New York	52	38	windy	Washington, DC	58	41	windy

Moon Phases



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of what regular classroom instruction entails, students have learned a bit about teaching to the culture and racial make-ups of their own community. He said, unlike many teachers, who are predominantly Caucasian, most students in Umatilla are Hispanic. Many of the cultural barriers and limitations those students face, however, are not discussed in the classrooms because of a fear of appearing racist or offending others, he said.

"I believe one of the most important things they learned this year is the difference between racial and being racist," he said. "We need to have racial discussions with our kids."

The students spent the first part of the semester focusing on issues such as language barriers and cultural differences and how they may be hindering students' abilities to learn.

He said those students may and do learn differently. By having his students examine those issues in his class, they are getting a real-world look into the challenges and the strategies they can use to make sure everyone is learning.

Many of those topics hit home for seniors Jackie Campos and Armando Mendoza, both of whom are Hispanic, and, like



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

Umatilla High School junior Fabricio Garcia reads with McNary Heights Elementary School student Liam Early Thursday morning at MHES.

Ledesma, have encountered many of the issues discussed in the class personally.

Ledesma said that when she was growing up, all the students were treated equally, even though some of the Hispanic students may have faced greater hurdles because of language and culture. Campos and Mendoza agreed.

In addition to regular classroom instruction, the high schoolers have also worked with students at McNary Heights Elementary School.

Whether working with the elementary children on

reading exercises or observing the classroom teacher's teaching styles, many of the students said it has been a tremendous learning experience to see the issues that teachers are navigating through and what teaching strategies work best for individual students.

"Everyone is different, and that is something that we have been able to realize even as we've worked with these kids," Ledesma said.

Mendoza said one of the challenges he has encountered is changing his teaching style for an individual student. "We have to do a

quired. New dance classes will be offered this summer, as well.

Of course, Hermiston will still have many other camps and activities that were offered in previous years, including a summer day camp, along with many special events, such as music and movies in the park and Independence Day festivities.

Earp said the children's triathlon is one of his favorite events.

"It is your traditional triathlon simplified for younger children," he said. "They just have a blast. We usually get close to 100 participants that sign up, and it is one of the funnest things to watch, and the kids have a really good time."

Earp said many of the camps fill up, so people should register beginning April 27 to ensure their spots. Between April 27 and May 8, he said many of the activities are offered

at a 15 percent discount. Registration can be completed online at hermiston.or.us/parksrec, and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 6, from 9 a.m. to noon May 7 and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. May 8 at the Parks and Recreation office at Hermiston City Hall.

Summer activity guides are available at Hermiston City Hall or online at hermiston.or.us now, Earp said, and will be distributed to elementary school students.



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

Umatilla High School junior Armando Mendoza reads a story with Robert Krostom, a second-grader at McNary Heights Elementary School, Thursday morning.

what all goes into instructing each individual student, which has helped her grow. "We both learn from each other," she said.

Campos said, because she likes working with young children, especially elementary students, becoming a teacher seems to be a perfect fit for her personality.

"I've always liked interacting with little kids," she said. "I just like being around them."

Campos said the class has also helped her overcome her fear of speaking in front of people, while it has strengthened some of the teaching abilities she'll use in the future.

"This helps me to be open, learn from what I'll face later on," she said.

Mendoza said he is actually considering a career in business but appreciates ex-

panding his opportunities. "This class has opened up more career paths for me," he said.

As part of the class, students will write a research paper on an issue as it pertains to education, and how they realized and were able to overcome those issues while working with students in the classroom setting. Then, at 7 p.m. on May 13 at the high school, students will present on the topics. Malgesini said the public is welcome to attend.

Overall, Malgesini said he feels the class has been a welcome addition to the high school.

"If nothing else, (the students) have a greater appreciation for what their own teachers go through," he said. "They're able to see what being a teacher is like."