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at McNary Heights Elementary School and had been with the district for 10 years. She also had three children in the Umatilla school system.

“Her loss is felt by staff, students and the community,” Superintendent Heidi Sipe said.

Sipe called Flores a “tremendous educator and ded-

icated mother.” She said Flores was known at the school as an especially talented reading instructor and had been involved over the years in a number of reading initiatives, most recently by teaching an after-school class called Rocket Readers to help boost students’ reading skills.

“Her students excelled under her instruction, and she was truly dedicated to ensuring their success,” she said.

Sipe said Flores, who

was bilingual, was also quick to volunteer around the school for anything that would benefit students and was a “strong conduit between the school and many families.”

Flores’s co-workers and teachers at her childrens’ schools were notified on Sunday. The district mobilized its crisis response team to provide grief counseling and other support to staff and students on Monday.

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bilingual, so they switch in and out of Spanish and English, and so a lot of our audiences end up being bilingual,” he said. “The whole thing is that this is available for anyone. If you speak only Spanish, that’s fine. If you speak only English, that’s fine.”



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Teatro Milagro performs ‘Searching for Aztlan,’ written and directed by Lakin Valdez. The group will present the bilingual play at 7 p.m. Friday at the Armand Larive Middle School auditorium. The group will also host a community workshop and potluck from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today in the Lanham Room at the Hermiston Public Library. Both events are free, but space is limited. To reserve a spot, call 541-561-1332.

what happened in Tucson with the change in curriculum, trying to outlaw certain ethnic studies.”

Susan Winter, Echo, said the directors of Teatro Milagro are her personal friends, and she is excited to see the play.

“They use magical realism,” she said. “They basically portray all the different kinds of Latino people we have in our society. They open the topic up in kind of an impersonal way, so the art kind of frees people to look at society.”

Winter said the theater group visited Echo last year, and the community response has been positive so far this year as well.

“Last year was a real success and brought a lot of different people together from different ages,” she

said. “We had kids from the Echo School and kids from Stanfield. We had people from the Hispanic Advisory Committee. That’s the whole idea: It’s community building through drama.”

Winter said the actors are professionally trained with college degrees in drama. She said they made the community workshop last year a great experience.

“It was fun to see people of different ages doing a little bit of improv together,” she said. “They have a nice framework that they give you, so you’re not just up acting like an idiot, you’re portraying things. It’s contagious, and they know how to work a crowd. These young people are really good. They’re invigorating. They engage their audience, and they’re bilingual.”

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/15	Thu 4/16	Fri 4/17	Sat 4/18	Sun 4/19
 62/34 A mainly sunny sky. High 62F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	 70/39 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 30s.	 77/47 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	 76/43 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 75/43 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.
Sunrise 6:11 AM Sunset 7:43 PM	Sunrise 6:09 AM Sunset 7:44 PM	Sunrise 6:07 AM Sunset 7:46 PM	Sunrise 6:06 AM Sunset 7:47 PM	Sunrise 6:04 AM Sunset 7:48 PM

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Oregon At A Glance

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Portland	59	40	pt sunny
Salem	60	38	pt sunny
Eugene	60	37	pt sunny
Bend	50	23	mst sunny
Burns	50	28	pt sunny
Medford	64	35	pt sunny
Klamath Falls	57	28	pt sunny
Hermiston	62	34	sunny
Pendleton	57	33	sunny
La Grande	54	30	cloudy
Ontario	60	30	pt sunny

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	61	39	pt sunny
Ashland	63	35	sunny
Astoria	56	38	cloudy
Baker City	52	26	sunny
Bend	50	23	mst sunny
Brookings	66	46	sunny
Burns	50	28	pt sunny
Coos Bay	58	43	pt sunny
Corvallis	60	38	pt sunny
Eugene	60	37	sunny
Florence	59	40	pt sunny
Grants Pass	65	37	mst sunny
Hermiston	62	34	sunny
John Day	52	31	pt sunny
Klamath Falls	57	28	sunny
La Grande	54	30	sunny
Lakeview	55	23	sunny
Lincoln City	58	40	pt sunny
McMinnville	59	38	pt sunny
Medford	64	35	sunny
Newport	53	40	pt sunny
Pendleton	57	33	sunny
Portland	59	40	cloudy
Redmond	56	28	sunny
Roseburg	62	40	sunny
Salem	60	38	pt sunny
Springfield	59	35	mst sunny
The Dalles	62	39	sunny
Tillamook	58	37	pt sunny
Vale	60	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	74	56	t-storm
Boston	64	41	mst sunny
Chicago	64	43	pt sunny
Dallas	79	57	sunny
Denver	59	33	windy
Houston	85	68	pt sunny
Los Angeles	81	60	sunny
Miami	86	74	t-storm
Minneapolis	69	47	pt sunny
New York	67	47	pt sunny
Phoenix	84	48	sunny
San Francisco	71	55	sunny
Seattle	59	42	pt sunny
St. Louis	70	57	cloudy
Washington, DC	71	51	cloudy

Moon Phases

Phase	Date
Last	Apr 12
New	Apr 18
First	Apr 25
Full	May 4

UV Index

Day	Index
Wed 4/15	5
Thu 4/16	5
Fri 4/17	5
Sat 4/18	6
Sun 4/19	6

Moderate Moderate Moderate High High

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