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Local temps to spike again

String of triple-digit days in the forecast

BY SAM BARBEE
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Weekend temperatures are once again expected to jump into triple digits.

The forecast calls for temperatures to jump into the 90s by Thursday, and by Saturday the local temperatures could reach as high as 111 degrees Fahrenheit.

Highs are expected to remain in the triple-digits through at least next Thursday.

A special weather statement has been issued by the National Weather Service warning the entire Pacific Northwest about the approaching heat wave.

"A ridge of high pressure will build over the Pacific Northwest late this week into the weekend resulting in record June warmth for most the area," the statement reads.

"By Friday, temperatures of 100 to 105 are expected across the lower elevations with 80s and 90s in the mountains. On Saturday and Sunday extreme heat is expected with high temperatures at the lower elevations of 105 to 110 degrees with 90s in the mountains. Although it may cool slightly next week, triple-digit heat in

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Mostly sunny
High: 93° Low: 63°

OUTLOOK

- THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 98° Low: 65°
- FRIDAY
Sunny
High: 105° Low: 67°

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Umatilla Landing Days set for Saturday

Event features first local fireworks show of the season

BY SEAN HART
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A full day of festivities is planned for Umatilla Landing Days Saturday.

From the morning parade to the evening fireworks, the annual event features a variety of vendors and entertainment.

Umatilla Landing Days, June 27

Downtown Umatilla	12:05 p.m.: Sahara Bellydance
10:30 a.m.: Parade	12:30 p.m.: Umatilla Cheer
Umatilla Marina Park	Live music
11 a.m.: Totally Kids	1:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.: BBPD
11:15 a.m.: Round Up City Cloggers	3 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Finn Doxie
11:35 a.m.: Totally Kids	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Blue Tattoo
11:50 a.m.: Irrigon Knights Cheerleading	10 p.m.: Fireworks

"It is a really great, fun thing to do," Umatilla Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Karen Hutchinson-Talaski said. "It's a celebration of our heritage as the

oldest community in Eastern Oregon. It's just a fun day for people to come down to the marina and downtown Umatilla to see the parade, of course."

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. from Nugent Park on the west side of the city and travels east on Sixth Street, or Highway 730, to Switzler Avenue, where it turns and returns to the park, she said.

After the parade, the festivities continue at the Umatilla Marina Park. People can travel north on either Switzler Avenue or Brownell Boulevard to Third Street and follow the signs to the marina at 1710 Quincy Avenue.

A variety of food and other vendors and children's games will be

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VERY SPECIAL DAY



JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

Mateo Rockwell, right, and his mother, Natasha, will serve as Relay for Life Hermiston's 2015 grand marshals Friday and Saturday. Mateo is now cancer free after being successfully treated for testicular cancer when he was a toddler.

9-year-old cancer survivor, mother grand marshals for Relay for Life

BY JESSICA KELLER
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Mateo Rockwell, 9, doesn't remember the first lap he ever completed as

a cancer survivor at Relay For Life. A testicular cancer survivor at the age of 3, his mother, Natasha, carried him most of the way. Since then, the Rock-

well family of Boardman have been regulars at Hermiston's fundraiser and awareness walk. This year, Mateo and Natasha will lead the survivor lap

after being named the 2015 grand marshals.

Natasha Rockwell said she is a little surprised they were honored in such a way because Mateo's battle with cancer was not as hard as others.

"We only got a small

taste of it," she said. "I know how hard it must be for those other moms and kids."

Natasha Rockwell said Mateo was a little over a year old when he was diagnosed.

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Hermiston man dies in head-on crash on freeway

BY PHIL WRIGHT
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A 25-year-old Hermiston man died Monday in Gilliam County when he smashed head-on into a semitrailer.

Oregon State Police reported investigators do not know why Tyler D. Brown drove a 1999 Jeep Cherokee hauling a utility trailer the wrong way on Interstate 84, and the case remains under investigation.

State police troopers and emergency personnel responded to reports of a head-on crash Monday at about 11:15 p.m. Monday on I-84 near milepost 114. State police spokesman Lt. Bill Fugate said in the moments before the crash several callers reported the Jeep going east in the westbound lanes.

State police were responding to

those calls when the Jeep crashed into a 1999 Peterbilt semitrailer. Fugate said it appears Brown died in that impact.

The vehicles stopped in the travel lanes and caught fire. State police reported the driver of the Peterbilt, Michael McCright, 61, of Redmond, escaped uninjured as fire engulfed both vehicles.

The semi was hauling a load of fresh salmon, Fugate said, and fire crews spent hours extinguishing the blaze. State police and the Oregon Department of Transportation shut down I-84 in both directions for almost four hours until opening one lane in each direction. State police reported crews were still on scene cleaning the highway.

Fugate said an autopsy and toxicology tests are in the works, and those could reveal more information.



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A 25-year-old Hermiston man was killed late Monday in a head-on collision on Interstate 84 near Arlington.

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