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"It's been a little sluggish,"

teacher Rob Doherty said. In addition to the simple live stream of the event, students planned to do a 10- to 15- minute newscast at the top of every hour with interviews and updates on fundraising.

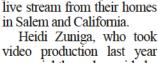
Doherty said he thought producing the video feed would be a good experience for his students beyond enhancing their video production skills. They would also benefit by meeting cancer survivors and hearing about the things they have over-

"This is going to be a fun event, but it's also going to be a serious event for a good cause," he said.

Kylee Heppner, who was wait-listed for the video productions class last year but has a spot in it for her eighthgrade year, said she studied up and passed the necessary quizzes to be qualified to help with Friday's production.

"I don't really think of it as school stuff," she said. "I think of it as getting to learn stuff most kids don't know how to do."

She said two of her aunts are cancer survivors, and they



planned to watch part of the

video production last year as an eighth-grader, said she planned to stay the entire 16 hours, although she would probably sneak in a nap between interviews.

She and Jahayra Garcia



JADE MCDOWELL PHOTO

Kylee Heppner looks over her script in the press box while

preparing to help live stream Hermiston's Relay for Life.

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ting a new June 26 record at 104 degrees, people made good use of the center's water slides, the diving board and various activities as the sun beat down.

With two young sons, Tri-Cities resident Melanie Bridge said the water park in Hermiston is definitely a highlight for her children.

"We like to go to the pool," she said. "We also like to go jump off the docks at Leslie Groves in Tri-Cities. We mostly do those things and hang out inside. We love to go kayaking in the (Columbia) River and do paddle boards in the river. We're a baseball family, so I'm afraid we're at the baseball park a lot in the heat."

John Carbage, Hermiston, said the best thing to do when temperatures rise is have an outdoor cook-

"You got to cook out as much as possible, as much as possible," he said from Hermiston Family Aquatic Center. "Once you turn the oven or stove on in the kitchen, it heats the rest of the house up. You want to cook out as much as possible.

Carbage, though, also rides a motorcycle or bicycle to Riverfront Park daily, as well as the water park, to stay cool.

"Bring the kids out here and let them enjoy it," he

Sue Phillips, Hermiston, likes to stay around the house and keep her two dogs, three cats and two horses cool.

"I stay inside with an air conditioner on," she said.

Aaron Potts and his family also made the drive from the Tri-Cities to



SAM BARBEE PHOTO

Garrett Bridge of the Tri-Cities plays with a water feature Friday afternoon at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center.

splash around in Hermis-

ton's water park Friday. "We end up, when it gets this hot, we have a pool membership up in the Tri-Cities," Potts said. "(We came to Hermiston Friday) because of the water park. We thought it would be a fun day to come

Sticking with the water theme, several other locals enjoy finding swimming holes on the mighty Columbia.

Hermiston teen Victoria Montez said she enjoys a particular spot on the Columbia called The Warehouse, a place towards Walla Walla, where especially brave souls can cliff jump.

Hermiston's When Sherry Moore isn't working or at school, she said she likes to find a spot on the river in Umatilla and fish and relax.

April Johns and her daughter, Evelyn Longhorn, also head to the river to swim and play on the beach.

will go down to the Columbia River," Johns said, adding Longhorn likes to run through the sprinkler in their back yard. "Coppertone baby right there.

Triple-digit temperatures are expected to continue in the region into next week.

both said they came back to their old middle school to participate because they missed the environment in the press

"I wanted to live the whole experience again," Zuniga said.

The school's video production class gets plenty of hands-on experience every year, including filming the announcements, morning regular newscasts and acting as producers and announcers at sporting events.

Next year, a similar class will be added to Hermiston High School, and an AV Club of sorts will bring students interested in video production together across grade levels.

Heather Farnworth of the American Cancer Society said none of the other 20 Relay for Life events her office supports have ever had live-streamed videos of their event online, and she hasn't heard of one anywhere else either.

"It's kind of interesting,"

she said. "It's a fun thing, and I'm excited about it."

The idea came from local Relay for Life organizers. Farnworth said the vid-

eo feed would be a helpful service for people who wanted to attend the Relay but couldn't, and it could also be a good opportunity for people who don't know much about Relay for Life to check it out.

The live feed from the Hermiston Relay for Life can be accessed at http://bit.



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ing within two weeks. The exterior of the event center is scheduled to be completed Nov. 1.

Business Heather Cannell told the board she has been working on interior details, Conference.

including the layout of the event center kitchen, the placement of electrical outlets, selection of furniture and selection of event-scheduling software.

She said at the city's manager request she has applied for EOTEC to host the 2017 Oregon Mayors'



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