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saic projects with students — including one on display in the Highland Hills library and the other at Martha's House. The Butte project began in 2013.

Temple has undertaken many mosaics on his own, and likes the process of re-using and re-purposing materials. He enjoys sharing his interests with his students, especially the metaphor of mosaics.

"It's all built from shattered and broken pieces. Many of the items we use might just be thrown away ... but we found a use for it," he said. "Students begin to see that no matter how broken something seems, there is value."

Suggested initially by one of his students, Temple said the idea moved from the conceptional stage to choosing particular students to work on the project. Prior to actually beginning to piece together the mosaic, they discussed the history of the art form, the importance of safety while working on the project and techniques.

From the beginning, the plan was to use it as a fundraiser for the Hermiston Education Foundation. The group, Temple said, enhances educational opportunities throughout the district by providing grants for special programs and projects.

After tackling the project,

Temple found it was going to take longer than he had anticipated. Students looked forward to meeting together to work on the project — but also wanted time to visit and be silly, Temple said.

"I had to reconcile to myself ... while we were making progress, it wasn't all necessarily focused on the mosaic," he said.

Temple brought some plates and tiles as examples of materials to be used for the project. He then asked students to collect items that could be re-purposed for the Butte mosaic — letting them know what color tones were needed.

"That's part of the mosaic experience," Temple explained. "Students would come back and say where they got that piece."

In addition, Temple used tape to divide the project into sections. Students were then assigned a portion they were responsible for.

It also helped students begin to envision the process. When a piece is so big, Temple said, students couldn't see progress when they were laying down a dime-sized piece of material — but they could see their section filling up.

"That's what made it click," Temple said. "They took ownership of their section."

The completed project is currently on display at the Hermiston Conference Center.



Lydia Shult, Gabi West-Phelan, Yesenia Munoz and Lexus Hughes are enthusiastic about working on a mosaic project of the Hermiston Butte.



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Hermiston students Lexus Hughes, McKenzie Spurlock, Ezequiel Gonzales, Gabi West-Phelan, Gabriel Dyer, Jadia Phillips, Yesenia Munoz and Solana Helman gather for the placement of the first pieces on a mosaic project of the Hermiston Butte. A three-year project, the mosaic will be up for bid during the Feb. 4 Hermiston Education Foundation Beach & Beef Dinner and Auction.

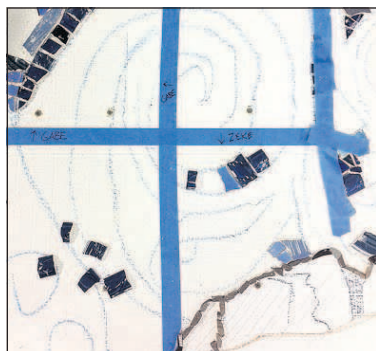


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To share input and responsibilities, groups of Highland Hills students "adopted" sections of the mosaic project of the Hermiston Butte.



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The original photo of the Hermiston Butte.



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A color rendering using Microsoft Paint of the Hermiston Butte. Art teacher Patrick Temple used it to guide groups of fifth grade students from Highland Hills Elementary School to create a mosaic that will raise money for the Hermiston Education Foundation.

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Edmiston also discussed crime stats for juvenile offenders. The department processed 186 juveniles for 315 different crimes.

Drug charges are lower among juveniles and charges for alcohol stayed the same as last year, but

use of tobacco increased. Charges of disorderly conduct, harassment, assault and menacing were also down among juvenile offenders, Edmiston said.

"It's interesting that those things are down in the juvenile world, but in the adult world they're up," Edmiston said.

Edmiston also reviewed patrol statistics — offi-

cer-initiated activity is down 12 percent, and traffic stops are down 13 percent. An unexpected trend, Edmiston said, appeared with sick leave.

"Use of sick leave increased 86 percent," Edmiston said. A total of 2,280 hours were used for sick leave — essentially one full-time employee. He said after identifying

the trend in May, he has discussed it with the department.

Edmiston said that historically, Hermiston has had low violent crime rates, and high property crime rates — and that officers are trying to teach citizens to avoid being victimized.

"We know there's offenders, and there's peo-

ple who allow themselves to be victimized," he said. "Not on purpose, but by not locking their doors or something like that. We try to impede offenders, but also to teach people to lessen the likelihood they'll be victimized."

Edmiston said he couldn't compare Hermiston crime statistics to those of nearby towns, because

many other cities don't publish their statistics.

"I get calls all the time from people contemplating moving to the area, asking about schools, crime, specific neighborhoods," he said. "I think it's important to report things, even things we're not proud of."

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