

# Graduate gets teaching fellowship

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A Hermiston High School graduate will be furthering her skills as a teacher and bringing a global component to her classroom as the recipient of a national teaching fellowship.

Jennifer Macias Morris is a recipient of the NEA Foundation Global Learning Fellowship. One teacher from each state was selected for the fellowship, a yearlong program that helps



Morris

teachers incorporate more global competency into their schools and communities. The fellowship will end with a nine-day field study in South Africa.

Macias Morris, a 2007 graduate of Hermiston High School, now teaches first grade at the Libby Center, a public school in Spokane, in a Spanish immersion program. She has also worked as a third grade Spanish immersion teacher in Seattle, and taught English in Chile when she was a col-

lege student.

Macias Morris said her parents are both immigrants, and that when she was younger, she was reluctant to embrace her own culture. But as she got older, she said learning about her parents' journey and her heritage made her appreciate her background and others', and encouraged her to teach her students to do the same.

She said she applied for the fellowship because it included a lot of components she wants to bring back to her students.

She will continue teaching while completing online coursework for the fellowship, which includes learning how to work with other community members and teachers to teach students about the importance of cultural understanding.

"I believe kids should learn about this, especially with everything that's going on in the world, and come up with their own opinions," she said.

In teaching younger students, Macias said she tai-

lors lessons about challenging subjects.

"I come up with kid-friendly language," she said. "The whole point is not to scare them, but help them understand."

This year, she taught her students a unit on immigration, connecting it with current events, including DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

"I asked them to think about if their parents wanted to move to another country because they wanted to make more money, or if a kid their age left on their own, because they were in danger or because they wanted to be with their parents," she said.

She said she tries to teach her students about current events, and includes guest speakers. She had her mother, who emigrated to the U.S. at 17, come and talk to her class.

Students also learn about specific problems facing their city, state, and country, such as food insecurity.

"We talk about what's going on in the world, and get different perspectives," Macias Morris said.



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Volunteer Shane Manke fills a water bin for dogs confiscated from a home near Hermiston at PAWS on November 27, 2017, in Pendleton.

## Humane society proposes taxing district

By **ANTONIO SIERRA**  
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The Pioneer Humane Society is looking to expand its paw print.

Board members from the Pendleton nonprofit have been going before city councils in Umatilla County to gain access to the November ballot for the Umatilla County Animal Control District, a new taxing district that would take in 10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value from support operations at the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter, known as PAWS.

Hermiston and Milton-Freewater say they already have animal shelters (Hermiston uses Eastern Oregon Humane Society), but the humane society hopes to include the county's smaller cities, including Umatilla, in the district.

Humane society officials said the resulting \$300,000 might be the only way they can keep the doors open.

Opened as a no-kill shel-

ter in 2012, PAWS has sheltered 2,200 dogs and 2,800 cats in the past five years, according to the society's presentation to the council.

PAWS also runs a spay and neuter program that has fixed 773 animals, a figure that doesn't include sheltered dogs and cats.

In 2017, the humane society funded these services with \$224,400, which was mainly derived from donations and user fees.

Board members say its current funding level is unsustainable, and under the proposed taxing district, the society expects to expand its budget to \$511,500.

Besides stabilizing or bolstering existing services, the society wants to use additional funding to build its own shelter in Pendleton that would also serve the rest of the county.

In addition to being underfunded, the humane society says that it's understaffed.

PAWS has five part-time staff members, and board member Cindy Spiess said in an interview after the meeting that she and her colleagues often dedicate 30 to 40 hours per week to volunteering at the shelter.

At risk of burning out the volunteer pool, the society wants to create three to four paid positions, including an executive director, a spay and neuter coordinator, and one or two animal caregivers.

The society's internal data shows that more than half of the animals sheltered at PAWS came from Pendleton in 2017, and the society will have to convince voters outside the Pendleton area that it would benefit them as well.

Spiess said they will begin formulating a campaign plan later this month.

The last countywide tax proposal — the 4-H Extension and Agricultural Research District — was defeated by a wide margin.

## Area churches offer summer fun

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**  
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With summer in full swing, many area churches are looking to offer activities that offer faith-based fun for children and other activities to bring the community together.

Several area churches have announced vacation Bible school activities and another has plans for a splashing good time during a pool party:

### Come sail away with Living Faith

Activities and biblical lessons will provide kids with information on how Jesus rescues them during a program at Living Faith Church.

The Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus vacation Bible school is open to children ages 3 through 12. They will participate in Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play team-building games and make their own treats. The event is Sunday, July 22 through Friday, July 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Each day winds down at 8 p.m. with the Sail Away Send-off that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Friends and family are encouraged to participate.

Also, a penny offering will be taken each night. Part of the proceeds will go toward Hermiston's Family Promise mentoring program that helps students and families in crises.

For more information or to register, call

541-567-4486 or visit [www.winacity.org](http://www.winacity.org).

### First Christian Church offers adventure

All aboard! Kids ages 5 through fifth grade are invited to participate in Ark Adventure.

The vacation Bible school is limited to 100 participants, so those interested in attending are encouraged to register early. The sessions are Monday, July 23 through Thursday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. A light meal will be provided each evening. There is no registration fee.

For more information or to register, call 541-567-3013 or visit <https://1stcc.breezechms.com/form/66e1ad>.

### New Hope dives into summer

As part of the New Hope Kids "I Love My City" campaign, a pool party is planned.

Everyone is invited to attend the free event. It is Saturday, Aug. 11 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center, 879 W. Elm Ave.

For more information, contact 541-567-8441, [office@newhopeon395.com](mailto:office@newhopeon395.com) or visit [www.newhopeon395.com](http://www.newhopeon395.com).

*If your church or youth group is holding special activities this summer, send information to [community@hermistonherald.com](mailto:community@hermistonherald.com).*

## Saddle Club searches for 2019 queen

The search is underway for candidates interested in competing for the title of 2019 Arlington Saddle Club Queen.

Contestants do not need to be local or Gilliam County residents. However, applicants must be between the ages of 15-20 as of May 4, 2019.

The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday Aug. 15. The tryouts will be held Sunday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. at the rodeo grounds in Arlington. Contestants will display their horsemanship and public speak-

ing skills. The coronation ceremony will be held immediately following the tryouts.

The winner will travel throughout the Pacific Northwest representing the Arlington Saddle Club and promoting the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo. Held the first weekend in May each year, the 2019 event will mark the 72nd year of the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo.

For an application and additional information, contact Eileen Potter at 541-384-6251 or [ascqueen@yahoo.com](mailto:ascqueen@yahoo.com).

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