

HEAT

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Keeping it cool

Knowing how different animals regulate their body temperature helped participants at the fair keep their animals from overheating in temperatures that soared to as high as 110 degrees.

Daytona Tracy of Hermiston, for example, showed animals in every category of the “fur and feathers” barn, from guinea pigs to chickens. She said rabbits struggle the most in the heat, because they only have two small sweat glands in their heads and so their large, thin ears do all the work keeping them cool.

Poultry, she said, shed heat through their wattles and combs but don’t sweat. And guinea pigs only sweat through the soles of their feet.

“I think the ones that do the best in the heat are the ducks, because they have their ponds to swim in,” she said.

Many of the rabbits in the small animal barn snuggled up next to frozen water bottles quickly melting in the heat. Tracy said cool wet towels, misting animals with a spray bottle and feeding them frozen fruit also helped.

“You usually freeze a lot ahead of time,” she said. “We had to buy a freezer



STAFF PHOTO BY JADE MCDOWELL.

Fairgoers ride the ferris wheel at the Umatilla County Fair on Wednesday night.

just for water bottles.”

Over in the largest barn, Kove Harwood of Echo was tending to his sheep named Savage. Frozen water bottles aren’t as much help to the larger animals, but spray bottles and baths work well, he said. Keeping their drinking water cool helps too.

The sheep are shorn as closely as possible (otherwise it’s like “one of us wearing a wool sweater,” Harwood said) and their “tubes” that keep them clean after a bath can also be wetted down for some extra cooling effect.

Pigs are tricky to keep cool because they don’t sweat and are sensitive to sunlight.

“Pigs never tan, they just burn and peel,” Hannah Walker of Hermiston said.

Positive reactions

McNalley said she heard positive feedback about the entertainment, both from performers and from fair attendees.

Umatilla County Sgt. Josh Roberts said there were three arrests at the fair this year: one for disorderly conduct, one for a person using a fake ID, and one for a probation violation.

He said they had to trespass a few more people than last year during the evenings, but overall, it went well, and there were no major incidents or assaults. During the evenings, they had at least 10 law enforcement officials on duty.

Umatilla County Fire District medics responded six times to the fairgrounds from Aug. 7 to 12.

Police arrest man for sledgehammer attack

HERMISTON — Paul Thomas Cazares, 26, of Umatilla faces assault and other charges after police reported he punched a man and attacked him with a sledgehammer.

Hermiston Police Chief Jason Edmiston said at about 11:52 p.m. Friday a man, identified as Cazares, walked uninvited through the front door of an apartment at 320 E. Cherry Ave., screamed at a 59-year-old man inside and called him a snitch.

Cazares reportedly punched the man while he was sitting on the couch, and when he stood to defend himself, according to Edmiston, Cazares picked up a nearby 4-pound sledge-

hammer. Cazares made the man sit down, the police chief reported, and struck his leg “several times causing visible injury and pain.”

Cazares reportedly threatened to kill the other two members of the household if they called police.

Hermiston officers responded to the residence on a call for a trespasser and recognized Cazares, who has a history of arrests and convictions, including for disorderly conduct and harassment earlier this year. Officers tried to arrest Cazares, but he pulled away and refused to comply with orders, according to Edmiston, and officers took him to the ground.

An ambulance took

the assault victim to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, for treatment of minor injuries, Edmiston reported, and police took Cazares to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

The district attorney’s office Tuesday afternoon arraigned Cazares on initial charges of first-degree burglary, second-degree assault, and unlawful use of a weapon, all felonies, and misdemeanors of harassment and resisting arrest. Court records also show Circuit Judge Dan Hill set bail for Cazares at \$200,000.

Cazares’s next court proceeding in the case is a probable cause hearing Monday morning.

Hermiston open to eminent domain

HERMISTON HERALD

The city of Hermiston is moving ahead with plans to acquire 1.5 acres of land on the corner of Punkin Center and Northeast 10th Street, whether it’s through a traditional purchase or eminent domain.

The “resolution of necessity” approved by the city council Monday allows the city to start the legal process of acquiring the land if the city cannot come to an agreement with the property owner.

Mark Morgan, the assistant city manager, told the council that the city needs the land for a 1 million gallon water tank to increase capacity for emergencies and future development in the northeast part of town.

Morgan said staff have also considered putting the

tank at different locations or increasing booster station capacity, but the 10th Street site offers the best combination of capacity and water pressure without having to build it outside the urban growth boundary.

If the city were to acquire the land through eminent domain, Morgan said the price would be determined by a couple of independent land appraisals.

The council approved the resolution despite two no votes from councilors Manuel Gutierrez and Doug Primmer. Interviewed after the meeting, both councilors said they’re generally opposed to eminent domain as a principal.

An amendment to the noise ordinance wasn’t as controversial with the council, passing unani-

mously, but several members of the public took issue with it.

The council changed the standard from a decibel level to a “reasonableness” standard that would be determined by the police officer on the ground.

Airport Road resident Chris Waine has complained about the noise emanating from the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, and he told the council that the new ordinance would actually grant more leniency rather than solving the problem.

Although many people who live near EOTEC are outside city limits, City Attorney Gary Luisi said the ordinance still applies to complaints made from outside the city as long as the noise is coming from a place inside the city.

POLICE LOG

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

1:19 p.m. — A possibly suicidal subject was at Southwest 11th Street.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

4:22 a.m. — A prowler was reported at North First Street, Hermiston.

10:57 a.m. — A caller on East Browning Avenue said her husband told her that a male subject stole her pistol. She doesn’t know how he got it or where it was taken from.

2:18 p.m. — A man came to the police department to report that he was assaulted in the Walmart parking lot, on North First Street, last night.

5:16 p.m. — A caller was verbally

assaulted by a woman on South Highway 395 near Fourth Street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

11:16 a.m. — A woman from the Oregon Humane Society received a report of a dog on West Laird Avenue that is being abused by its owner. The reporter said the dog is chained up constantly and has no food or water

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

3:07 a.m. — A missing person was reported on East Airport Road

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

12:07 a.m. — A prowler was reported at East Ridgeway Avenue.

1:00 p.m. — A drunk driver was

reported at South Highway 395.

12:28 p.m. — A runaway was reported at Southwest Seventh Street.

5:28 p.m. — An assault was reported at Southwest 11th Street, Hermiston.

11:35 p.m. — Shots fired were reported at Southwest 13th Place, Hermiston.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

1:43 p.m. — There was a pig at large at East Oregon Avenue and Northeast Fourth Street.

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

11:08 p.m. — Someone reported a fight on East Catherine Avenue, and someone was assaulted.

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