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NEW ADMIN

Tricia Mooney to be officially named Hermiston School District superintendent Wednesday morning.

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Lost Valley Farm founder Greg te Velde arrested in Hermiston on meth charges.

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NEW LOOK

Hermiston's Greenwood Park is being revamped, while a new trail is under construction along Highland Avenue.

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BY THE WAY

Umatilla students bury time capsule

The students of Clara Brownell Middle School immortalized some of their favorite items Tuesday, burying a time capsule in the newly-remodeled Umatilla school's entryway. Students voted on all the items, which included several snack foods like Twinkies and Cheetos, as well as a yearbook, an athletic jersey, photos of current students, and a brick from the old high school. Superintendent Heidi Sipe included a letter she had written to the future superintendent. The capsule will be opened up in 50 years.

For a story about the burying of the time capsule, visit www.hermistonherald.com.

For an a-mazing time, head to the Echo Corn Maze & Pumpkin Patch. The Tyhuis family is ushering in fall fun, beginning this weekend and running through Nov. 3.

In addition to the regular corn maze, people can wander through the sunflower bale maze, dig into the corn pit and check out the pumpkin patch. The

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END OF A SEASON



Becky Satter Kaaen of Halfway, Oregon, talks to Deanna Garrard as she twists wool at her booth Woolly 1 on Thursday at the Hermiston Farmers Market.

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Hermiston residents have one last chance to hit up their local farmers market.

The Maxwell Market's last day will be Thursday, from 4-7:30 p.m. The market has grown since its start earlier in the summer, with more than two dozen vendors under the giant canopy on the corner of First Place and West Locust Avenue.

Quarters are a little tight, but Nikki Brown, who has been coordinating the market this summer, said by the end of the summer she had more than 30 vendors she had needed to turn away for lack of space.

"We had as many as we had in the market that couldn't get in," she said.

Brown said vendors interested in participating in next year's market should keep an eye on the Maxwell Market Facebook page for future announcements about vendor meetings and early sign-ups.

There may be slightly more room next year when the market moves across the intersection to the Maxwell Pavilion, a large, permanent shade structure where

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A new location and a new day of the week have worked well for the Maxwell Market.

Experiencing the English language



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Freddy Cruz Perez helps quiz his fellow classmates while instructor Loretta Fitterer supervises the exercise last week in the Hermiston School District's Newcomers Program at Highland Hills Elementary School.

Hermiston class helps speakers of indigenous languages acclimate

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The students in Highland Hills Elementary School's Newcomers class know the difference between the numbers 15 and 50.

Regardless, they take a few minutes during a math lesson to repeat them over and over again — "fif-TEEN, fif-TY, fif-TEEN, fif-TY" — emphasizing the last syllables that distinguish the two.

As they learn English, repetition

is an important part of understanding the vocabulary for all subjects, from the pronunciation of numbers to learning the words for different parts of the body.

"The Newcomers program is all about helping our kids express what they know," said teacher Loretta Fitterer.

The program is open to third-through eighth-graders, who attend a class at Highland Hills Elementary School, and ninth- through 12th-graders, who meet at Hermiston High School. To qualify for the program students must have been in the United States for less than a year and a half, and must speak "level one" English — meaning they have

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