

Variety of camps offered this summer at HHS

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Hermiston High School is offering a variety of youth sports camps this summer, including football, basketball, soccer, cross country and tennis.

There also is a marching band camp, and a golf camp through the Hermiston Parks and Recreation Department.

Tennis

The boys and girls camp, for players in grades 3-8, will be June 13-15 at the high school courts. Beginners will run from 6-7 p.m. the first two days, and from 9-10 a.m. the final day. Intermediate players will be the same dates, but times are 7-8 p.m. the first two days, and 10:30 a.m. to noon the final day.

Beginning sessions are for those just starting to play and learning the basic skills. The intermediate session is designed for middle school athletes who would like to play in high school, and who already understand the basics of the game. Cost is \$50 per player, and includes a T-shirt.

Basketball

The boys and girls camps, for players in grades



Steve Hoffert, standing in purple, talks with participants of the Hermiston girls summer camp during a previous sports camp.

3-8, will be June 17-19 in the gold gym. Girls will go from 9 a.m. to noon, with the boys from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$65 per athlete, and includes a T-shirt.

Soccer

The boys and girls camp, for players in grades 3-8, will be June 18-21 from 6-8 p.m. at Kennison Stadium. Cost is \$45 per player

(includes T-shirt), or \$80 for two players.

Marching band

The co-ed camp is June 24-28 at the high school and Kennison Stadium. Sessions will run from 1-3:30 p.m. each day, with a final field performance on the last day.

The program is designed for band members going into the seventh and eighth

grades. Cost is \$30 per student, which includes a T-shirt.

Golf

Big River Golf Course will host a co-ed camp for golfers ages 6-14 from July 15-19. Sessions each day will be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$55 per player, which includes a tournament July 19.

Registration is through the Hermiston Parks and Rec Department at: bit.ly/hermistonrecreation.

Football

The Little Dawgs Agility and Speed Camp will be July 8-11 and July 15-18 at the high school. Sessions are for athletes going into grades 5-8, and will run from 10-11 a.m. each day.

Cost is \$100 and includes a T-shirt. Family discounts are available.

The Big Dawgs Football Camp will be July 23-24 at Kennison Stadium for players going into grades 7-8. Each session will run from 10 a.m. to noon. The camp will focus on drills and skills, and offense and defense that players will run in middle school. Cost is \$40 per player and includes a T-shirt.

The Youth Football Camp, for players in grades 1-6, will run Aug. 14-15 at Kennison Stadium. Sessions will be from 5-7 p.m. each day. Cost is \$30 per player and includes a T-shirt.

All of the football camps are co-ed. For more information, contact David Faaettee at david.faaettee@hermistonhsd.org.

Cross country

The fall youth program, for runners in grades 1-6, begins Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Sandstone Middle School. Cost is \$35 per runner, or a max of \$75 per family, and includes a T-shirt.

Forms for the camps are available at the high school or you can register and pay online at: <https://or-hermiston.intouchrecepting.com/signin.aspx>

PHOTO OF THE DAY



Volunteers collect rubber ducks on the Umatilla River during a Leadership Hermiston Class 22 fundraiser on Saturday. The leadership class, hosted by the Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce, put together the event to raise money for Made to Thrive. The organization gives area youths from low-income families the money and support to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities.

Pacific Power to begin installation for smart meters June 17

Hermiston-area residents who get their electricity from Pacific Power will get new "smart" meters.

The meters will give customers the ability to track their energy usage by the hour, helping them see ways to conserve electricity, and helps the power company respond more quickly to outages.

Installations in the area are expected to start June 17 and the last meters should be swapped out by the end of July. They are part of a statewide rollout of 590,000 meters. Hermiston Energy Services and Umatilla Electric Cooperative already use similar smart meter technology.

Pacific Power recently held a demonstration of the new meters at the home of Gwen and Pat Fjeld in Pendleton. According to a news release, Pat said he was interested in seeing how the new meter would help him save electricity and will use the ability to track his usage to experiment with how setting his air conditioner different ways affects his bill.



A Pacific Power employee works on a meter at a recent smart meter installation demonstration in Pendleton.

Foster child review board seeks volunteers

Giving of your time one day a month can make a difference in the life of a foster child.

The Citizen Review Board hopes people will consider volunteering in this capacity as they seek community members to serve. To ensure they are receiving adequate care, each child in foster care must have their case reviewed every six months by a judge or the Citizen Review Board.

The board consists of three to seven local citizens who should be representative of the population of their county. There are two local boards: Pendleton (east Umatilla County) and

Hermiston (west Umatilla County/Morrow County). Volunteers are needed to serve on each board.

Members of the board are provided case files 10 days in advance. They serve on a board one day a month to review foster care cases with others involved in the case, including the Department of Human Services, parents, attorneys, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), foster parents, and often the children themselves.

For more information, contact John Nichols at 541-233-8142, john.a.nichols@ojd.state.or.us or visit www.courts.oregon.gov/programs/crb.

I-82 bridge expected to reopen this month

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Work won't be complete on the Interstate 82 bridge at Umatilla by Hermiston High School's graduation, but it is expected to be done in time for Fourth of July traffic.

The Washington Department of Transportation has been working to replace the deck of the bridge leading into Oregon for the past two years, moving all traffic crossing the Columbia River onto the two lanes of the adjacent Washington-bound bridge.

The \$11 million project was originally expected to wrap up in the fall of 2018, but WSDOT reported that crews had discovered additional maintenance work that needed done. Those items pushed the timeline into 2019 as the department waited for the weather to warm up enough to finish the concrete work. Costs for the project were split between Oregon and Washington, but WSDOT managed the construction.

WSDOT spokeswoman Jackie Ramirez said they didn't know the exact date the project would be completed, but it would be sometime in "mid-June." Once the bridge reopens there will be some temporary one-lane closures for a few minor repairs, and temporary one-lane closures on the Washington-bound bridge as the medians that directed the two-way traffic are removed.

All closures are expected to be finished before July 4, in time for holiday travelers.

The two-year bridge closure has at times created long delays for commuters, particularly during a crash or large event like the solar eclipse of Aug. 2017. Last year's Hermiston graduation ceremony in Kennewick started late because so many parents, students and staff were stuck in a bottleneck of traffic on the bridge.

Hermiston High School's graduation will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.