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days rather than fit everything into one day, which led for a very tight schedule Sunday.

"This year, we had about nine different bands," he said.

De La Cruz said next year organizers would like Saturday to be geared toward families and children, with about half of the musical entertainment performing. He said they are also discussing adding more children's activities, such as bounce houses, pony rides, a clown and maybe a competition. Organizers would like to start Sunday's events, which would include the parade, other musical entertainment and Mexican Folklorico dancers, a little later in the day to allow for more people to attend after church.

He said they would also like to add some tables and umbrellas to allow people to sit down and enjoy food and get out of the sun.

"It was a little warm this year," he said.

Despite some of the challenges of this year's event, De La Cruz said he received many compliments from people who attended. As of



JESSICA KELLER PHOTO

People salute as the Mexican national anthem is performed Sunday at Hermiston's Cinco de Mayo festival. Both the American and Mexican national anthems were performed at the community event.

Monday evening, he had only heard one complaint about the carnival and festival impacting a local business. De La Cruz said, for the past three years, since the festival has taken place downtown, Parks & Recreation Department staff have contacted business owners to let them know Cinco de Mayo is taking place, and nobody has taken issue before the event.

He said, however, next year, the committee might invite business owners to a planning meeting, explain the importance of the festival and why it's needed in the community and gather their feedback. He

said, perhaps that way, those issues can be resolved.

"We don't make a dime off of this event," De La Cruz said.

He said the Cinco de Mayo committee has a budget of about \$15,000, which is largely supported by business donations. Of that amount, \$12,000 is spent on advertising and entertainment expenses, which leaves a little seed money left over for the next year's event, De La Cruz said.

"We're trying to have a community event for the whole community to come out and enjoy," he said.

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have that are going to be having booths exhibiting their work," she said. "Beyond the 24 that are having booths, we'll have more than that displaying their work at a group show."

Corp said artists from Hermiston, Pendleton, Tri-Cities and Seattle will be displaying "all types of art." Two people will even be sculpting during the festival.

"People can come and watch them create," she said. "They'll be working

all day long on their sculpture piece."

The festival also features a wine garden, buggy rides, a farmers market, art activities, youth art, live music and entertainment and plant sales.

"We're adding a second stage with demos (this year)," Corp said. "We have master gardeners and landscape experts doing a series of demos on gardening and plant selection for your garden, composting, insects."

Corp said the downtown event encourages people to connect with the community and the small-town businesses while celebrating the arts.

"People, in the past, don't necessarily connect Hermiston with the arts, but I think we're just coming around and seeing a stronger connection," she said. "This is our 11th year of doing the Art Walk or the Arts Festival. It's just continued to grow. We just have people come each year, and each year we see it grow. ... I just think it's the event not to miss this weekend in Hermiston."

Demonstration stage schedule

Saturday, May 9
 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.: "Hydroponics" — Richard Bertram, OSU Master Gardener
 11 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.: "Know What's Bugging You" — Silvia Rondon, OSU Entomology Program
 11:45 a.m. to noon: "Global Buckets — Small Space Gardening" — Jim Willis, OSU Master Gardener
 12:30 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.: "Plant Selection For Your Landscape" — Brian LaBeau, landscaper
 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.: "Composting At Home" — Jim Willis, OSU Master Gardener
 1:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.: "Plant Selection For Your Home" — Brian LaBeau, landscaper



SUBMITTED IMAGE

This image shows the layout for the Eastern Oregon Arts Festival, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday on Northeast Second Street and the parking lot between East Gladys Avenue and East Main Street in downtown Hermiston.

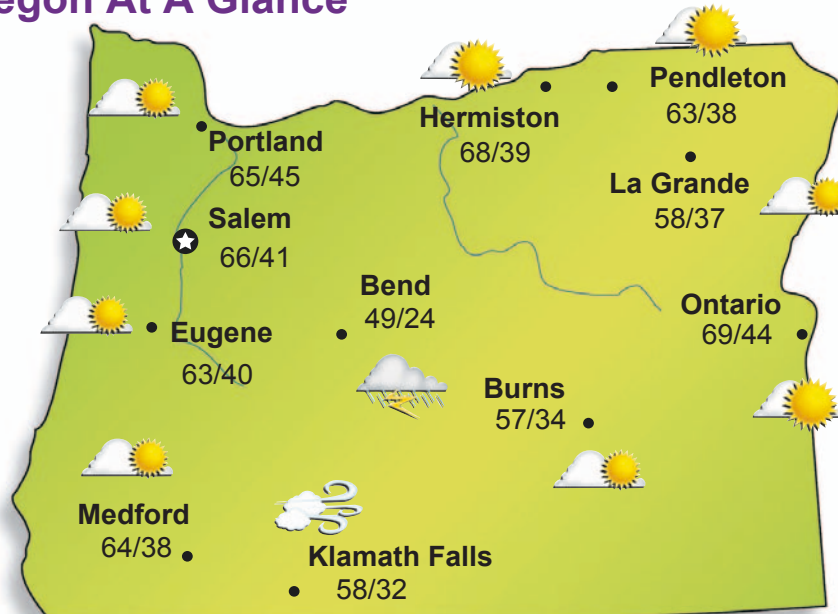
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 5/6	Thu 5/7	Fri 5/8	Sat 5/9	Sun 5/10
68/39 Sunny along with a few clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible.	76/41 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	80/43 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 40s.	82/44 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.	81/46 A few clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise 5:37 AM Sunset 8:11 PM	Sunrise 5:35 AM Sunset 8:12 PM	Sunrise 5:34 AM Sunset 8:13 PM	Sunrise 5:32 AM Sunset 8:14 PM	Sunrise 5:31 AM Sunset 8:16 PM

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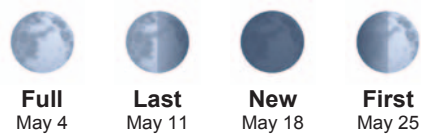
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	65	41	pt sunny	Florence	59	41	mst sunny	Newport	55	43	mst sunny
Ashland	62	38	pt sunny	Grants Pass	67	40	pt sunny	Pendleton	63	38	mst sunny
Astoria	58	44	pt sunny	Hermiston	68	39	mst sunny	Portland	65	45	pt sunny
Baker City	58	35	windy	John Day	56	31	mst sunny	Redmond	57	28	mst sunny
Bend	49	24	t-storm	Klamath Falls	58	32	windy	Roseburg	66	42	pt sunny
Brookings	63	45	sunny	La Grande	58	37	pt sunny	Salem	66	41	pt sunny
Burns	57	34	pt sunny	Lakeview	57	32	mst sunny	Springfield	61	38	pt sunny
Coos Bay	57	44	mst sunny	Lincoln City	58	44	pt sunny	The Dalles	66	43	mst sunny
Corvallis	65	39	pt sunny	Mcminnville	64	40	pt sunny	Tillamook	59	41	pt sunny
Eugene	63	40	pt sunny	Medford	64	38	pt sunny	Vale	68	46	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	56	sunny	Houston	85	72	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	57	pt sunny
Boston	70	53	pt sunny	Los Angeles	66	54	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	50	sunny
Chicago	78	58	pt sunny	Miami	83	72	pt sunny	Seattle	63	43	pt sunny
Dallas	82	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	80	62	t-storm	St. Louis	86	66	mst sunny
Denver	71	46	t-storm	New York	64	55	rain	Washington, DC	87	62	t-storm

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 5/6	Thu 5/7	Fri 5/8	Sat 5/9	Sun 5/10
7	7	7	7	7
High	High	High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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TUESDAY, MAY 26, 3:30PM

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Elder-Friendly Living: Modifying Your Home for Safety

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 3:30 PM

No matter when the older person's home was built and regardless of whether it is modern or traditional in style, it likely was designed for young adults and their families. As adults age their homes also grow older, but most are not updated to accommodate the resident's changing needs. Home adaptation or modification can provide friendlier elder living so older occupants may continue to life safely in the comfort of their home.

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TUESDAY, JULY 28, 3:30 PM

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