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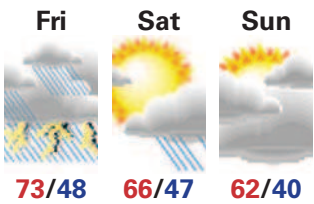
Your Weekend



- Oregon East Symphony at the Vert Auditorium
- Eastern Oregon MS Walk in Heppner
- Tonya's House flower sale fundraiser

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Weekend Weather



Watch a game



Hood River vs. Hermiston Doubleheader

Saturday, Noon, 2:30 p.m., at Hermiston

HERMISTON City seeks input on public art

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

The city of Hermiston is jumping into the art world.

Consultant Rebecca Couch of Moscow, Idaho, is writing a public art plan overseen by the city's Community Enhancement Committee. The public will have opportunities to comment on elements of the plan in May, and a finalized plan is slated to come before the city council for approval in July.

Couch said her visits to Hermiston have revealed plentiful opportunities for adding more art to the public square.

"They don't have a lot of art currently, and they have a lot of public buildings that I would describe as blank slates," she said.

Hermiston does have some public art pieces, such as the clock tower and water fountain installation at McKenzie Park, but it lacks Main Street murals and

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LOCAL CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE RACE

Candidates take different approach to the bench

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

The two attorneys vying for the local circuit court have attitudes on opposite ends of the judicial spectrum.

Jon Lieuallen of Pendleton and John Ballard of Hermiston were part of a candidates forum Thursday

in Heppner. Ballard told the crowd of about 50 he would not coddle criminals.

"There are certain people who need to die in prison," he said. "And I have no qualms about sending someone to prison for the rest of their life."

Lieuallen said most people who go to prison also get out.

"Reformation needs to be something you focus on, because the person is going to be back (in the community)," he said.

Ballard, though, contended rehabilitation doesn't work: "It costs just as much to lock them up, and we're safe that way."

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Photo courtesy Malvin Jamison

Malvin Jamison shot and killed this cougar April 11 on the Umatilla Indian Reservation while turkey hunting.

Man kills cougar before it attacks

By TIM TRAINOR
East Oregonian

Malvin Jamison knew it was a life or death moment. Fox? Coyote? Cougar. As it leaped toward him he pulled the trigger.

Jamison, 53, is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla. He works for the Tribes as a fisheries technician and describes himself as an avid outdoorsman. He has hunted nearly every game animal Eastern Oregon has to offer — duck, pheasant, chukar, deer, elk and plenty of turkeys.

He has a favorite spot to go for gobblers, a canyon in the foothills of the Blue Mountains on the reservation — that's as detailed as Jamison will be about the exact location of his encounter.

He went up to that spot to hunt turkey on April 11, waking before dawn and leaving the house before his wife woke up. He didn't tell anyone where he was going — a big mistake for such a seasoned outdoorsman — but hoped he would be back home with a bird in hand before his wife had gotten out of bed.

He got to his first spot, about a half mile walk from where he left his vehicle, and began to imitate the sounds of female turkeys, a trick used by hunters to draw big males within rifle range. He was dressed head to toe in camouflage and he had set out a fan — a decoy made to resemble splayed-out turkey feathers that can make wary birds more comfortable to approach.

He called for about 30 minutes, then walked another quarter mile to a spot where he has had success in the past. He sat under a group of hawthorn trees and started another

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Eileen Laramore, a member of the Umatilla County weed board, walks through a patch of garlic mustard, an invasive plant species, while creating containment zones for the plant Wednesday in the Oxbow property in Hermiston.

Invasive garlic mustard encroaches on Oxbow site

Volunteers work to create containment zone

By GEORGE PLAVERN
East Oregonian

Eileen Laramore patrols the edge of the Umatilla River along the Bureau of Reclamation's Oxbow site in Hermiston, her eyes trained on the bright green invaders with the broad leaves and small white flowers.

It's already too late to stop garlic mustard from moving in, Laramore said. The highly invasive weed is virtually impossible to eradicate once it's been found. All they can do is raise awareness

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Garlic mustard is an invasive species whose root system produces a toxic that kills off native plant species.

PENDLETON

Ward 2 candidates put their experience to the test

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

Though none are the incumbent, the three candidates in Pendleton City Council Ward 2 race have plenty of experience in city government.

Current officeholder Chuck Wood's decided to retire from the seat, opened up the race that primarily covers North Hill, Westgate and the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport.

Information technology analyst Bob Ehmann is running to rejoin the city council, which he served on from 1992-2000.

Additionally, Ehmann has served a combined 36 years on various city committees and commissions.

On the campaign trail, Ehmann has touted himself as a budget wonk,

an advocate for the city spending within its means and highlighting his 18 years on the city's budget committee.

"I find finance and budgeting fascinating," Ehmann said.

A longtime attorney originally grew up in the Los Angeles area. Ehmann recently made a career change and now works in information technology.

According to the Oregon State Bar, Ehmann was facing disbarment when he submitted his resignation to the Oregon Supreme Court in 2003.

The disbarment order was the result of a complaint filed by the Bar, which alleges that Ehmann violated 10 disciplinary rules across several client matters, including dishon-

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Bob Ehmann

Age: 66

Occupation: Self-employed information technology analyst

Hometown: Whittier, California

Years in Pendleton: 35

Highest Level of Education: Law degree, Lewis & Clark College

Family: Married



Scott Fairley

Age: 49

Occupation: Eastern Oregon coordinator for the state's regional solutions office

Hometown: Pendleton

Years in Pendleton: 23

Highest Level of Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Oregon

Family: Married, one child



Rex Morehouse

Age: 77

Occupation: Retired salesman

Hometown: Spirit Lake, Idaho

Years in Pendleton: 30

Highest Level of Education: High school diploma

Family: Widowed, two children, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren



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