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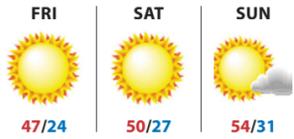
Your Weekend



- **Dia De Los Muertos**, Hermiston High School
- **Holiday Bazaars**, Pendleton, Irrigon and Umatilla
- **Dinner With Friends Fundraiser**, Pendleton

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Weekend Weather



Oregon test scores on the decline

By **ROB MANNING**
Oregon Public Broadcasting

PORTLAND — Student test scores fell in Oregon and Washington on the assessment known as the “Nation’s Report Card,” a trend that mirrors national declines over the last two years.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP test, is given every two years to a sample of fourth- and eighth-grade students in every state.

Oregon’s results for fourth-graders remain below the national average on both reading and math. Eighth-grade scores were very close to the national average, two years ago, and stayed that way this year.

Washington has historically performed better than Oregon and the national average on the NAPE tests. That remained the case for this year’s eighth-graders. But fourth-graders slipped to being on par with the country as a whole.

Washington’s top education

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FRIGHT NIGHT

Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

A child dressed as a ghost pirate strolls down Main Street among crowds of costumed trick-or-treaters on Thursday afternoon.



Marisa White and Hannah Schulz, both of Hermiston, dressed as puppet and puppet-master during Treats on Main on Thursday afternoon.



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Lucas Tullis, 4, dressed as Harry Potter for Treats on Main in Hermiston.

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Businesses along Main Street opened their doors to robbers, pirates and dinosaurs on Thursday night for the annual downtown trick-or-treat. The hundreds of costumed children filled the sidewalks toting buckets and bags to collect candy in celebration of Halloween.

While several children dressed as postal or delivery workers, Lilee Vieira, 5, was the only person dressed as a mailbox. Vieira’s mother said the costume idea came when the pair were driving and she asked her what she wanted to be for Halloween.

Further down the street, past a gaggle of kids dressed as green plastic army men and a child dressed as a whoopee cushion, Paul Melton was handing out candy.

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Good Shepherd community meeting highlights patient care

Hospital announces plans to start oncology clinic, sleep center and cardio rehabilitation expansion

By **JADE MCDOWELL**
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — When Marcus Engle took the stage during the Good Shepherd Community Health Care System Community Meeting on Wednesday night to talk about patient care, he was speaking from experience.

At age 18, Engle, who authors books and gives speeches nationwide about improving the patient experience, was coming home from a hockey game in St. Louis with his friends when a drunken driver crashed into the side of the vehicle where he was a passenger. The crash broke every bone in

his face and others throughout his body, took his eyesight, required a tracheotomy and resulted in hundreds of hours of surgeries.

He doesn’t remember much from his arrival at the Level 1 trauma center 3 miles away, other than the intense pain, but he does remember Jennifer.

“Most of the night I was unconscious, and the only thing that gave me comfort in that messed up world was the fact that someone was holding my hand,” Engle said.

Every time he had a moment of consciousness, she would squeeze his hand and repeat, “My name is

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Marcus Engle, with his guide dog Elliot, speaks at the Good Shepherd Health Care System Community Meeting at Hermiston High School on Wednesday.



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