

Earth Day Oregon partners with Eastern Oregon

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Stevens

JOSEPH — Eastern Oregon is joining in Earth Day Oregon for the first time.

Wallowa Land Trust joined the nonprofit coalition this year, and has partnered up with Terminal Gravity Brewing, Moonlight Graphics and Wild Carrot Herbals. As well as, Greater Hells Canyon Council and Farmers Ending Hunger — which has several participating farms in Hermiston and Echo — have joined Earth Day Oregon for this year’s campaign.

“Oregon Earth Day came about more to celebrate the work that’s being done specifically in our state that’s helping to conserve our lands and care for a planet,” said Sarah Kleinhanzl, communications and outreach coordinator for Wallowa Land Trust. “As Wallowa Land Trust, our mission is to conserve and promote healthy landscapes here in Wallowa County, and so those missions obviously interlock pretty well.”

One of the ways Wallowa Land Trust is raising funds is through an in-person fundraising event on Friday, April 22.

“We haven’t had any in-person fundraisers for a couple of years because of COVID-19, so we’re really

excited about it,” Kleinhanzl said.

The fundraiser will include silent auctions for local art, live music, drinks, food and beer donated by Terminal Gravity Brewing. Kleinhanzl said it would be “a chance to reconnect with our community and raise the money for our conservation work.”

“We’re really grateful for the local support,” she said. “The three partners that we partnered with have been really supportive throughout the years, and we’re really glad that they joined us.”

The land trust does not have specific projects for the fundraiser, but money raised will be used to help maintain ongoing operations and contracts with local landowners for their continuing involvement with Wallowa Land Trust.

Earth Day Oregon, founded in 1919, is a revitalization of previous efforts to localize Earth Day in the state, according to Kelly Stevens, executive director.



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Evening light sets over Crow Creek Road, Wallowa County, on the road from Zumwalt Prairie on May 23, 2021. Two Eastern Oregon nonprofits have joined Earth Day Oregon, including Greater Hells Canyon Council and Wallowa Land Trust. Earth Day Oregon is April 22, 2022, and includes a fundraiser by Wallowa Land Trust at the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce office in Enterprise.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970, and it has become a global event celebrated across dozens of countries.

“It’s not the first time Earth Day has happened in Oregon, certainly,” she said,

“but I would say that we really see an opportunity to make it a day, make it a time for bringing the state together and to have a really inclusive version of Earth Day.”

Earth Day Oregon has a variety of nonprofit orga-

nization partners — ranging from land trusts to food bank donations. A majority of those organizations are in the Portland metro area, but Stevens has been focusing on expanding the campaign to include more rural

communities and nonprofits.

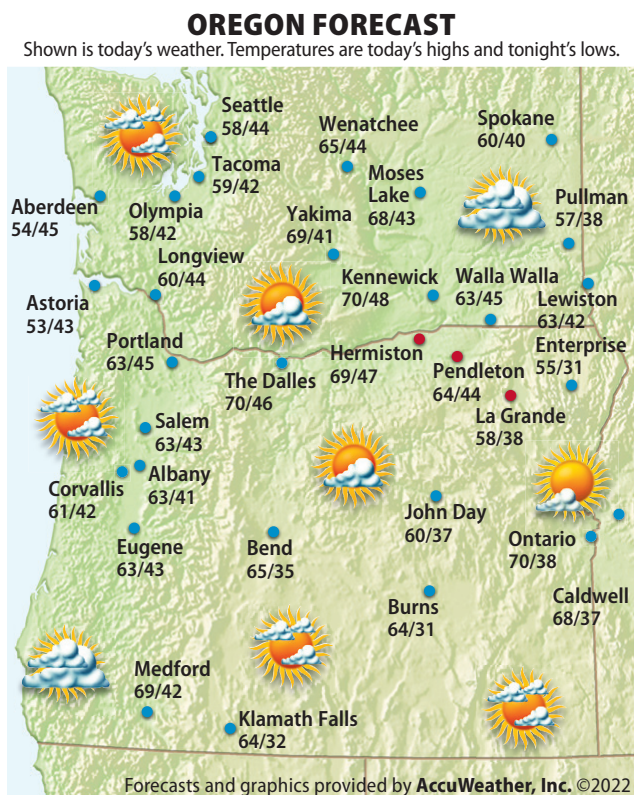
“When people look at our website, when they see who our partners are, they’re going to see opportunities with conservation nonprofits, including two in Eastern Oregon,” she said. “And they’ll also see groups that are working to end poverty, spur local economies and reduce inequality. And then, also, preserve our forests and our oceans and things like that. What we’re really excited about at Earth Day Oregon is this more holistic view of what we can all do together every April.”

Stevens said the campaign has doubled the number of nonprofits outside of the Portland metro area that had allied with Earth Day Oregon. Roughly one-third of the nonprofits are from areas outside Portland, she said.

“As Oregonians, we’ve got a pretty good-sized state, but no matter where we live, we all care about the beauty of this state and our communities,” she said. “By supporting the nonprofit partners and the many business partners in Eastern Oregon, people are ensuring that Eastern Oregon stays beautiful and those ecosystems are healthy and people are able to still work those rural lands, and have vibrant local ecosystems and vibrant local economies.”

Forecast for Pendleton Area

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny	Winds subsiding and cooler	Times of clouds and sun	Warmer with periods of sun	Sunshine
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
64° 44°	56° 37°	54° 36°	61° 42°	60° 37°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
69° 47°	62° 39°	61° 37°	66° 46°	63° 39°



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.			
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	65°	46°	
Normals	58°	37°	
Records	76° (1923)	23° (2008)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.02"		
Month to date	1.16"		
Normal month to date	1.24"		
Year to date	3.60"		
Last year to date	3.32"		
Normal year to date	3.93"		
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.			
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	70°	46°	
Normals	62°	36°	
Records	78° (1930)	15° (1975)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.01"		
Month to date	0.89"		
Normal month to date	0.69"		
Year to date	1.95"		
Last year to date	1.73"		
Normal year to date	2.69"		
WINDS (in mph)			
	Today	Wed.	
Boardman	WSW 4-8	WSW 10-20	
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 10-20	
SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise today	6:41 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	7:19 p.m.		
Moonrise today	6:04 a.m.		
Moonset today	4:32 p.m.		
PHASES			
New	First	Full	Last
Mar 31	Apr 8	Apr 16	Apr 23

Sushi comes to Wallowa County

By BILL BRADSHAW
Wallowa County Chieftain

JOSEPH — Those who enjoyed sushi offered at the Historic Depot in Joseph on New Year’s Eve can relish in it on a regular basis, now that the Dining Car will offer it five days a week.

“That was just a trial run,” Dining Car co-owner Adam Roseberry said. “This is an ongoing thing.”

He and partner Jenny Augst offer a variety of sushi — mostly rolls — Thursday through Monday from 3-9 p.m. They also cater parties, they said.

He said they did a “soft start” early this month.

“We got our final health inspection a month ago and have been slowly building momentum since then,” he said.

He said most of the information on the Dining Car is available on their Facebook page.

Many of the sushi orders reflect a Wallowa County touch.

One they call the Wallowa

Roll consists of deep-fried shrimp, avocado, salmon and their special miso ginger sauce. They take a torch to the top to lightly sear the salmon and caramelize the sauce. Another is called the “Big Wally,” named for the legendary monster of Wallowa Lake.

They were created just to serve at the Dining Car.

“We try to give everything cool, local names,” Roseberry said. “The Big Wally’s named after the monster in the lake, and things like that.”

While Roseberry does all the sushi and Augst handles the customers, their business is mostly take-out for now but eventually will have indoor dining. They also will be taking some time off in a few weeks, as Augst is preparing to give birth.

“He wants to have time to bond with the baby,” she said of Roseberry.

In fact, the baby was what prompted the couple to move here.

“We needed a change of venue and wanted to have our

baby around family and be around family when the baby came,” Roseberry said. “We didn’t have much family left where we were living in California. That didn’t bother us when it was just us, but with the coming of the baby, we wanted to be around family.”

Roseberry’s mother is Leita Barlow, owner of the Depot. His sister Amy works with their mother and another sister, Autumn and her fiance, Daniel Ziemann, operate Z’s BBQ on the premises.

“We visited Leita once a few years ago and fell in love with the beauty of the area,” Augst said. “She was always encouraging us to come join the Depot and do our thing with sushi. We found out we were pregnant and didn’t like where we were living and didn’t want to raise a child there.”

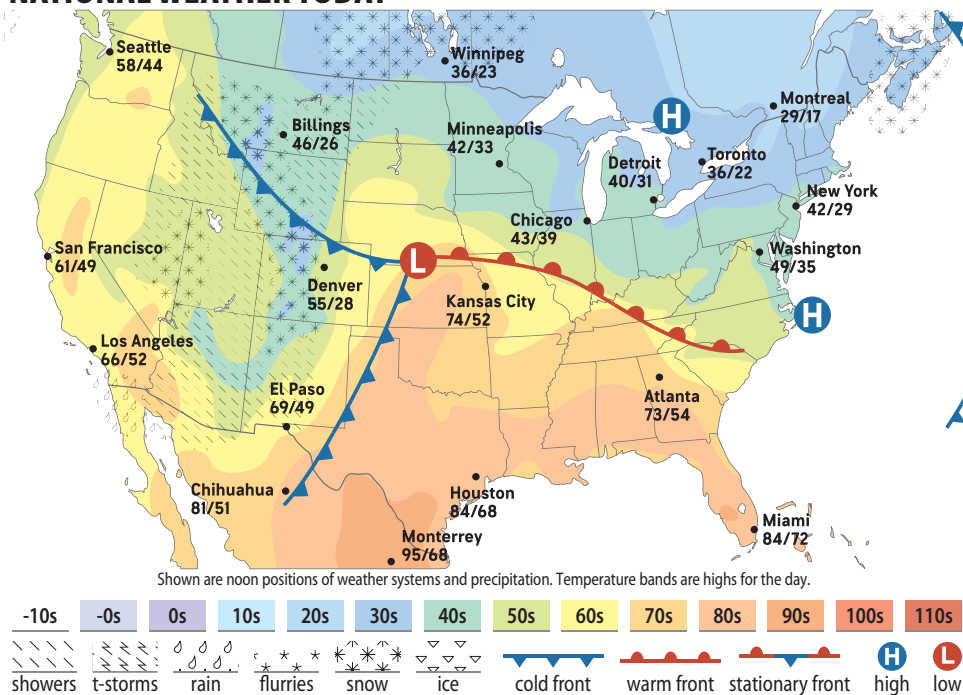
They moved here in November.

“We saw an opportunity. We came out in October to feel it out,” Augst said. “We took a leap of faith and tried it and so far, we’re 100% happy.”

NATIONAL EXTREMES

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High 95° in Sweetwater, Texas Low -14° in Tower, Minn.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



IN BRIEF

Studded tires required to be removed by end of March

LA GRANDE — With spring in the air, Oregon drivers will need to remove their studded tires.

The Oregon Department of Transportation announced drivers in the state must take off their studded tires by Thursday, March 31.

According to a press release from ODOT on March 22, drivers are encouraged to remove the studded tires as soon as they can before the deadline. Drivers who leave their

studded tires on past the March 31 deadline are subject to Class C traffic violations by law enforcement.

In the case of inclement weather, ODOT maintenance crews will continue to monitor highway conditions and weather forecasts moving forward.

According to ODOT, studded tires cause roughly \$8.5 million in damage to highways every year. The department recommends other types of traction tires and newer chains to limit roadway damage.

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CORRECTION: The article “Pendleton company gets fed help with power storage studies” in the Tuesday, March 23, edition of the East Oregonian misstated the relationship between Coyote Steals Fire Energy Group and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. They are not partners.

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