

LOCAL WEATHER

Striking a pose



MAEGAN MURRAY PHOTO

Things got steamy when Dancing with the Hermiston Stars contestant Erica Sandoval took the stage with dancer partner Brian Gonzales Saturday night.

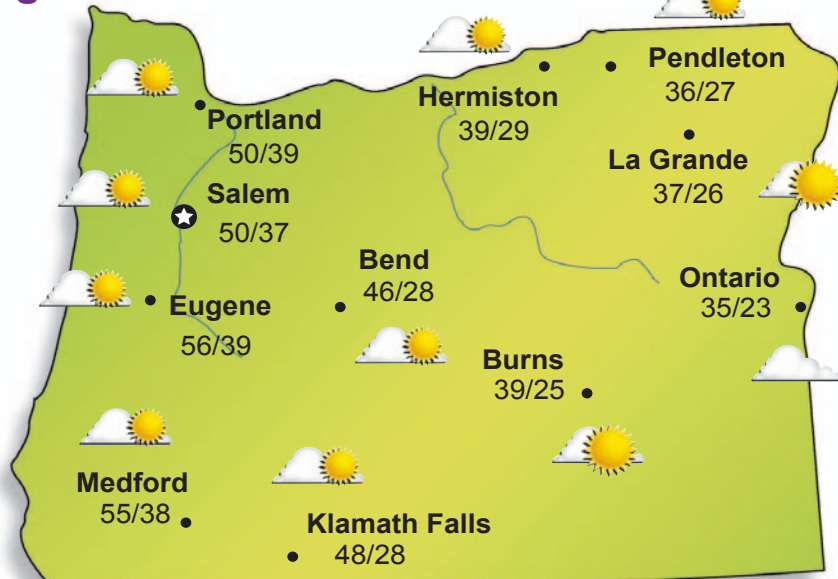
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 1/14 | Thu 1/15 | Fri 1/16 | Sat 1/17 | Sun 1/18 |
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| | | | | |
| 39/29 Partly cloudy. High 39F. Winds light and variable. | 41/33 Considerable cloudiness. High in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s. | 53/37 Partly cloudy. High in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s. | 49/40 Chance of showers. High in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s. | 51/40 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the low 50s and lows in the low 40s. |
| Sunrise 7:35 AM Sunset 4:37 PM | Sunrise 7:34 AM Sunset 4:38 PM | Sunrise 7:34 AM Sunset 4:39 PM | Sunrise 7:33 AM Sunset 4:41 PM | Sunrise 7:32 AM Sunset 4:42 PM |

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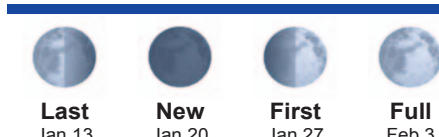
Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|------------|----|----|-----------|---------------|----|----|-----------|-------------|----|----|-----------|
| Albany | 51 | 38 | pt sunny | Florence | 58 | 47 | pt sunny | Newport | 56 | 47 | pt sunny |
| Ashland | 54 | 38 | pt sunny | Grants Pass | 53 | 36 | pt sunny | Pendleton | 36 | 27 | pt sunny |
| Astoria | 52 | 42 | pt sunny | Hermiston | 39 | 29 | pt sunny | Portland | 50 | 39 | mst sunny |
| Baker City | 30 | 21 | pt sunny | John Day | 40 | 24 | mst sunny | Redmond | 44 | 29 | mst sunny |
| Bend | 46 | 28 | pt sunny | Klamath Falls | 48 | 28 | pt sunny | Roseburg | 56 | 38 | pt sunny |
| Brookings | 57 | 46 | pt sunny | La Grande | 37 | 26 | mst sunny | Salem | 50 | 37 | pt sunny |
| Burns | 39 | 25 | mst sunny | Lakeview | 46 | 27 | mst sunny | Springfield | 55 | 39 | pt sunny |
| Coos Bay | 59 | 46 | pt sunny | Lincoln City | 58 | 47 | pt sunny | The Dalles | 41 | 33 | pt sunny |
| Corvallis | 50 | 37 | pt sunny | McMinnville | 51 | 36 | pt sunny | Tillamook | 58 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Eugene | 56 | 39 | pt sunny | Medford | 55 | 38 | pt sunny | Vale | 33 | 23 | cloudy |

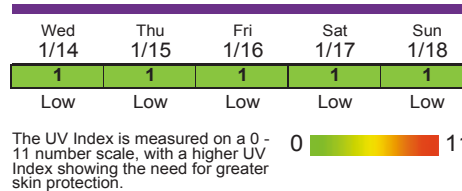
National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---------|----|----|-----------|-------------|----|----|----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 47 | 32 | drizzle | Houston | 45 | 41 | cloudy | Phoenix | 66 | 45 | sunny |
| Boston | 30 | 22 | cloudy | Los Angeles | 68 | 50 | sunny | San Francisco | 63 | 46 | mst sunny |
| Chicago | 18 | 11 | pt sunny | Miami | 81 | 64 | pt sunny | Seattle | 51 | 41 | mst sunny |
| Dallas | 45 | 34 | cloudy | Minneapolis | 23 | 15 | cloudy | St. Louis | 30 | 26 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 44 | 19 | mst sunny | New York | 33 | 23 | cloudy | Washington, DC | 33 | 28 | sn shower |

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Sunset Elementary School hosting a book exchange

Sunset Elementary School will host a book exchange from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23.

Title I teacher Joyce Barak is requesting new or gently used books, both hardback and paperback, to be dropped off at the school office from 7:20 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days. The books will be distributed to Sunset students in kindergarten through fifth grade to help support reading.

The opportunity is part of the school's family reading night. During the event,

students will also have the chance to visit several classrooms set up with a variety of themes including Hawaii, space, the beach, sports and stories around the campfire.

Students will be able to take Accelerated Reader quizzes in the library, and parents will be able to sign up for Home Connect. Home Connect is a feature of the Accelerated Reader program that allows parents to view the results of their students' progress in the AR program. A component of Home Connect also allows parents to receive an email whenever their child takes an AR quiz so that the parent has immediate noti-

fication and quiz results. For more information, people can call Sunset at 541-667-6700.

Free skin cancer screening to take place at Good Shepherd

Center for Excellence in Dermatology will offer free skin cancer screenings from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 23 at Good Shepherd Medical Center. Dr. Robert Hopp, a board certified dermatologist, will be giving a presentation and will follow up with the skin exams.

To reserve an appointment, call 509-735-1100.

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serve at the will of the community.

"My whole intent behind this is to try to refocus the importance of why we do what we do," he said. "A good mission statement sets the tone, sets the direction for the department on a very broad scale. It doesn't need to be long like our old statement. It can be clear, concise and to the point."

Edmiston created the new statement with the seven other HPD supervisors, including four sergeants who started working a new 12-hour shift schedule Jan. 5. Each sergeant will supervise a team consisting of two patrol officers and a corporal — a new lead officer position also created last week, Edmiston said. Each team will alternate between 28-day rotations on the day shift, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the late shift, 8 p.m. to 8 a.m., with two

teams working each shift at any given time, he said.

Edmiston said one of the two teams on either shift will work Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and the other team will work Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the teams will alternate weekly, providing each team with a weekend off every 14 days.

"That's huge in the sense of being able to plan things, to do things with the family, having some down time on the weekends, which

are typically are busiest times," he said. "The most they work is three 12-hour shifts, three days in a row. That was appealing to me because, I think, if you get into having somebody work four 12-hour shifts in a row, you can get into sleep deprivation and possibly poor decisions from that."

Edmiston said he had been contemplating the most efficient way to organize the schedule and department's use many types, but he chose this schedule

because the officers on each team will work together — and have days off together — throughout the year.

"There's peer accountability when you know you're working with the same group of officers for the entire year," he said. "The tangible thing I am after is the camaraderie, the teamwork, the peer accountability."

City Manager Byron Smith supported the idea, Edmiston said, as did the Hermiston Police Association, which approved

a memorandum of understanding about the schedule change. He said he has also received compliments from some of the officers and will continue to monitor the new schedule.

"I'm a little guarded in making sure this accomplishes two goals: One, it's beneficial to the department and the city, and, two, it's beneficial to the individual employee," he said. "I think it's a fine line and something I'll have to keep a close eye on."

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