

LOCAL WEATHER

Pistol turns out to be BB gun

Officers dismiss 17-year-old male without charges after 'stern lecture'

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Hermiston police responded to a report of a juvenile carrying a pistol Friday morning in Hermiston but let the individual go with a warning after discovering it was a BB gun.

According to the Hermiston Police Department media bulletin, at about 7 a.m., a 911 caller reported seeing a juvenile walking north on Northwest Seventh Street near Butte Park carrying what appeared to be a black pistol.

Police Chief Jason Edmiston said officers finally located the 17-year-old male near the intersection of Elm Avenue and Highway 395 and determined the pistol was a BB gun.

"Officers gave a stern lecture to the individual and sent him on his way," Ed-

miston said. "Unfortunately, this is one of those areas where it can get muddy for an officer to define 'public alarm' — one component of disorderly conduct. If the individual was waving the gun around, a case could probably be made, but that was not the case in this instance."

Edmiston said, although Butte Park, where the individual was first reported, is near Rocky Heights Elementary School, HPD received no information that the teen was on school property.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parent club hosting fundraiser

Desert View Elementary School is inviting the community of Hermiston to its eighth annual auction and raffle from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at Desert View Elementary School. Desert View Parent Club is hosting this fun-filled family-friendly event to raise funds for field trips, library books, classroom projects and many other things designed to support and enhance the school and benefit its students. There will be a raffle drawing for a number of items, including an iPad Mini, Beats by Dr. Dre, gumball machine and a few others. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Tickets for games/dinner will be six for \$5 or 26 for \$20. Dinner will be a chili dog bar with dessert.

Hermiston. The event will feature opening remarks from Steve Watkins, TAC member, and a presentation from Umatilla County Planning Director Tamra Mabbott and Eric Hovee, E.D. Hovee & Company, LLC, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Stanfield Fire District meets regularly

Stanfield Fire District No. 7-402 meets for its regular business meeting at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Stanfield Fire Station, 285 W. Coe Ave., in Stanfield. For more information, call 541-449-1123.

Sanitary Disposal offering spring clean-up week

Sanitary Disposal, Inc., is hosting a spring clean-up week from April 1 through April 7. This week, cash customers using the Sanitary Disposal Transfer Station will receive up to a \$13.50 discount off each load. This means loads measuring up to 2.5 cubic yards with a maximum weight of 454.5 pounds can be disposed of

free of charge. This includes all acceptable solid waste, with the exception of tires, which will be charged at the regular rate.

The transfer station is two miles north of Hermiston on the west side of Highway 395. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends. Call 541-567-8842 for more information.

U.S. Navy Band quintet to perform

The U.S. Navy Band Northwest's "Five-Star Brass" Quintet and rock music group "Passage" are visiting the SAGE Center for a free, one-night performance in March.

The groups will perform at 7 p.m. March 9 at the SAGE Center Theater, 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

The brass quintet performs in U.S. Navy ceremonies, patriotic opening events, community outreach missions and educational enrichment events in schools and universities. Two trumpets, a French horn, a trombone and a tuba comprise the quintet. The ensemble performs classical, Dixieland, jazz and contemporary pieces.

Today's Weather

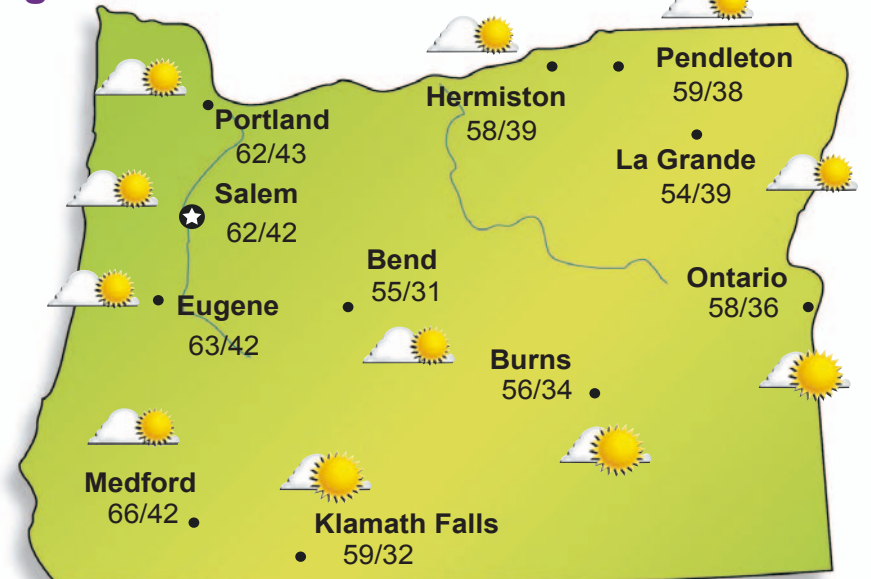
Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 2/11 | Thu 2/12 | Fri 2/13 | Sat 2/14 | Sun 2/15 |
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| | | | | |
| 58/39 Partly cloudy. High 58F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. | 59/38 Mix of sun and clouds. High in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s. | 55/41 Times of sun and clouds. High in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s. | 60/39 Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s. | 55/37 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s. |
| Sunrise 7:05 AM Sunset 5:17 PM | Sunrise 7:04 AM Sunset 5:19 PM | Sunrise 7:02 AM Sunset 5:20 PM | Sunrise 7:01 AM Sunset 5:22 PM | Sunrise 6:59 AM Sunset 5:23 PM |

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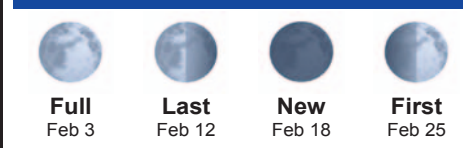
Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|------------|----|----|-----------|---------------|----|----|-----------|-------------|----|----|----------|
| Albany | 61 | 43 | pt sunny | Florence | 62 | 44 | pt sunny | Newport | 62 | 46 | pt sunny |
| Ashland | 65 | 43 | pt sunny | Grants Pass | 64 | 41 | mst sunny | Pendleton | 59 | 38 | pt sunny |
| Astoria | 60 | 44 | cloudy | Hermiston | 58 | 39 | pt sunny | Portland | 62 | 43 | pt sunny |
| Baker City | 51 | 33 | pt sunny | John Day | 57 | 36 | mst sunny | Redmond | 61 | 35 | pt sunny |
| Bend | 55 | 31 | pt sunny | Klamath Falls | 59 | 32 | mst sunny | Roseburg | 65 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Brookings | 62 | 44 | pt sunny | La Grande | 54 | 39 | pt sunny | Salem | 62 | 42 | pt sunny |
| Burns | 56 | 34 | mst sunny | Lakeview | 57 | 31 | mst sunny | Springfield | 63 | 41 | pt sunny |
| Coos Bay | 63 | 42 | pt sunny | Lincoln City | 63 | 47 | pt sunny | The Dalles | 59 | 42 | pt sunny |
| Corvallis | 61 | 44 | pt sunny | McMinnville | 60 | 43 | pt sunny | Tillamook | 65 | 44 | pt sunny |
| Eugene | 63 | 42 | pt sunny | Medford | 66 | 42 | pt sunny | Vale | 56 | 38 | pt sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|---------|----|----|-----------|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Atlanta | 61 | 37 | sunny | Houston | 73 | 54 | sunny | Phoenix | 78 | 53 | sunny |
| Boston | 21 | 11 | cloudy | Los Angeles | 83 | 58 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 69 | 50 | pt sunny |
| Chicago | 35 | 8 | cloudy | Miami | 75 | 55 | mst sunny | Seattle | 61 | 48 | cloudy |
| Dallas | 68 | 39 | mst sunny | Minneapolis | 21 | -3 | windy | St. Louis | 43 | 14 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 53 | 30 | pt sunny | New York | 31 | 19 | mst sunny | Washington, DC | 45 | 31 | mst sunny |

Moon Phases



UV Index

| Wed 2/11 | Thu 2/12 | Fri 2/13 | Sat 2/14 | Sun 2/15 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Low | Low | Low | Low | Low |

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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