

LOCAL WEATHER

Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Chewy. I am a young female chow-mix available for adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue in Hermiston. I was a Hermiston stray, and I need a new home. I've already had my shots, and I am good with children and other dogs. I can be adopted for \$125. I come with a free vet check and a three-day return policy. If you are interested in welcoming Chewy to your family, please stop by the humane society at 1844 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston, or call 541-564-6222.

CASA volunteers take message to Legislature

Representatives from the local Court Appointed Special Advocates program visited area legislators Thursday in Salem to advocate for the program and restoration of state funding lost in 2007.

Diane Shockman, a CASA volunteer, and Jesus Rome, CASA coordinator for Umatilla and Morrow counties, met with Sen. Bill Hansell and Rep. Greg Barreto to talk about the CASA program and the number of children currently served.

CASAs are trained volunteers who advocate for children in foster care to find a safe, permanent home.

"There are over 100 children in Morrow and Umatilla Counties that are not served by CASA," Rome said. "There is a great need for additional funding to train and recruit more vol-



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Court Appointed Special Advocates Coordinator for Umatilla and Morrow counties Jesus Rome, left, and CASA volunteer Diane Shockman visited with Rep. Greg Barreto Thursday during a visit to Salem to advocate for CASA. They also met with Sen. Bill Hansell during their visit. "It was my first time going to the Capitol, and it was a privilege to meet with Sen. Hansell and Rep. Barreto and share with them my experience as a CASA for the past 12 years," Shockman said.

unteers to be the voice for children in foster care."

The Umatilla-Morrow CASA program is housed within Umatilla Morrow Head Start. Communi-

ty members interested in learning about CASA should visit the UMCHS website at umchs.org or contact Rome at 541-564-6878.

NEWS IN BRIEF

District hosting kindergarten registration

The Hermiston School District will have a 2015-16 spring kindergarten registration session from April 6 through April 17 for students entering kindergarten next fall. Registration will take place at each elementary school main office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., daily.

No assessment will be administered during this registration event, unlike last year. All kindergarten sessions, beginning in 2015-16, will be full-day schedules.

Parents/guardians must register students at their attendance area school. To verify a school boundary, adults may locate their home address on the district boundary map or call a school directly for assistance.

Elementary school locations and contact numbers are as follow:

- Desert View, 1225 S.W. Ninth St., 541-667-6900
- Highland Hills, 450 S.E. 10th St., 541-667-6500
- Rocky Heights, 650 W. Standard Ave., 541-667-6600
- Sunset, 300 E. Catherine Ave., 541-667-6700
- West Park, 555 S.W. Seventh Ave., 541-667-6800

To be eligible for enrollment into kindergarten for

the fall, students must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 2015, or born on or before Sept. 1, 2010.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to bring the student's birth record (birth certificate or passport); social security number; proof of residence; and health/immunization records to complete the enrollment process.

Spanish translation services will be available.

For further information, visit the HSD Enrollment Page, <http://hermiston.k12.or.us/parents/enrollment/>.

Easter egg hunt planned

The Umatilla Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center is hosting the fifth annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. April 4 at West McNary Park, Umatilla. Children through age 10 are invited to participate.

Methodist church hosting Easter activities

First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., is hosting a number of activities to celebrate Easter.

A Maundy Thursday Communion Service will take place at 6 p.m. April 2 at the church. Everyone is welcome.

The church is also hosting its annual Peter Rabbit Breakfast and activities from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. April 4.

The breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes costs \$5 per person, and festivities also include face painting, an Easter craft project and Easter egg hunt.

People should bring cameras to take pictures with Peter Rabbit.

Lastly, an Easter sunrise service will take place at 6:30 a.m. April 5 at the foot of the cross on the Hermiston Butte, behind Good Shepherd Medical Center. Scripture and prayer will be given by Rev. Jim Pierce. The service also includes singing and a devotional.

For more information about the breakfast or services, contact 541-567-3002 or preachervet@gmail.com.

New Hope Community Church plans 'Easter Eggstravaganza!'

New Hope Community Church will host "Easter Eggstravaganza!" at 10 a.m. April 4 at 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. The free event will feature a variety of activities, including a petting zoo, pony rides, food, crafts, face painting, games and bounce houses. For more informa-

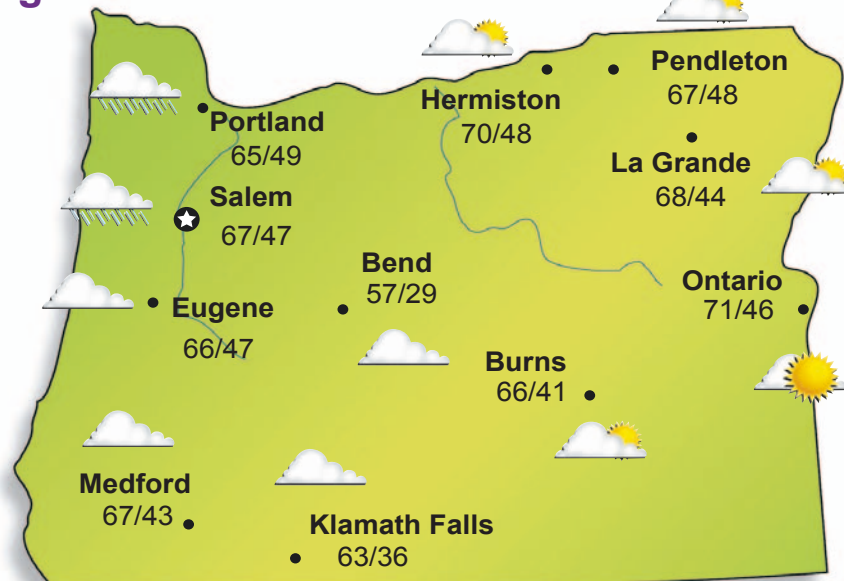
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 3/21	Sun 3/22	Mon 3/23	Tue 3/24	Wed 3/25
70/48	66/37	69/44	63/43	63/39
A mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day.	Windy with morning clouds, then afternoon sun.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 7:00 AM Sunset 7:09 PM	Sunrise 6:58 AM Sunset 7:10 PM	Sunrise 6:56 AM Sunset 7:11 PM	Sunrise 6:54 AM Sunset 7:13 PM	Sunrise 6:52 AM Sunset 7:14 PM

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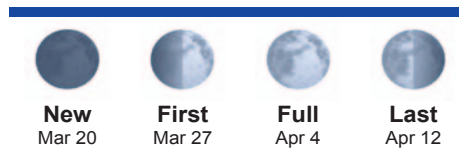
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	65	48	rain	Florence	61	49	rain	Newport	58	48	rain
Ashland	67	42	cloudy	Grants Pass	67	42	cloudy	Pendleton	67	48	cloudy
Astoria	57	44	rain	Hermiston	70	48	cloudy	Portland	65	49	rain
Baker City	68	40	cloudy	John Day	68	42	cloudy	Redmond	67	38	cloudy
Bend	57	29	cloudy	Klamath Falls	63	36	cloudy	Roseburg	68	47	cloudy
Brookings	59	48	rain	La Grande	68	44	cloudy	Salem	67	47	rain
Burns	66	41	cloudy	Lakeview	63	36	cloudy	Springfield	65	45	cloudy
Coos Bay	63	50	rain	Lincoln City	60	48	rain	The Dalles	70	48	cloudy
Corvallis	65	47	rain	Mcminnville	64	47	rain	Tillamook	60	47	rain
Eugene	66	47	cloudy	Medford	67	43	cloudy	Vale	71	48	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	71	51	cloudy	Houston	79	66	t-storm	Phoenix	77	57	pt sunny
Boston	37	29	sn shower	Los Angeles	75	58	sunny	San Francisco	68	53	cloudy
Chicago	59	41	mst sunny	Miami	86	69	sunny	Seattle	65	50	rain
Dallas	65	57	rain	Minneapolis	60	29	pt sunny	St. Louis	62	46	pt sunny
Denver	70	38	sunny	New York	34	30	snow	Washington, DC	41	35	mixed

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sat 3/21	Sun 3/22	Mon 3/23	Tue 3/24	Wed 3/25
3	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

tion, call 541-567-8441, or visit newhopeon395.com.

United Way seeking short-term volunteers

United Way of Umatilla Counties is seeking 15 volunteers from Umatilla and Morrow counties to assist with this year's community investment process, a commitment of approximately 15 hours during a five-week period, from April 2 through May 7.

Duties include reviewing applications for funding, visiting the applicant

organizations and working within a committee to recommend funding decisions to the United Way board.

For more information, contact 541-276-2661 or unitedwayumco@eonin.com.

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Alumni in the Spotlight



Jordan McDonald, BMCC Class of 2007
President/Vice President Wtech Link
Pendleton

Jordan McDonald knows that to own a successful business, you need to be able to communicate effectively and have a good foundation in reading and writing professionally. That's why he chose BMCC to earn his Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer and Associate of Science degrees. "I got a lot of great reading and writing skills from BMCC that I use regularly in my business. Since I was already in business with Wtech Link when I decided to start college, BMCC was the right choice since it's right in Pendleton." I could continue to run my business while going to school with a flexible schedule.

Have you heard about the BMCC bond?

BMCC wants to continue to provide a high-quality education for students so they can succeed like our many distinguished alumni! Check out the bond page on our website to learn more about how BMCC could continue to provide an affordable education for family-wage jobs, a safe and secure learning environment and protect the community's investment. Look for the bond on the May 19, 2015, ballot!
www.bluecc.edu/about-bmcc/bond-measure



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