

LOCAL WEATHER

Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Oscar. I am a male Brittany/heeler-mix available for adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue in Hermiston. I was surrendered by my owner, who could not keep me, and I need a new home. I am neutered, and I've had my shots. I have been house-trained, and I am good with children, cats and other dogs. I am 5 to 6 years old and can be adopted for \$125. I come with a free veterinary check and a three-day return policy. If you are interested in welcoming Oscar into your home, please stop by the humane society at 1844 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston, or call 541-564-6222.

District maintains excellent credit rating for bond debt refinancing

Hermiston School District announced Friday that Standard and Poor's Corporation reaffirmed the district's outstanding AA-credit rating, last received in 2010. The strong credit rating, coupled with the refinancing of some of the district's long-term bond debt, is projected to save Hermiston taxpayers more than \$1 million in interest over the life of the bonds. "We are absolutely thrilled with this reaffirmed rating," Wade Smith, deputy superintendent, said. "Many districts and municipalities who have recently

gone through this process have seen their credit rating fall as a result of the recession." The comprehensive credit rating process required Smith and Business Manager Katie Saul to prepare detailed documentation and supporting materials to advocate the district's strong financial standing to the San Francisco-based rating firm. In its rating report, S & P highlighted the following strengths of Hermiston School District: • Stable student enrollment, with steady growth expected;

• Maintenance of reserves, with the available fund balance at 8.3 percent of operating expenditures; • Good financial policies and practices, including a policy of maintaining a general fund balance of at least 8 percent of revenue. Taking advantage of historically low interest rates, the district plans to refinance approximately \$18 million in outstanding debt. The savings will provide relief to taxpayers in future years, as the debt refinanced will yield financial benefits beginning in fiscal year 2020.

OMSI's 'Magic Planet' available at Umatilla library

A colorful, 3-foot globe with bright, spinning displays and video films about Earth projected onto its surface is now on loan to the Umatilla Public Library from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry through May 11. The "Magic Planet" sphere is one component of a three-piece NASA-designed exhibit called "Earth From Space." The "Magic Planet" sits on top of a projector and is connected to a laptop programmed by NASA to show dozens of moving images and programs as Earth lights up and spins. Library patrons of all ages can use push-buttons to have the "Magic Planet"

show any of dozens of brilliantly colored displays, such as Earth's city lights, climate change, tsunamis, wind streams, ocean currents, geographic and topographic features and much more, including seven-minute videos about Earth that are projected onto the globe's surface. "The Magic Planet" is brought to public libraries in the region through a NASA grant provided to OMSI in partnership with Libraries of Eastern Oregon. For more information, contact the Umatilla Public Library, 541-922-5704. To learn more about OMSI and its NASA exhibits, visit www.oms.edu.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ribbons available for law enforcement appreciation week

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week is May 10 through May 16. It

is also called Blue Ribbon Week as people are invited to display a blue ribbon on their vehicles as a way to show their thanks and support for law enforcement personnel. Blue ribbons can be picked up at Ace Hardware,

Banner Bank, Chamber of Commerce office, City Hall, Hermiston Drug, the Hermiston Police Department and Washington Federal Bank. In addition to these places, a number of area churches are handing them out as well.

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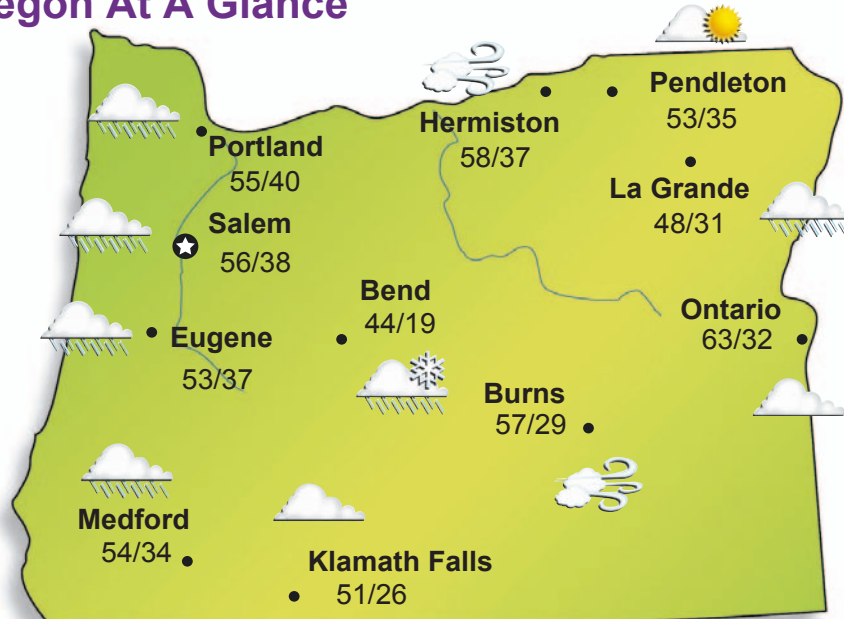
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 4/11	Sun 4/12	Mon 4/13	Tue 4/14	Wed 4/15
58/37 Windy. Cloudy skies will become partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 58F.	63/36 A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	67/43 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	61/36 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/37 Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.
Sunrise 6:18 AM Sunset 7:38 PM	Sunrise 6:16 AM Sunset 7:39 PM	Sunrise 6:15 AM Sunset 7:40 PM	Sunrise 6:13 AM Sunset 7:42 PM	Sunrise 6:11 AM Sunset 7:43 PM

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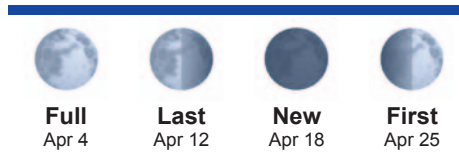
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	55	38	rain	Florence	53	38	rain	Newport	51	40	rain
Ashland	53	33	rain	Grants Pass	56	35	rain	Pendleton	53	35	pt sunny
Astoria	52	37	rain	Hermiston	58	37	windy	Portland	55	40	rain
Baker City	49	26	rain	John Day	47	31	rain	Redmond	50	27	pt sunny
Bend	44	19	mixed	Klamath Falls	51	26	cloudy	Roseburg	55	38	rain
Brookings	56	41	rain	La Grande	48	31	rain	Salem	56	38	rain
Burns	57	29	windy	Lakeview	56	24	cloudy	Springfield	52	35	rain
Coos Bay	54	40	rain	Lincoln City	52	41	rain	The Dalles	56	38	rain
Corvallis	56	37	rain	McMinnville	55	37	rain	Tillamook	54	38	rain
Eugene	53	37	rain	Medford	54	34	rain	Vale	63	33	windy

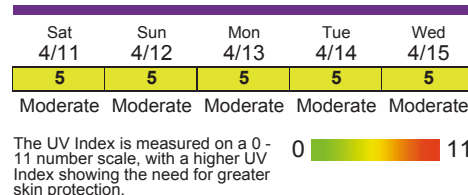
National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	54	mst sunny	Houston	80	71	t-storm	Phoenix	82	56	mst sunny
Boston	57	38	sunny	Los Angeles	73	55	sunny	San Francisco	67	49	pt sunny
Chicago	63	43	sunny	Miami	86	73	pt sunny	Seattle	54	41	rain
Dallas	77	63	cloudy	Minneapolis	68	51	sunny	St. Louis	69	49	pt sunny
Denver	74	43	pt sunny	New York	60	44	sunny	Washington, DC	67	44	pt sunny

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