

## Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Billy. I am a male Chihuahua/dachshund-mix puppy available for adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue in Hermiston.

I was surrendered with my four brothers and one sister by my owner, and I need a new home. I am current on my shots, and I can be adopted for \$200. I come with a free veterinary exam by appointment at one of the local vets and a three-day refund policy. If I am fixed by 6 months of age, my owner will receive a \$50 refund.

If you are interested in welcoming Billy or one of his brothers or sister into your family, stop by the humane society at 1844 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston, or call 541-564-6222.

# 'Click It or Ticket' seat belt blitz planned

UCSO, other agencies increasing patrol Monday through May 31

HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, along with other law enforcement agencies, will soon be participating in extra patrol and enforcement.

A safety blitz funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation will place an emphasis on seat belts, child restraints, texting and speed between Monday and May 31, according to a UCSO release. The event is in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's annual "Click It or Ticket" campaign.

According to the release, safety belts reduce fatality risk by 45 percent to 60 percent, and child safety seats reduce fatality risk for infants under 1 year old by 71 percent and for toddlers aged 1 to 4 years old by 54 percent. Yet, 31

### Safety belt laws

**ADULT BELT LAW:** Oregon law requires that all motor vehicle operators and passengers be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness. Limited exemptions are allowed under ORS 811.215. Vehicle owners are required to maintain belt systems in working order.

**CHILD RESTRAINT LAW:** Child passengers must be restrained in approved child safety seats until they weigh 40 pounds or reach the upper weight limit for the car seat in use. Infants must ride rear-facing until they reach both 1 year of age and 20 pounds.

**BOOSTER SEAT LAW:** Children more than 40 pounds or who have reached the upper weight limit for their forward-facing car seat must use boosters until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall or age 8 and the adult belt fits correctly.

percent or 61 of Oregon's 198 occupant fatalities in 2012 were reportedly unrestrained. ODOT estimates that approximately half of these fatalities could have been avoided with proper restraint use.

In 2012, Umatilla County had 32 children injured in traffic crashes, with one resulting in death.

Traffic studies continue to show unbelted or improperly restrained occupants are five times more likely to be ejected from a vehicle than occupants who are belted properly. Odds of surviving being ejected

from a vehicle are estimated to be one in four.

On Jan. 1, 2014, the Oregon Revised Statute concerning operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device was upgraded from a Class D to a Class C violation, increasing the base fine from \$110 to \$160. Failure to properly maintain a vehicle's safety belt is also a Class C violation, while failing to wear a safety belt is a Class D violation.

For more information about seat belt safety, visit [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/safetybelts.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/safetybelts.shtml).

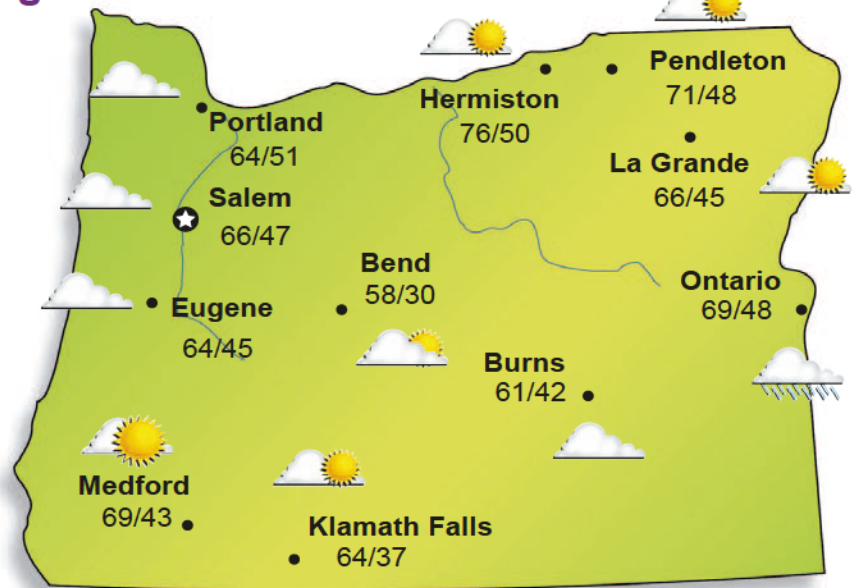
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 5/16	Sun 5/17	Mon 5/18	Tue 5/19	Wed 5/20
<b>76/50</b>	<b>74/49</b>	<b>78/52</b>	<b>76/52</b>	<b>76/50</b>
Partly cloudy skies. High 76F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Showers ending by midday. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.
Sunrise 5:24 AM Sunset 8:23 PM	Sunrise 5:23 AM Sunset 8:24 PM	Sunrise 5:21 AM Sunset 8:25 PM	Sunrise 5:20 AM Sunset 8:26 PM	Sunrise 5:19 AM Sunset 8:27 PM

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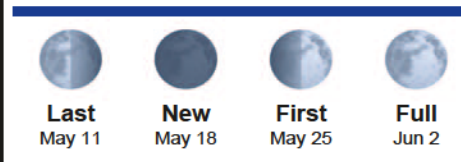
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	66	47	cloudy	Florence	59	45	pt sunny	Newport	55	46	pt sunny
Ashland	68	42	pt sunny	Grants Pass	72	44	pt sunny	Pendleton	71	48	pt sunny
Astoria	55	44	cloudy	Hermiston	76	50	pt sunny	Portland	64	51	cloudy
Baker City	64	43	pt sunny	John Day	63	42	cloudy	Redmond	64	35	pt sunny
Bend	58	30	cloudy	Klamath Falls	64	37	pt sunny	Roseburg	68	47	cloudy
Brookings	61	47	mst sunny	La Grande	66	45	pt sunny	Salem	66	47	cloudy
Burns	61	42	cloudy	Lakeview	61	36	pt sunny	Springfield	63	43	rain
Coos Bay	58	48	pt sunny	Lincoln City	58	46	pt sunny	The Dalles	70	51	windy
Corvallis	65	45	cloudy	McMinnville	65	47	cloudy	Tillamook	59	43	cloudy
Eugene	64	45	cloudy	Medford	69	43	mst sunny	Vale	69	49	cloudy

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	67	cloudy	Houston	87	75	pt sunny	Phoenix	72	55	mst sunny
Boston	69	59	cloudy	Los Angeles	68	56	pt sunny	San Francisco	61	51	pt sunny
Chicago	80	65	t-storm	Miami	85	76	pt sunny	Seattle	63	52	cloudy
Dallas	84	68	t-storm	Minneapolis	81	65	t-storm	St. Louis	81	70	t-storm
Denver	61	42	t-storm	New York	79	67	rain	Washington, DC	85	70	t-storm

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Sat 5/16	Sun 5/17	Mon 5/18	Tue 5/19	Wed 5/20
6	6	6	7	6
High	High	High	High	High

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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