

Pet of the week



Hi, my name is Jewel, and I am a kitten available for adoption at the Humane Society of Eastern Oregon Pet Rescue. I was a local stray, and I need a new home. I am 9 to 10 weeks of age and current on my shots. I am litter-box trained and can be adopted for \$30 and come with a free veterinary exam and a \$20 refund if I am fixed at 6 months of age. If you are interested in welcoming Jewel into your home, please stop by Pet Rescue at 1844 N.W. Geer Road, Hermiston, or call 541-564-6222.

FIRE:

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hours and hours of prep work done.”

Even after the firefighters were briefed on the plan, Fisher said the weather conditions had to be within a certain threshold for the operation to commence.

The conditions were as anticipated Thursday, so the firefighters were sent to their assigned locations. Several engines were in place to prevent the fire from going beyond the prescribed burning area, and firefighters sprayed water on the grass to create a wet line at the edge of the burning area on the southeast side of the butte.

An ignition team lit the wicks of their drip torches and began pouring a flaming mixture of diesel and gasoline to ignite the grass along the wet line. Once a vertical strip had been burned, creating a black line devoid of fuel, the ignition team began advancing counterclockwise around the butte.

Three firefighters carried torches, and the person about one-third of the distance from the top of the burn area began burning the upper area first. The fire traveled uphill from where it was lit, and when the first person was a safe distance in front, the second firefighter began lighting a strip about two-thirds from the top that burned to the area already burned above. The third firefighter then burned the lower third by lighting at the bottom of the area to be burned.

“We break it into manageable pieces, so that way we don’t just burn the whole butte at once,” Fisher said, adding that such a fire could be difficult to manage.

The firefighters repeated the process on several different sections of the butte until all of the desired areas were



SEAN HART PHOTO

Members of the ignition team light a controlled burn on the Hermiston Butte Thursday.



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Flames engulf grass and sagebrush on the Hermiston Butte Thursday, as Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services performed a controlled burn to remove potential fuel for the Fourth of July fireworks display.

burned. Phillips said the operation went according to plan. “Everything went really well,” he said. “We got it done in a pretty timely manner. We didn’t put up a whole lot of smoke right into any residential places or anything. We knew there was going to be smoke, but it was done well enough it consumed, the smoke was gone and dispersed pretty well.”

Fisher said the controlled burn provided opportunities for training and experience and created a safer environment for the upcoming fireworks.

“When they actually light the fireworks, we’re normally busy with other calls throughout the city, so this prevents us from having to come and put out the butte and cover all the other calls,” he said. “It’s kind of preventative maintenance, and it’s nice because it kills the goat-heads, which nobody likes. Every year we’ve burned it, we have not had another fire that I know of inside of our containment area. It’s been extremely successful in preventing any kind of fires or additional manpower being needed.”

Stanfield residents cheer on Kamy Dacus

Hard work has paid off for a 10-year-old softball player.

Kamy Dacus of Chehalis, Washington, who pitches for NW Speed 04 of Puyallup, Washington, was chosen for the USA Northwest Region 10 Under Elite team. The 15-member roster includes three pitchers.

Kamy is the daughter of Canaan and Joy Dacus of Chehalis. Her father is a 1997 graduate of Stanfield High School. Kamy’s biggest Eastern Oregon fans include her grandparents, Don and Dawn Dacus, and great-grandmother Beverly Stewart, all of Stanfield.

Kamy, who first picked up a glove when she was 5, started playing select/travel ball when she was 7 years old. When she’s not pitching, Kamy plays first base. She has traveled across the west coast for NW Speed. With the elite team, she will pack her bags for a July 10 trip to Orlando, Florida.

Stewart is amazed at all the places her great-granddaughter travels to play softball and is looking forward to cheering her on this weekend when she’s playing at the TRAC Center in Pasco.

“They go all over, and I’ve been to their games,” Stewart said.

Joy Dacus said her daughter’s team is on a streak, winning the last four tournaments it entered.

CONGRATULATIONS KAMY DACUS!



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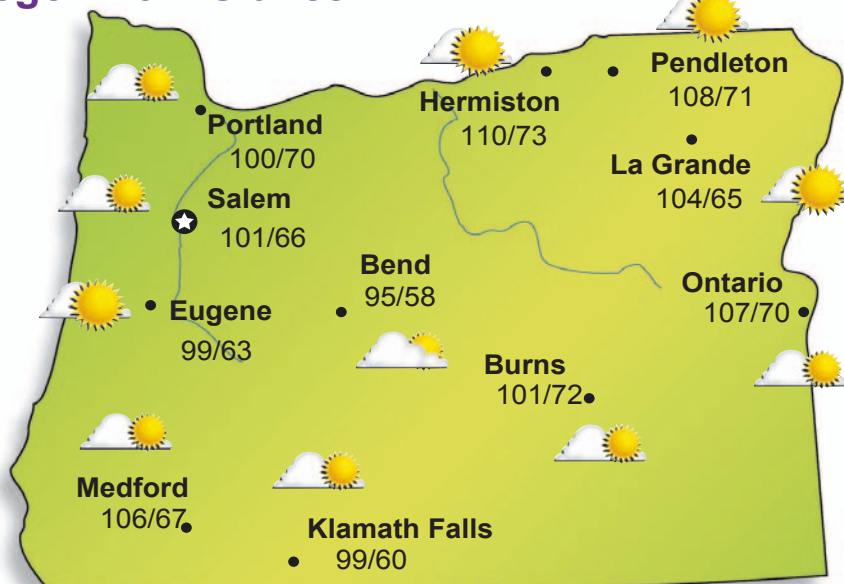
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28	Mon 6/29	Tue 6/30	Wed 7/1
110/73	109/73	102/68	101/66	104/69
Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High near 110F.	Partly cloudy. Highs 107 to 111F and lows in the low 70s.	Partly cloudy. Highs 100 to 104F and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunshine. Highs 99 to 103F and lows in the mid 60s.	Sunshine. Highs 102 to 106F and lows in the upper 60s.
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Oregon At A Glance



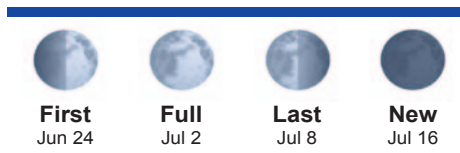
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Albany	100	65	pt sunny	Florence	70	53	pt sunny	Newport	66	55	pt sunny
Ashland	104	66	pt sunny	Grants Pass	106	67	mst sunny	Pendleton	108	71	mst sunny
Astoria	78	58	pt sunny	Hermiston	110	73	mst sunny	Portland	100	70	pt sunny
Baker City	101	61	pt sunny	John Day	102	64	pt sunny	Redmond	102	63	pt sunny
Bend	95	58	cloudy	Klamath Falls	99	60	pt sunny	Roseburg	101	66	mst sunny
Brookings	65	52	pt sunny	La Grande	104	65	mst sunny	Salem	101	66	pt sunny
Burns	101	72	pt sunny	Lakeview	99	59	pt sunny	Springfield	99	64	pt sunny
Coos Bay	68	54	pt sunny	Lincoln City	75	59	pt sunny	The Dalles	110	76	pt sunny
Corvallis	100	63	pt sunny	Mcminnville	100	65	pt sunny	Tillamook	79	59	pt sunny
Eugene	99	63	mst sunny	Medford	106	67	pt sunny	Vale	106	71	pt sunny

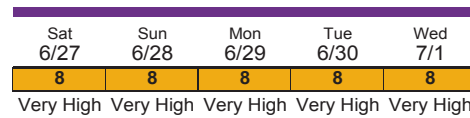
National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	63	t-storm	Houston	95	75	t-storm	Phoenix	107	80	mst sunny
Boston	69	60	cloudy	Los Angeles	79	65	cloudy	San Francisco	68	57	pt sunny
Chicago	74	56	pt sunny	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	90	65	mst sunny
Dallas	91	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	85	65	mst sunny	St. Louis	80	62	mst sunny
Denver	88	59	sunny	New York	69	64	rain	Washington, DC	78	67	t-storm

Moon Phases



UV Index



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