

# COUNCIL

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Charley Boonstra

gy," said Dae Dahlquist, who is 10.

"The carbon tax is designed to bring in \$2.1 to 2.2 billion a year into the state and is therefore budget positive. With the tax being graduated, initial compliance is not overwhelming to businesses," Dae said. "However, with the tax increasing to strict levels, organizations will be forced to release less carbon and therefore seek out alternative energy." (See page A5 for the remainder of Dae's statement.)

The council, which had started the process of looking at the resolution last month, took no action Monday. A council subcommittee had recommended changes to a draft of the resolution, and advised in the document, "it would be wise if we took the time to ensure that we have let the public weigh in on the resolution. When using the bully pulpit we should first invite the community to tell us what they think."

On Monday, the council discussed gaining additional public input. Mayor Paul Blackburn said, "We'd like to hear from our constituents, pro and con, before acting."

Blackburn and City Manager Steve Wheeler will be in Salem Thursday and plan to discuss the proposal with State legislators Sen. Chuck Thomsen and Rep. Mark Johnson, and convene a public comment period at a March council meeting.

The Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 306 (SB306) during its 2013 Regular Session, which directed the Legislature to conduct a study of the economic and greenhouse gas emissions impacts of implementing a carbon tax in Oregon. The final study, by the Northwest Economic Research Center, was released in December 2014.

The study concluded that imposing a price on carbon would have "relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions," according to the draft resolution.

The draft resolution states, in part, that "the council ... is compelled by the scientific consensus that a carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of

global climate change, and agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce the negative effects ... the city finds that climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These societal costs of inaction are significant and outweigh the temporary economic impacts associated with the energy transition ... the city believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives.

It states that the city calls on the Legislature to "craft legislation carefully to impose a carbon price, in the form of a tax, fee, or cap, relying on modeling described in the NERC report and experience of British Columbia and California, with special attention to mitigating impacts on low-income Oregonians."

"We want to set an example of being a leading community that cares about our future," said Boonstra, who is co-founder of the HRVHS Climate Club, formed this year.

"Passing this carbon pricing initiative is a direct statement saying that those people polluting the earth must pay, not profit, from pumping carbon into the atmosphere," she said. "To pollute the earth should not be free. We all know that this is an issue of our conscience and we must follow that message."

Boonstra said putting a price on carbon reduces emissions, protects or grows living wage jobs, and is "politically feasible and resilient, and non-regressive."

Dae Dahlquist of Trout Lake told council, "Dr. Martin Luther King is famous for saying, 'freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.' The Earth cannot speak for itself. It is our responsibility to represent the Earth's best interests," said Dae, who researched and wrote his comments, with an assist from his mother, Bryn.

"Unfortunately, most of the population does not recognize how much carbon is being released into the environment and only has cursory knowledge of the effects which are caused from his malicious act. Fossil fuel companies and big polluters are not going to voluntarily give up their power and use of carbon. We must demand that they not only recognize, but pay for their crimes against the environment and our future.

"What do you want your legacy to be?" Dae said. "Do you want me to grow up in a place where I do not respect the earth? Do you want me to raise my children in a place with clean air? Do you want me to grow up in a place where salmon spawn in our rivers? Do you want me to be able to grow up in the shadow of mountains covered in snow? For all these reasons, please approve the carbon tax resolution for the State of Oregon. Please be responsible with my future."

# HRCISO investigating two deaths of recreationalists

The Hood River County Sheriff's Office is investigating two unrelated incidents over the weekend involving the deaths of two recreationalists.

On Saturday, February 21, just after 3 p.m., deputies were notified of a medical incident involving motorcycle riders near the 640 road on the east side of the Hood River Valley. When personnel arrived, they found Eirik Elton Schulz, 43, of Portland, deceased.

Schulz appeared to have suffered a medical emergency while on the trail, HRCISO reported. Friends on scene attempted life-saving measures without success.

Sheriff Matt English advised that cell phone reception in the area was "pretty spotty" and there appeared to have been multiple "dropped 911 calls" from the group as they attempted to contact authorities.

The second incident occurred at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, February 22, when deputies were called to the Surveyors Ridge area off of U.S. Forest Service Road 4410, also on the east side of the valley, on a report of a man that was found at the bottom of a cliff.

The man, later identified as Peter William Clifford Bryner, 24, of Portland, was a member of a camping party staying in that area. Bryner was discovered by individuals in the group who made the call to HRCISO.

When responders arrived, it was determined that Bryner was deceased, likely a result of a fall.

Parkdale Fire and the Crag Rats also responded to the incident. English said the Crag Rats had to use a rope system in order to retrieve the body of Bryner.

Both deaths are still under investigation and official cause of death in both instances has not been determined.

# BACON

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and crew repeating their victory at the 2014 inaugural.

The winning dish was, specifically, candied bacon and salted caramel ice cream bacon brown sugar cookie, and bacon pecan crumble.

Boda's Kitchen was runner-up with its porchetta-crisp hors d'oeuvres. Double Mountain served up PBJ-and-bacon sandwiches, with hot sauce, White Buffalo Wine Bar wrapped jalapenos in bacon and cream cheese, and Sawtooth Roadhouse featured bacon-wrapped dates.

Jeff Lemley won the bouquet of bacon roses for his bacon poetry and Brian Towey of Hood River edged five other Bacon-wannabes to win the Kevin Bacon lookalike contest.



Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea

APPLE VALLEY crew Leila Coe, left, Christian Marquez and Genevieve Coe show off their trophies. Below left: Judges Bob Camilucci, left, and Tamira Lital, fill out their forms at Aporkalypse Now. Below right: Brian Towey shows his best Kevin Bacon smile after winning the look-alike contest.



# MERGER

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form for our future," Firmat said. OCBC owns no breweries and has no marketing employees, and all current employees would stay on, she said. They appreciate that our 27 years has been made

possible by our relationships with all our distributors, retailers and especially all our consumers.

"After the merger it will be business as usual. We view this as the best way to honor the two commitments we have, the share value of employees and making sure the company is positioned for the future," Firmat said.

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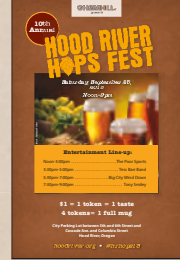




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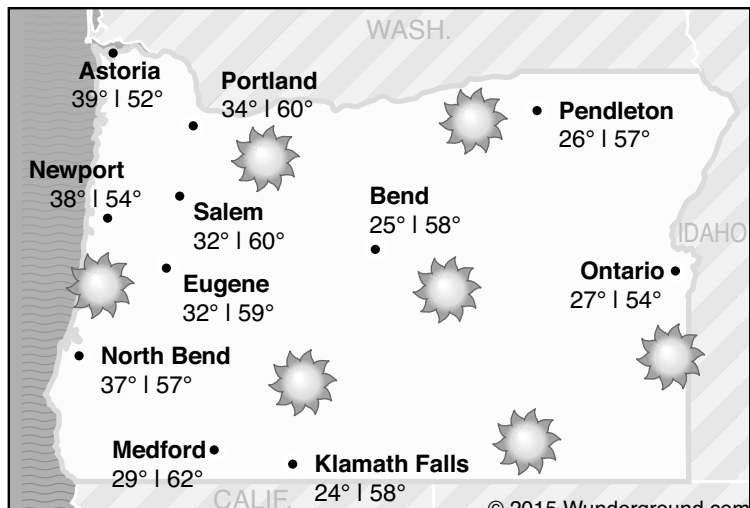
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# Hood River Weather Forecast

| Date          | Forecast  | Daytime / Overnight High / Low (°F) |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Today Feb 25  |  PM Showers    | 53° / 43°                           |
| Thurs. Feb 26 |  Showers       | 51° / 42°                           |
| Fri. Feb 27   |  Showers       | 50° / 36°                           |
| Sat. Feb 28   |  Partly Cloudy | 52° / 32°                           |
| Sun. Mar 1    |  Sunny         | 54° / 35°                           |
| Mon. Mar 2    |  Mostly Cloudy | 52° / 35°                           |
| Tues. Mar 3   |  Partly Cloudy | 49° / 31°                           |

# Oregon Weather Map



**Today's Forecast**  
A 20 percent chance of rain before 10 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 53. West wind 7 to 9 mph.

Humidity 84%  
Wind Speed SW 0 G 1 MPH  
Barometer NA  
Dewpoint 19°F (-7°C)  
Visibility NA

Last Update on 23 Feb 7:00 am PST

**Actual High / Low**

AGRIMET HOOD RIVER OR  
Lat: 45.6842 Long: -121.5181 Elev: 510  
http://uspest.org

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|--------|---|-------|
| Feb 16 | - | 56/29 |
| Feb 17 | - | 57/30 |
| Feb 18 | - | 56/29 |
| Feb 19 | - | 57/46 |
| Feb 20 | - | 55/45 |
| Feb 21 | - | 57/33 |
| Feb 22 | - | 50/28 |

**Updated Monday, Feb. 23 at 9:00 a.m. PST**  
Data from [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

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