

# School safety tip line set for June

By **PARIS ACHEN**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A statewide student threat tip line to help avert school shootings and other tragedies is scheduled to be up and running by June, according to Oregon State Police.

The Oregon Legislature in February unanimously approved \$1 million in funding for the tip line via House Bill 4075. The legislation is awaiting Gov. Kate Brown's signature.

"It's going to give an outlet for students, teachers and parents to vet or discuss concerns about student safety, which right now we don't have a place for that," said OSP Superintendent Richard Evans. "In the Colorado model, tons of calls have come in, everything from suicide behavior to bullying, so I think it'll be very positive."

State police are in the process of selecting a contractor to launch and operate the tip line and will begin contract negotiations with one of the finalists after the governor signs the bill, said Mindy McCartt, OSP executive assistant.

The funding also pays for three additional state police positions to oversee the tip line. The positions are a project manager, policy analyst and limited duration administrative support. The project manager will be the point of contact with the contractor who will provide a software solution for a call center and marketing and outreach.

The tip line will have phone, email, text and web-based applications, McCartt said. "It's going to be marketed to students of a certain age who are afraid to call 911," McCartt said. "We are trying to give them a friendly, confidential way for them to call."

The tip line will have voice, text and mobile application capabilities and could be modeled after a system used in Colorado.

Colorado's SAFE2TELL system has received 13,100 tips since 2004. The majority of those were reports of bullying and suicidal behavior. But the system also took in 973 reports of threats of violence and 381 reports of planned attacks on schools, according to a task force report.

The tip line is one of the recommendations the Oregon Task Force on School Safety. Lawmakers established the 14-member task force in 2014 to look at ways to improve school safety and security after shootings at Clackamas Town Center and Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012.

Task force Vice Chairman Evans and Chairman Craig Roberts, Clackamas County sheriff, are among some of the task force members who have responded to mass shootings in Oregon.

The task force's other priorities involve starting a statewide database of school floor plans and safety protocols and starting statewide student threat assessment system. Members of the task force will ask lawmakers in 2017 to fund the threat assessment system.

Lawmakers funded a tip line in 1998 after the school shooting at Springfield's Thurston High School but later eliminated it in budget cuts.

# Newberg student had 'growing obsession' to shoot up school

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon teenager wrote in a journal that he had a "growing obsession" with shooting up his high school and wanted to kill at least 100 people, police said in a court document.

An officer found the journal in the boy's bedroom while investigating a threat at Newberg High School, Capt. Chris Bolek of the Newberg-Dundee Police Department wrote in a probable cause affidavit.

Police announced the teen's arrest Tuesday on charges of attempted assault and attempted unlawful use of a weapon. He is being held in the Yamhill County Juvenile Detention Facility in McMinnville. The Associated Press is withholding his name because he's a minor. Efforts to find an attorney for the teen were unsuccessful Wednesday morning.

According to Bolek, the journal named 20 students and faculty as targets, and included a list of items the boy would need to carry out the attack, including guns, bombs, masks, chains, locks and "lots of ammo."

The journal contained a map of

the school that's 25 miles southwest of Portland, including where bombs would be placed and gates would be chain-locked. The locked gates were part of the plan to isolate victims in a "kill zone."

Bolek said he learned that the suspect tried to unlock his mother's safe to get a firearm and contacted others about obtaining weapons. According to witnesses, the boy initially wanted to attack on the last day of school.

"After realizing that many students would likely not be in school on the last day of school, it was decided that the plan was to be carried out in 70 days," to ensure the highest number of students would still be in school, Bolek wrote.

Officers interviewed about 30 students, teachers and counselors during the investigation.

Claudia Stewart, spokeswoman for Newberg schools, said the district can't discuss specifics of an active investigation. She said classes and activities are running as usual, and counselors have been available to students.

# Survey to track steelhead in urban streams

By **MARK FREEMAN**  
Mail Tribune

PHOENIX — For years, Jim Ferguson and other volunteers have used a special fish trap, water bucket and a simple aquarium fishnet to survey for wild steelhead captured in the Bear Creek Basin's urban tributaries.

Ferguson would pull them out of the trap with the net and place them in the bucket to be identified, counted and released.

This year, however, he's added a pair of scissors to expand that survey one little snip of a fin at a time.

Ferguson and others are adding a new twist to a simple juvenile steelhead survey by clipping a tiny piece of the tail fin of the fish caught in these traps. That way, when and where these young fish get captured again in another survey trap will add a new chapter to the unfolding story of the basin's urban streams.

Years of trapping juveniles as they move in and out of tributaries during the winter have shown young steelhead rely on even the smallest seasonal streams as refuges from Bear

Creek in high-water events.

But the fin-clipping is the first step in learning how steelhead hide out in the same creeks all winter, whether they move around and, if so, how far they go. It could show whether Medford fish ever head up to Ashland streams to cool off in the summer. Over time it could also estimate how many steelhead are in individual creeks during each storm and how long they stay.

"We've been doing this trapping for years and now we're adding a new component to it," says Ryan Battleson, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist overseeing the survey. "We mark the fish and see if we catch it again."

"This is the simplest way of doing a mark and recapture," Battleson says. "For a species like this, it's hard to get your arms around them without it."

The ODFW biologists and volunteers began building and installing these portable "hoop" traps in 2005 to do simple surveys of what fish species are present in 34 Rogue Basin streams, including 11 Bear Creek tributaries. Not only did the traps capture young steel-

head everywhere the traps were placed, biologists found fish in five streams previously deemed fishless.

The data shows that even the shortest, seemingly innocuous tributaries at times provide key refuges for wild steelhead.

So far, however, Battleson and a few volunteers have kept this winter's surveys to Wagner Creek and an unnamed seasonal stream through Phoenix's Blue Heron Park where young steelhead were only recently found.

They have captured and fin-clipped 34 steelhead in the stream, and recaptured seven of them again as they used the tributary later.

In Wagner Creek, 36 steelhead have been fin-clipped, and six of them have been recaptured, Battleson says.

Ultimately Battleson would like to institute a broader survey by trapping and tagging young steelhead in several Bear Creek tributaries, each of which would be color-coded to denote where they were originally captured.

Eventually he'd like to see the survey go digital by fitting some young steelhead with transmitters so their movements could be tracked in real time.

# Local governments discuss suing Oregon over minimum wage law

EUGENE (AP) — Local officials in Oregon are considering suing the state over a recent increase to the minimum wage and other labor laws.

Some county leaders say the wage increase and a 2015 law requiring paid sick leave amount to unfunded mandates to local governments, reported *The Register-Guard*.

Under the Oregon Constitution, the Legislature must provide funding to cities or counties if it requires new programs or increased service. It's unclear whether the language applies to labor policies and it has yet to be tested in court.

The state didn't provide money to cover the new worker-friendly laws. Most local employees are paid more than minimum wage and already have sick days, but the policies do mean some additional costs for local governments. Most of the cost will come from compensating low-level part-time and seasonal workers.

Cities and counties also argue that a higher minimum wage will drive up the wages of higher-paid employees.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners is considering joining the lawsuit originally proposed by Linn County officials.

"At this point in time, I don't know how I personally feel about it," Lane County Commissioner Sid Leiken said. "But ... if there's truly an unfunded mandate, it's worth at least looking into it."

But Commissioner Pete Sorenson, the board's only Democrat, opposed joining the suit.

"It would be a bad thing if we got involved in fighting the state over the protections that are afforded by Oregon's minimum wage law," he said.

Linn County Commissioner Roger Nyquist said in an interview Tuesday that about six other counties have expressed an interest in joining the lawsuit, but he declined to say when he expects it to be filed.

Linn County at first threatened to simply ignore the new wage law, but Nyquist said Tuesday that approach is now unlikely.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Sunny	Partly sunny	Partial sunshine	A morning shower, then showers	Cloudy with a couple of showers

### PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

51°	25°	55°	31°	58°	36°	61°	44°	57°	38°
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### HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

56°	24°	58°	30°	60°	35°	62°	42°	60°	39°
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**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	49°	35°
Normals	55°	35°
Records	72° (2010)	3° (1906)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.01"  
Month to date 0.90"  
Normal month to date 0.66"  
Year to date 3.27"  
Last year to date 1.83"  
Normal year to date 3.21"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	37°
Normals	58°	34°
Records	73° (1941)	20° (1930)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.63"  
Normal month to date 0.50"  
Year to date 2.12"  
Last year to date 1.17"  
Normal year to date 2.77"

### REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Clear tonight. Cooler in the south tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Brilliant sunshine today. Clear tonight; cold. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today; a shower near the Idaho border. Clear tonight.

Cascades: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Northern California: Sunny today; pleasant in central parts. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	58	43	s	59	45	pc
Baker City	47	19	s	51	26	s
Bend	50	22	s	55	30	pc
Brookings	65	47	s	57	47	pc
Burns	51	24	s	52	30	pc
Enterprise	45	20	s	50	26	s
Eugene	60	35	s	61	45	pc
Heppner	50	26	s	53	31	pc
Hermiston	56	24	s	58	30	pc
John Day	52	29	s	57	37	pc
Klamath Falls	63	29	s	65	34	s
La Grande	48	20	s	53	31	s
Meacham	45	18	s	50	29	s
Medford	71	39	s	69	44	pc
Newport	60	43	s	58	47	pc
North Bend	65	45	s	60	48	pc
Ontario	55	26	s	56	31	s
Pasco	57	26	s	58	33	s
Pendleton	51	25	s	55	31	pc
Portland	58	42	s	61	44	pc
Redmond	52	21	s	56	28	pc
Salem	62	35	s	62	44	pc
Spokane	46	26	s	50	31	s
Ukiah	46	20	s	53	27	pc
Vancouver	58	41	s	60	43	pc
Walla Walla	50	29	s	56	36	s
Yakima	56	29	s	57	32	pc

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	67	39	pc	71	37	s
Hong Kong	71	66	c	73	67	c
Jerusalem	55	44	pc	58	46	s
London	53	34	s	50	40	c
Mexico City	79	50	pc	78	50	pc
Moscow	38	25	sn	27	14	sn
Paris	54	34	s	55	38	s
Rome	62	46	sh	60	44	sh
Seoul	56	42	pc	64	41	pc
Sydney	78	68	pc	86	65	pc
Tokyo	62	51	s	62	55	pc

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	NE 6-12	NE 6-12
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	NE 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**National Summary:** Showers will extend from the lower Great Lakes to New England as snow winds down over the Upper Midwest today. Showers and storms will affect the Deep South. Snow will develop in Colorado and Wyoming.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 91°** in Thermal, Calif. **Low -12°** in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	69	38	s	70	36	s
Atlanta	75	51	pc	71	50	sh
Atlanta City	62	45	c	55	31	pc
Baltimore	65	43	c	57	30	pc
Billing	41	20	sf	39	18	c
Birmingham	74	51	pc	71	53	c
Boise	51	29	s	54	35	s
Boston	60	43	pc	52	26	c
Charleston, SC	83	57	pc	77	55	c
Chicago, WV	63	40	pc	55	32	pc
Chicago	52	33	pc	41	28	pc
Cleveland	57	37	sh	40	25	c
Dallas	71	57	s	68	46	r
Denver	51	23	pc	32	14	sn
Detroit	55	34	c	43	24	sf
El Paso	81	50	s	82	47	s
Fairbanks	16	-10	pc	18	4	c
Fargo	38	28	sf	41	28	sf
Honolulu	76	66	pc	77	68	pc
Houston	79	65	t	78	59	r
Indianapolis	61	36	pc	51	31	c
Jacksonville	82	61	t	73	59	t
Kansas City	62	36	s	50		