



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Reported cougar sighting near Pendleton

Tribal Police search a draw after a reported cougar sighting at 45946 Spring Creek Road on Tuesday southeast of Pendleton. Cougars are common in Eastern Oregon. If you encounter one, call the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

### BRIEFLY

#### Boys plead not guilty to La Grande High School threat

LA GRANDE (AP) — Two boys accused of planning mass violence at La Grande High School have pleaded not guilty.

The *Observer* newspaper reports the boys who are 15 and 14 appeared by teleconference Monday from a juvenile jail in Walla Walla, Washington.

The teenagers were arrested last month after officers in the Eastern Oregon community learned of a "Columbine-type" threat. They're charged with criminal conspiracy to commit murder.

Also Monday, a Union County judge denied a defense request to

have the boys released from the Walla Walla facility and be placed on house arrest.

The 14-year-old's lawyer, Bob Moon, said the staff at the juvenile jail described his client as pleasant, happy and polite.

Prosecutor Christopher Storz countered that those are descriptions from staff members, not mental health professionals, and releasing the boys could put the community in danger.

#### Coalition forms to fight Owyhee monument proposal

ONTARIO (AP) — A formal group has been established to fight a proposed national monument in

Eastern Oregon.

The *Argus Observer* newspaper reports the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition is led by ranchers who have grazing allotments that would be included in the 2.5 million-acre monument.

Coalition secretary Andy Bentz said the plan is to tell their story to government leaders and those who may have influence on government leaders. Ranchers worry the potential rules and regulations could put them out of business.

A national monument designation can come through an act of Congress or at the direction of the U.S. president.

Supporters of a monument say the designation is crucial to protecting the Owyhee Canyonlands.

## Independent party seeks partners for national coalition

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

The Independent Party of Oregon and the Independence Party of Minnesota have joined forces to organize a national coalition to nominate a third-party candidate for president.

The parties plan to hold a national conference in late summer to select their nominee, said Sal Peralta, secretary of the IPO.

A decision by the Oregon secretary of state to require the IPO to participate in the 2016 presidential primary was the impetus for forming the national coalition, Peralta said.

"I think there are a lot of folks out there who are frustrated with the candidates the two major parties have produced this year, and a lot of voters are frustrated and don't feel they're represented," Peralta said. "It should be no surprise to anyone that activists, donors and a lot of people would like to see a change. I think this really is the beginning of the third party movement."

The IPO and IPM have identified about 14 other centrist parties around the nation they plan to invite to the conference, which will be similar to the Republican and Democratic conventions. The conference is likely to take place in late August after the Republican National Convention and before the deadline for a filing a candidate in Oregon, party leaders said. The deadline is Aug. 30.

"The Democratic and Republican parties are poised to nominate candidates with the highest negative poll ratings in history," said Rob Harris, a Washington County attorney who

was central to the talks between the two parties. "With the two parties nominating historically unpopular candidates, this is a conversation that is long overdue. We believe voters are ready for a change."

Phil Fuehrer, chairman of the Independent Party of Minnesota, said independents have attempted to form national third-party coalitions in the past. IPM joined a coalition in 1996 to nominate third party presidential candidate Ross Perot who created the Reform Party. IPM cut ties with the Reform Party in early 2000 when the Reform Party nominated Pat Buchanan as its presidential nominee because IPM disagreed with the candidate's social conservative agenda, Fuehrer said. Another attempt to form a national third-party coalition in 2004 never panned out, he said.

This presidential election has shown that voters are interested in non-traditional candidates such as Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, Fuehrer said.

"I realized now is the time to move forward with a national third-party coalition and give it another try," he said.

In addition to nominating a third party presidential candidate, the IPO and IPM plan to use the coalition to share best practices and improve ballot access for third parties, Peralta said.

The Independent Party of Oregon had initially tried to opt out of participating in the presidential primary. But earlier this spring, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office informed the party that because of its size, it is required to offer a ballot line for the presidential primary.

### Corrections

A story on Page 1B of the Tuesday, May 10 edition of the *East Oregonian* incorrectly listed the number of entrants in the 2016 Butte Challenge. Event organizers say there were 138 people entered in the event and the latest estimate is that the event raised about \$3,100 for the Hermiston cross country program. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and very warm	Mostly sunny and remaining warm	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	Not as warm with a shower or two
<b>79° 49°</b>	<b>84° 50°</b>	<b>85° 56°</b>	<b>77° 54°</b>	<b>73° 50°</b>

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

**79° 49° 84° 50° 85° 56° 77° 54° 73° 50°**

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

**82° 44° 88° 47° 89° 58° 83° 59° 79° 48°**

**ALMANAC**

**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	69°	37°
Normals	70°	45°
Records	93° (1924)	29° (1999)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date 0.17"  
Normal month to date 0.37"  
Year to date 4.57"  
Last year to date 3.14"  
Normal year to date 5.52"

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	73°	39°
Normals	72°	45°
Records	96° (2013)	25° (1999)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date 0.59"  
Normal month to date 0.39"  
Year to date 1.80"  
Last year to date 4.41"  
Normal year to date 4.41"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	5:28 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:22 a.m.
Moonset today	12:25 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
May 13	May 21	May 29	June 4

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	45	s	66	47	s
Baker City	72	35	s	80	37	s
Bend	77	44	s	80	47	s
Brookings	68	51	s	65	49	pc
Burns	71	34	s	80	38	s
Enterprise	68	38	s	75	44	s
Eugene	84	47	s	84	48	s
Heppner	78	47	s	83	48	s
Hermiston	82	44	s	88	47	s
John Day	76	48	s	83	52	s
Klamath Falls	76	38	s	80	42	s
La Grande	73	42	s	80	44	s
Meacham	71	42	s	78	40	s
Medford	87	52	s	90	55	s
Newport	67	47	s	65	48	s
North Bend	71	49	s	69	50	s
Ontario	75	42	s	85	48	s
Pasco	82	46	s	88	48	s
Pendleton	79	49	s	84	50	s
Portland	84	52	s	85	54	s
Redmond	79	39	s	83	42	s
Salem	85	49	s	85	51	s
Spokane	71	48	s	77	50	s
Ukiah	72	37	s	79	42	s
Vancouver	82	50	s	82	51	s
Walla Walla	78	53	s	82	53	s
Yakima	82	48	s	86	50	s

**WORLD CITIES**

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	82	61	pc	70	44	c
Hong Kong	86	78	s	86	80	pc
Jerusalem	73	57	s	76	60	s
London	68	56	pc	74	52	pc
Mexico City	77	59	pc	77	54	t
Moscow	75	47	pc	60	38	pc
Paris	68	54	t	67	55	t
Rome	73	58	pc	69	56	pc
Seoul	71	52	pc	74	54	pc
Sydney	71	55	s	73	55	s
Tokyo	74	63	r	75	64	s

**WINDS**

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
<b>Boardman</b>	VAR 3-6	WSW 6-12
<b>Pendleton</b>	SSE 4-8	WSW 6-12

**UV INDEX TODAY**

1 4 7 6 4 1

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

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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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:** Severe thunderstorms will erupt from the middle Mississippi Valley to central Texas today. Showers will dot the northern Plains. Areas of rain and thunder will extend from the Ohio Valley to the mid-Atlantic.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 101°** in Zapata, Texas      **Low 22°** in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	78	52	pc	78	53	pc
Atlanta	87	66	pc	87	67	t
Atlanta City	58	53	c	60	54	pc
Baltimore	64	55	c	68	57	c
Billings	56	38	pc	67	37	pc
Birmingham	87	66	pc	85	64	t
Boston	71	49	s	83	55	s
Charleston, SC	65	50	s	66	52	s
Charleston, WV	89	68	pc	89	68	t
Chicago	68	55	pc	83	61	t
Cleveland	68	56	sh	79	57	t
Dallas	89	69	t	78	61	t
Denver	59	38	t	69	44	s
Detroit	67	54	c	75	57	t
El Paso	90	61	s	90	64	s
Fairbanks	72	48	pc	75	46	pc
Fargo	69	46	c	60	37	c
Honolulu	82	71	pc	82	70	pc
Houston	85	70	pc	86	68	pc
Indianapolis	80	64	pc	75	54	t
Jacksonville	89	64	pc	90	65	t
Kansas City	75	52	t	71	49	pc
Las Vegas	88	66	s	92	69	pc
Little Rock	88	67	pc	77	55	t
Los Angeles	74	59	pc	79	62	pc
Louisville	82	69	t	81	59	t
Memphis	88	69	t	80	59	t
Miami	85	73	pc	86	72	pc
Millwaukee	58	49	pc	70	49	pc
Minneapolis	63	50	r	63	44	pc
Nashville	85	66	t	85	58	t
New Orleans	86	70	pc	86	72	pc
New York City	71	54	pc	72	56	pc
Oklahoma City	85	61	t	77	52	sh
Omaha	65	49	r	69	44	pc
Philadelphia	66	54	c	72	47	pc
Phoenix	94	71	s	100	73	s
Portland, ME	67	42	s	68	46	s
Providence	72	48	s	70	50	s
Raleigh	84	63	t	81	66	c
Reno	57	35	c	66	38	s
Rapid City	76	47	c	84	54	s
Sacramento	87	55	s	91	56	s
St. Louis	84	66	t	75	54	pc
Salt Lake City	63	43	s	74	52	pc
San Diego	71	61	pc	73	62	pc
San Francisco	71	53	pc	70	52	pc
Seattle	80	49	s	77	53	s
Tucson	92	63	s	98	66	s
Washington, DC	66	58	c	69	60	c
Wichita	77	53	pc	76	51	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.