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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.

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

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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 iail 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 thirdparty 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.

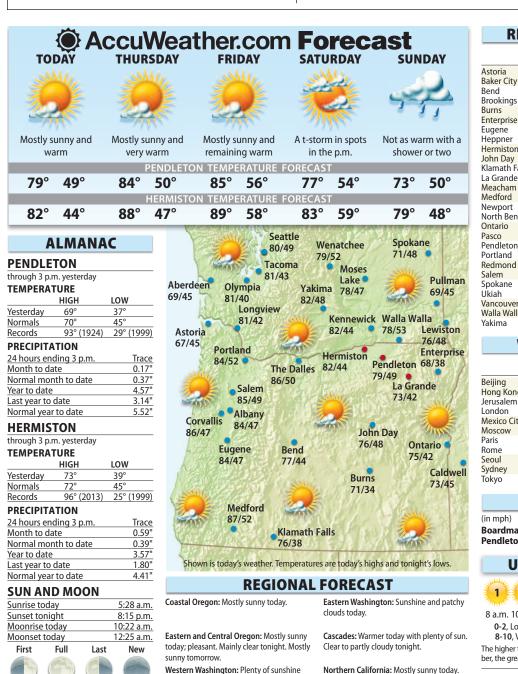
Corrections

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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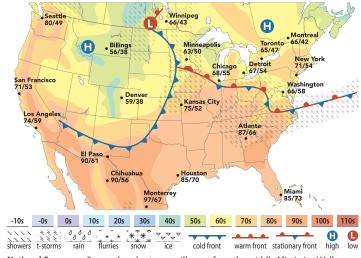
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