



Old school education

ABOVE: Area middle school students go back in time Tuesday at an old school house at the Heritage Station Museum as volunteer Vickie Foster fields questions.

RIGHT: Byron Grant, a student at Hermiston's Armand Larive Middle School, checks out a vintage curling machine once used in a Pendleton salon.

The students were participating in Oregon Gear Up, sponsored by Blue Mountain Community College, a three-day program designed to expose younger students to college life. The students get classroom experience, a campus tour and a tour of local attractions. The program was funded by Blue Mountain Community College and a \$25,000 matching grant from Oregon State University Gear Up.

Staff photos by Kathy Aney



BRIEFLY



Officials warn against flying drones near wildfires

SALEM — As 2016 wildfire season begins, state and local officials cautioned the public against flying personal drones near wildfires.

In addition to legal consequences, which can carry up to \$27,500 in civil penalties, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, flying drones close to active wildfires can pose a threat to fire crews.

"When we respond to a wildfire, we need to be able to count on having clear airspace to operate helicopters and fire retardant aircraft," said Doug Grafe, Chief of Fire Protection for the Oregon Department of Forestry, in a press release.

Several drone flying incidents have forced away aerial fire suppression crews, Rep. John Huffman, R-The Dalles, said in the release.

According to the Associated Press, 20 incidents of drones flying too close to fires were recorded in 2015 and nine incidents have been recorded this year.

Visit www.knowbeforeyoufly.org for additional drone regulation and safety information.

Ammon Bundy bodyguard pleads guilty in Oregon refuge case

PORTLAND (AP) — A bodyguard for Ammon Bundy has pleaded guilty in Oregon's ranching standoff case.

In federal court in Portland, Brian Cavalier admitted Wednesday he conspired with others to prevent Interior Department employees from doing their jobs at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

He also pleaded guilty to possessing a firearm in a federal facility.

Cavalier is the sixth defendant to plead in the case. The others got a deal in which prosecutors agreed to dismiss the gun charge.

In exchange for Cavalier's plea, government prosecutors will recommend a sentence well below the maximum of 11 years in prison.

Cavalier also faces charges for his involvement in a 2014 standoff with federal agents at Cliven Bundy's Nevada ranch.

Cavalier's plea deal is with Oregon alone, and there are no promises in the Nevada case.

Officers seize thousands of pot plants in Yamhill County

DAYTON (AP) — Yamhill County authorities have busted an illegal marijuana grow operation, seizing more than 6,500 plants on wetlands near the Willamette River.

Sheriff's Sgt. Chris Ray says the plants found during Tuesday's raid in rural Dayton were part of a Mexican drug trafficking operation and have a value of nearly \$10 million.

Officers arrested Manuel Madrigal on federal drug trafficking charges. Ray says the 42-year-old man with a history of drug arrests was found in an elaborate living area — complete with a kitchen — that was hidden beneath a tarp near the marijuana gardens.

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Court ruling on ex-Virginia governor could affect case involving Kitzhaber

By TAYLOR W. ANDERSON
The Bulletin

SALEM — In the wake of a unanimous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to vacate a corruption conviction against former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, legal experts say federal prosecutors in Oregon face a narrowed scope in influence-peddling cases like the one involving John Kitzhaber.

Kitzhaber has been under federal investigation for a scandal involving his fiancée, Bend resident Sylvia Hayes, who worked as a paid environmental consultant while advising the former governor on environmental policy.

Legal experts widely interpreted the Supreme Court decision announced Monday to send McDonnell's conviction to a lower court as creating a tougher path for prosecutors when charging public officials with corruption.

Kitzhaber's case roughly parallels McDonnell's, and observers say the ruling requires prosecutors to show

Kitzhaber took tangible actions to help groups that were paying Hayes in exchange for the business she received.

"The court narrowed the concern of what is the potential ask for the basis of the bribery conviction," said Brendan Fischer, associate counsel with the Washington, D.C.-based government watchdog Campaign Legal Center. "The question was (is) what the governor did enough" to be convicted.

McDonnell and his wife were convicted in a corruption trial for receiving gifts, luxury car rides and other favors from a businessman trying to influence state policy in Virginia to help his business.

The EO Media Group reported in January 2015 that Hayes was paid \$118,000 for communications work for a group that helped push for renewable policies, including the low-carbon fuel standard in Oregon, a biofuels policy that lawmakers approved in February of that year and Gov. Kate Brown signed into law.

The outlet reported it was unclear specifically what Hayes did for the group while she was receiving the money and also gaining an outside role within Kitzhaber's administration during his third term.

Kitzhaber and Hayes have maintained that they've done nothing wrong and have declined to comment on the case since Kitzhaber resigned and the federal investigation started in February 2015. They've recently begun emerging back into the public eye after months of silence.

Attorneys representing Kitzhaber and Hayes could not be reached for comment. The U.S. Attorney's Office in Oregon declined to comment on the investigation.

Democratic leaders called on Kitzhaber to resign in 2015, shortly after he took the office for the fourth time, after months of reports that Hayes had benefited from her relationship with the governor.

After Kitzhaber was re-elected, Hayes shifted to working for nonprofits that were advocating for

public policies related to clean energy, while she was advising Kitzhaber on energy policies.

Then-U.S. Attorney Amanda Marshall, who has since resigned amid a scandal of her own, issued subpoenas seeking documents related to Kitzhaber and Hayes from state agencies. The investigation is ongoing.

In the Supreme Court ruling, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the court worried that federal prosecutors would expand the reach of government if McDonnell's conviction was upheld. The court determined that while McDonnell sought to help his benefactor by contacting state officials and holding a meeting at the governor's mansion, those weren't prosecutable acts of corruption.

"Setting up a meeting, talking to another official, or organizing an event — without more — does not fit that definition of 'official act,' that could lead to charges according to the law McDonnell was convicted under, Roberts wrote.

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Very warm with plenty of sun	Partly sunny	Partly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny and beautiful
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
90°	57°	89°	62°	88°
57°	62°	61°	89°	59°
88°	61°	59°	89°	60°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
94°	58°	93°	64°	92°
58°	64°	64°	92°	60°
92°	60°	92°	63°	63°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	92°	60°
Normals	84°	55°
Records	102° (2008)	37° (1898)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.93"
Normal month to date	1.05"
Year to date	6.52"
Last year to date	5.00"
Normal year to date	7.60"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	94°	68°
Normals	84°	56°
Records	105° (2008)	44° (1964)

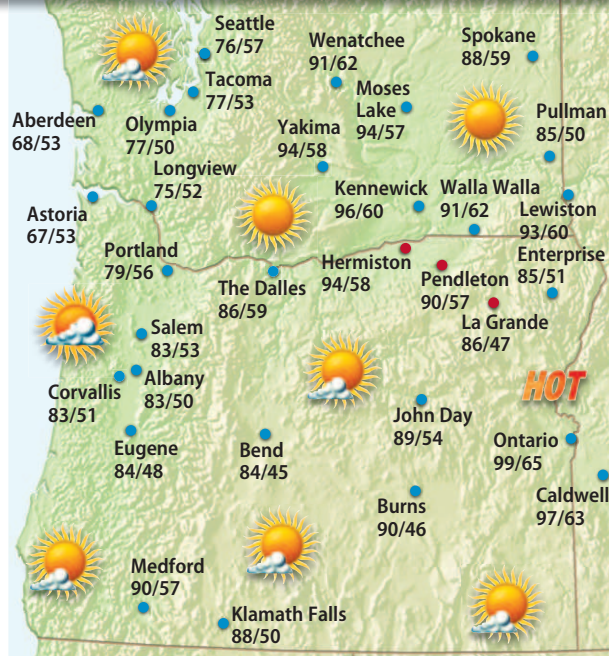
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.41"
Normal month to date	0.58"
Year to date	4.64"
Last year to date	3.16"
Normal year to date	5.72"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:09 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:48 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:22 a.m.
Moonset today	4:40 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	July 4	July 11	July 19	July 26



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today; however, more clouds across the north; pleasant in the south.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; hot. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow; hot.
Western Washington: Plenty of sunshine today; however, mostly cloudy at the coast.
Eastern Washington: Plenty of sun today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.
Cascades: Warm today with plenty of sunshine; pleasant across the north. Clear tonight.
Northern California: Mostly sunny today. Hot in central parts; pleasant at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	53	c	68	56	pc
Baker City	87	44	s	86	51	pc
Bend	84	45	s	84	51	s
Brookings	70	54	s	70	56	s
Burns	90	46	s	90	49	pc
Enterprise	85	51	s	84	56	pc
Eugene	84	48	s	86	56	s
Heppner	88	52	s	87	57	pc
Hermiston	94	58	s	93	64	pc
John Day	89	54	s	90	55	pc
Klamath Falls	88	50	s	88	51	s
La Grande	86	47	s	86	54	pc
Meacham	83	45	s	83	53	pc
Medford	90	57	s	92	60	s
Newport	62	49	pc	64	53	pc
North Bend	66	52	pc	67	57	s
Ontario	99	65	s	97	62	pc
Pasco	96	58	s	93	63	pc
Pendleton	90	57	s	89	62	pc
Portland	79	56	s	80	61	pc
Redmond	87	44	s	87	52	s
Salem	83	53	s	83	60	pc
Spokane	88	59	s	83	61	pc
Ukiah	83	46	s	83	51	pc
Vancouver	78	54	pc	78	60	pc
Walla Walla	91	62	s	89	65	pc
Yakima	94	58	s	90	60	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	92	68	c	86	66	c
Hong Kong	91	79	t	90	83	sh
Jerusalem	85	65	s	83	66	s
London	68	57	pc	67	52	sh
Mexico City	72	57	t	72	57	t
Moscow	79	59	pc	81	62	pc
Paris	71	60	pc	72	55	c
Rome	83	63	s	85	66	s
Seoul	81	72	pc	79	69	t
Sydney	63	49	pc	61	47	pc
Tokyo	78	72	r	82	73	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 6-12	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	W 7-14	WSW 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

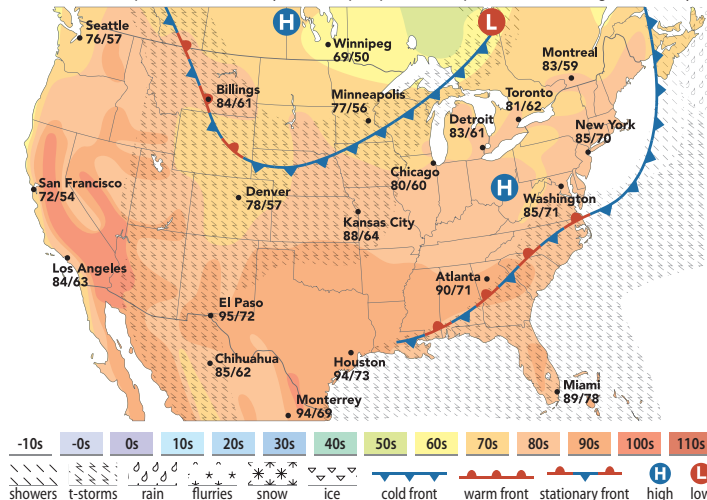
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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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: Storms will drench the Gulf Coast and southern Atlantic Seaboard today. Storms can be severe over the central Plains and gusty in the Upper Midwest. Storms will dot the interior West in the afternoon.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 111° in Needles, Calif. **Low 34°** in Angel Fire, N.M.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	92	68	t	88	64	t
Atlanta	90	71	t	91	73	s
Atlanta City	80	69	pc	81	69	t
Baltimore	84	67	s	87	66	t
Billings	84	61	pc	89	62	t
Birmingham	91	67	pc	94	73	s
Boise	97	65	pc	96	62	pc
Boston	84	66	s	81	66	pc
Charleston, SC	86	76	t	90	76	t
Charleston, WV	82	59	s	84	60	pc
Chicago	80	60	pc	73	55	pc
Cleveland	82	62	s	78	60	pc
Dallas	98	77	s	98	78	pc
Denver	78	57	t	76	58	t
Detroit	83	61	s	79	54	pc
El Paso	95	72	t	91	73	pc
Fairbanks	74	60	sh	68	55	r
Fargo	74	47	s	78	56	s
Honolulu	87	75	t	86	75	pc
Houston	94	73	pc	93	75	pc
Indianapolis	80	64	s	80	54	pc
Jacksonville	89	71	t	87	73	t
Kansas City	88	64	t	80	60	pc
Las Vegas	1					