

Historic first: Oregon Supreme Court to have majority women

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown has selected Appellate Court Judge Rebecca Duncan as the next Oregon Supreme Court justice.

Duncan's appointment gives the seven-member high court a majority of women for the first time in the court's history.

Duncan succeeds Justice David V. Brewer of Eugene, who plans to retire June 30.

"No one is better suited than Becky Duncan to

this historic appointment," Gov. Brown said in a statement Wednesday. "Throughout her career, Becky Duncan has been a model of intellectual rigor and professionalism."

Appointed as an appellate court judge in January 2010 by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Duncan is the only member of the Court of Appeals who worked as a career public defender



Duncan

before her judicial service.

She worked as a trial attorney with the Metropolitan Public Defender in Washington and Multnomah counties and then as assistant chief defender in the Office of Public Defense Services for nearly a decade.

"Her experience representing the accused first as a trial lawyer and then as an appellate advocate will

be of great value to the high court," the governor said.

She earned her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

With Duncan's appointment, Oregon joins several other state high courts with women majorities, including Washington, California, New Mexico, New York, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Tennessee.

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BRIEFLY

Large rockslide closes old highway through Columbia Gorge

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon transportation officials say a large rockslide has closed a highway near the Washington-Oregon border.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Department of Transportation announced Tuesday that Columbia River Highway or U.S. 30 located between Hood River and The Dalles may be closed for two to three weeks. Department spokesman Peter Murphy says travelers headed to Rowena viewpoint will be able to access the area by heading east on the highway from Mosier.

Officials say Sunday's rockslide left lots of debris on part of the highway, some of which will require special equipment to remove. Geology specialists will examine the area for the potential of future slides and ensure cleanup safety.

The department plans on sending rock scalars at a later time to remove any rock that appears to be a hazard.

Portland foster care provider accused of embezzlement

PORTLAND (AP) — The executive director of a now-closed Portland foster care agency has been indicted on charges she embezzled more than \$800,000 from the nonprofit.

The federal grand jury indictment says 56-year-old Mary Holden Ayala spent ill-gotten gains on travel, beauty, luxury goods, mortgage payments, a home-remodeling project and a commercial property.

Justice officials have been investigating Ayala for several years. She ran Give Us This Day, a state-licensed agency that handled hard-to-place foster kids before closing in 2015.

The Oregon Department of Justice filed a lawsuit that year accusing her of mispending at least \$2 million in state funds to the detriment of the children in her care.

FBI agents arrested her Tuesday in Mississippi and she remains in custody there pending a detention hearing. She's charged with theft, money laundering and filing false tax returns.

Police arrest suspect in bias crimes at Oregon park, mosque

EUGENE (AP) — Police arrested a man accused of bias crimes, including a threat against worshippers at an Oregon mosque.

Eugene police spokeswoman Melinda McLaughlin says officers arrested Chad Russell on Tuesday after responding to a dispute at Monroe Park. The 44-year-old man was charged with harassment, carrying a concealed knife and intimidation based on race and sexual orientation.

McLaughlin said Russell was then identified as the suspect who confronted worshippers at the Eugene Islamic Center on Monday. Police said the man appeared shortly after prayers and threatened to kill attendees.

In that incident, he's charged with menacing, disorderly conduct and intimidation based on religion.

Russell was booked into the Lane County Jail late Tuesday and remained there Wednesday.

PENDLETON

Grazing conference focuses on holistic ranching

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
East Oregonian

As climate models predict a shift to wetter springs and hotter summers across the Pacific Northwest, farmers and ranchers will almost certainly be affected one way or another.

But, as research suggests, the news isn't all doom and gloom. Data compiled by the Climate Impacts Research Consortium shows a longer growing season, combined with increased concentrations of carbon dioxide, may actually increase the yield potential for certain crops, including hay and wheat.

Climate change and soil health was just one of the subjects covered Wednesday during the Northwest Grazing Conference at the Pendleton Convention Center. Other presentations focused on water quality, animal behavior and matching cow size to the local environment.

The conference was organized by Roots of Resilience, formerly the Pacific Northwest Center for Holistic Management, which focuses on long-term approaches to care for agricultural land. Between 70 and 80 ranchers registered for the event, which continues Thursday.

Doug Finkelnburg,



Staff photo by George Plaven

Matt Dahl, right, with Country National Beef, speaks with guests Wednesday during the Northwest Grazing Conference at the Pendleton Convention Center.

with the University of Idaho Extension in Nez Perce County, delivered the climate change talk, outlining a number of graphs that showed temperatures increasing by 2-6 degrees on average over the 100 years based on the amount of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

The same models showed an overall increase in annual precipitation, with wetter springs and wetter falls but hotter, dryer summers. The overall warming trend would mean a longer growing season, and higher levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide would provide a boost for some crops to generate addi-

tional photosynthesis. Overall, Finkelnburg said pastures and forage could experience a 10-30 percent boost in yield potential.

"There are potentially opportunities to take away with a changing climate," he said.

On the flip side, Finkelnburg said it will take more water to realize that growth potential. That means farmers and ranchers need to be prepared for higher irrigation demand, while also dealing with an elevated risk of large rangeland fires where the majority of Northwest cattle graze in southeast Oregon and southwest Idaho. "The potential for more

intense fires will be larger," Finkelnburg said.

The purpose of the presentation wasn't to scare people or sway anyone's politics, Finkelnburg said, but to give ranchers food for thought on what management decisions they may face in the future.

Doug Warnock, who lives north of Walla Walla near Prescott, Washington, is a board member, secretary and treasurer of Roots of Resilience. He said the group hosted its last big grazing conference in 2015 at the Washington Family Ranch near Antelope.

This year, they wanted a more accessible site, Warnock said, and decided on Pendleton. He said the purpose of holistic management is to engage in practices that enhance and preserve the ecosystem — ultimately developing a grazing plan that puts the animals in the right place at right time for the right reason.

"In the long term, we want to take care of the land," he said. "If (attendees) can learn anything they think will enhance the management of their property, I think it will be worthwhile."

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Corrections

Joseph Alan Sizemore, 32, who died in a wrong-way freeway accident Sunday, was a Pilot Rock resident at the time of his death. Incorrect information about his city of residence was included in the *Baker City Herald* that ran May 10. 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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
A heavy t-storm this afternoon	Clouds and sun, a shower; cooler	Partly sunny, a shower; cool	Mostly cloudy, a shower; cool	Cloudy, showers around; cool

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

70°	45°	58°	40°	56°	37°	61°	40°	62°	41°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

73°	48°	64°	44°	63°	42°	66°	42°	67°	45°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	77°	44°
Normals	70°	45°
Records	93° (1924)	29° (1999)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.04"
Normal month to date 0.37"
Year to date 8.25"
Last year to date 4.52"
Normal year to date 5.48"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	82°	43°
Normals	72°	45°
Records	96° (2013)	25° (1999)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.39"
Year to date 5.95"
Last year to date 3.57"
Normal year to date 4.38"

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Morning rain followed by brief showers today; breezy in central parts in the afternoon.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Periods of sun today. A heavy thunderstorm across the north; a shower near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today. Considerable cloudiness tonight with a shower.

Eastern Washington: A heavy thunderstorm near the Idaho border and in the mountains today; a shower elsewhere.

Cascades: Cooler today with periods of rain; breezy.

Northern California: Partly sunny and cooler today; a shower; however, dry in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	45	r	54	44	sh
Baker City	78	41	pc	50	30	sh
Bend	61	34	pc	53	33	pc
Brookings	54	45	r	51	44	sh
Burns	73	37	s	53	29	pc
Enterprise	75	40	pc	45	30	r
Eugene	59	43	r	56	42	t
Heppner	67	41	t	56	37	pc
Hermiston	73	48	pc	64	44	pc
John Day	75	42	pc	54	35	pc
Klamath Falls	60	32	sh	50	30	pc
La Grande	78	42	pc	49	34	r
Meacham	74	39	t	48	33	r
Medford	61	42	r	59	41	c
Newport	55	45	r	52	44	sh
North Bend	57	45	r	54	45	sh
Ontario	86	51	s	58	40	c
Pasco	76	47	pc	64	42	pc
Pendleton	70	45	t	58	40	pc
Portland	59	46	r	57	46	t
Redmond	64	34	sh	56	32	pc
Salem	58	44	r	56	43	t
Spokane	73	43	t	53	38	c
Ukiah	71	38	t	50	32	sh
Vancouver	59	46	r	57	46	t
Walla Walla	75	47	t	60	43	pc
Yakima	71	40	r	64	40	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	88	47	s	86	54	s
Hong Kong	85	78	pc	85	77	c
Jerusalem	79	55	s	78	57	s
London	70	54	t	64	52	sh
Mexico City	82	57	pc	81	58	pc
Moscow	46	30	r	49	31	pc
Paris	70	52	t	68	53	t
Rome	76	59	pc	74	55	pc
Seoul	77	60	pc	74	50	s
Sydney	69	58	pc	69	57	pc
Tokyo	76	64	pc	77	63	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	W 10-20	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	SW 6-12

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: Drenching rain and locally gusty storms will extend from the middle Mississippi Valley to part of the East Coast today. Severe storms will push across the southern Plains as rain spreads over the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 97° in Plant City, Fla. Low 24° in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	73	51	pc	80	56	s
Atlanta	88	65	s	81	62	r
Atlanta City	60	50	pc	56	50	r
Baltimore	59	48	r	58	49	r
Billings	81	53	s	85	50	s
Birmingham	88	65	s	79	59	t
Boise	86	51	pc	57	38	c
Boston	53	46	c	53	44	c
Charleston, SC	59	69	s	92	67	pc
Chicago, IL	76	58	r	66	52	r
Chicago	61	43	sh	64	44	pc
Cleveland	57	49	sh	58	47	c
Dallas	84	63	t	79	58	pc
Denver	62	42	c	78	49	pc
Detroit	57	44	r	63	44	c
El Paso	83	59	s	87	63	s
Fairbanks	65	44	sh	65	44	c
Fargo	70	46	s	75	46	pc
Honolulu	83	70	sh	84	73	pc
Houston	86	71	c	88	62	pc
Indianapolis	70	49	r	67	46	c
Jacksonville	96	62	s	93	65	pc
Kansas City	69	51	r	72	50	s
Las Vegas	89	69	s	91	64	s
Little Rock	80	62	t	71	52	pc
Los Angeles	71	56	pc	71	55	pc
Louisville	81	58	t	66	52	r
Memphis	83	63	pc	72	54	r
Miami	91	73	s	92	76	s
Millwaukee	59	44	c	59	45	pc
Minneapolis	68	47	pc	72	55	pc
Nashville	85	63	pc	71	53	r
New Orleans	83	68	pc	80	63	t
New York City	64	50	pc	60	49	c
Oklahoma City	79					