

Some farm bills quietly gain approval

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Many attention-grabbing farm-related bills considered during Oregon's 2017 legislative session died quietly despite much initial fanfare.

Meanwhile, several more-targeted and less-contentious proposals were approved without nearly as much commotion, though they're likely to have on-the-ground consequences for growers.

Numerous bills drew big crowds to committee meetings where lawmakers heard hours of impassioned testimony.

Limits were proposed for neonicotinoid pesticides, dairy emissions, livestock antibiotics and solar panels on farmland.

New lawsuits over pesticides would have been possible under legislation that removed "right to farm" protections for chemical applications and eliminated the requirement to notify farm regulators before filing complaints.

Every water right in Oregon would have been subject to a new \$100 fee under one bill, while irrigators would have to install measuring devices under companion legislation.

Critics of genetically

modified organisms, or GMOs, attempted to overturn the state government's pre-emption of local restrictions against such crops. They also supported a bill that would have exposed GMO patent holders to new financial liabilities.

All the above proposals failed, not during dramatic floor votes, but because they were killed off by legislative deadlines.

Lawmakers also sorted through a multitude of attempts to tweak Oregon's land use laws to relax restrictions on farmland.

A few significant proposals proved successful.

With the passage of Senate Bill 677, companies producing hard cider will enjoy the same land use rules as those producing wine, meaning they can process and sell the beverage on farmland while conducting other agritourism activities.

Several bills would have made it easier to build "accessory dwelling units" to increase housing availability in rural areas.

Under House Bill 3012 — which passed the House and Senate unanimously

— historic homes can be converted into such ADUs when a new house is built in a rural residential zone. Previously, the older building had to be demolished to make way for a new home.

It will also be easier to apply biosolids — often called sewage sludge — to farmland.

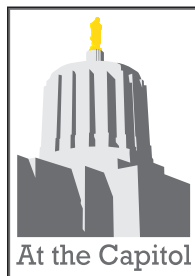
Biosolids are already regularly used as fertilizer, but they're often generated by stationary sewage treatment plants.

House Bill 2179 clarifies that human waste from septic tanks can be treated on-site within farm zones in mobile units that travel from property to property.

Another successful bill ensures growers who lose farm structures to natural catastrophes will be able to rebuild without interference from the Department of State Lands.

Last year, the agency tried to block a hay exporter from rebuilding two burned-down barns because they were suspected of being located in a wetland, despite the property's absence from any wetland maps.

House Bill 2785 clarifies that landowners who want to



ANALYSIS

Jury selection begins in Bundy Nevada retrial

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jury selection has begun in federal court in Las Vegas for the retrial of four men who brought assault-style weapons to a standoff that stopped government agents from rounding up Cliven Bundy's cattle in April 2014.

Proceedings started Monday after several last-minute rulings by the judge limited defense plans to tell jurors the four men were exercising constitutional rights to protest government tactics during the roundup.

Defense attorneys maintained in the first trial that their clients drove from Idaho and Montana to Bunkerville, Nevada, after Bureau of Land Management agents used dogs and stun guns against Bundy family members.

A jury found two men guilty of some charges, but failed to reach verdicts for four others.

Protester faces federal charges for May Day fires

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted a man accused of throwing lit flares at a patrol car and a Target store during the May Day protest in downtown Portland.

The indictment handed down Friday charges 22-year-old Damien Feller with two counts of malicious damage by means of fire.

Feller was arrested on state charges shortly after the protest, and pleaded not guilty to arson, riot, reckless burning and criminal mischief.

An affidavit filed in May says after Fuller was arrested, police showed him a photograph of the person throwing the flares.

The affidavit says Fuller told police, "I saw that online and knew I was (expletive)."

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The affidavit says Feller told detectives his actions were based on a "mob mentality."

Portland police said the damage to patrol car exceeded \$1,000 and the damage to Target far exceeded \$1,000.

Sheriff renews search for boy missing since 2010

PORTLAND (AP) — The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has renewed its search for a 7-year-old boy who went missing in 2010.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports that search and rescue teams on Sunday were looking for Kyrin Horman in an area about five miles from Skyline Elementary School where he was last seen.

Sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Brandon White says the search does not follow any new information in the case. He says it's an area that investigators have not searched before.

Camel among southwest Oregon shooting victims

CAVE JUNCTION (AP) — An Oregon perseverance center says a camel has died after being injured in a southwestern Oregon shooting last week.

The camel named Camille was standing across the highway when a man opened fire in Cave Junction on July 1. Police say one man was injured and one dog was killed in the incident.

Robert Ringo with the Tiger Preservation Center told the Daily Courier that a stray bullet had hit Camille above the eye. She died two days after the shooting.

Police say 30-year-old Joseph Carl Sallman of Grants Pass was on the run for almost three days before he was arrested July 4. He has four charges including attempted murder.

Child sex sting nets 26 arrests over four days

By KRISTIN M. KRAEMER
Tri-City Herald

Twenty-six men have been arrested over the past four days for allegedly showing up at a Richland apartment intending to have sex with young girls and boys.

The suspects nabbed in the multi-agency effort range in age from 20 to 70, with two living in Pendleton and 22 others from the Tri-Cities.

The child sex sting, dubbed "Tri-Cities Net Nanny Operation," involved undercover detectives using various websites to chat with people interested in having sex with children.

The two Pendleton men arrested were Ryan D. Harris, 32, and Daniel A. Medina, 20.

The postings on sites like

Craigslist and backpage.com reportedly generated hundreds of responses. But it was the would-be perpetrators who actually traveled to the apartment who were arrested, according to a Washington State Patrol news release.

The operation was led by the state patrol's Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, with 45 local, state and federal law enforcement officers and prosecutors participating.

"We realize that this is just a tip of the iceberg," Trooper Chris Thorson told the Herald. "We collaborated with multiple agencies to capture as many of these sex predators as possible."

Thorson said officers had been working on the operation

for some time, setting up the online ads and communicating with those who responded to see if they were interested in meeting up.

The arrests were made Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. The suspects' cars were either seized or impounded as part of the investigation, Thorson said.

The crimes investigated include attempted rape, commercial sex abuse of a minor, possessing and dealing child pornography, and communication with a minor for immoral purposes.

Investigators also identified five people who have access to children at risk of being abused, the state patrol release said. Now they're working to identify those kids and get

them appropriate assistance.

"Children are becoming increasingly vulnerable to sexual predators due to the growth of the internet," WSP Chief John R. Batiste said in the news release. "Thanks to the hard work by our law enforcement and prosecutor partners, we are able to make Washington communities safer for our families."

This is the eighth Net Nanny Operation in Washington state since August 2015, which have led to 115 arrests and 21 victims rescued.

The men locked up in the Tri-City operation have investigative holds for both felonies and misdemeanors. A few also have Immigration and Customs Enforcement holds.

Corrections

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny and beautiful	Plenty of sunshine	Abundant sunshine	Sunshine and hot	Very hot with plenty of sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

87°	55°	92°	58°	93°	59°	95°	62°	94°	57°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

91°	59°	95°	60°	97°	61°	99°	66°	98°	60°
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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	88°	65°
Normals	88°	58°
Records	106° (1975)	40° (1911)

PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace

Month to date Trace

Normal month to date 0.10"

Year to date 11.30"

Last year to date 7.20"

Normal year to date 7.67"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	89°	70°
Normals	88°	58°
Records	106° (1975)	46° (2009)

PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 0.00"

Normal month to date 0.07"

Year to date 6.59"

Last year to date 4.93"

Normal year to date 5.77"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:18 p.m.
Moonset today	7:49 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 16	July 23	July 30	Aug 7

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Low clouds followed by sunshine today. Mainly clear tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Plenty of sun today; pleasant. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow; hot.

Western Washington: Low clouds giving way to sunshine today. Mostly clear tonight.

Eastern Washington: Sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Cascades: Nice today with plenty of sunshine. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Northern California: Clouds, then sun at the coast today; sunny in central parts. Partly sunny in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	65	53	pc	66	52	pc
Baker City	83	43	s	90	47	s
Bend	85	49	s	89	52	s
Brookings	66	53	pc	63	52	pc
Burns	87	45	s	91	49	s
Enterprise	81	45	s	89	52	s
Eugene	81	48	s	83	50	s
Heppner	85	52	s	90	54	s
Hermiston	91	59	s	95	60	s
John Day	86	54	s	93	58	s
Klamath Falls	87	48	s	89	49	s
La Grande	85	48	s	91	54	s
Meacham	81	45	s	88	50	s
Medford	93	58	s	95	60	s
Newport	61	49	pc	61	49	pc
North Bend	63	51	pc	63	52	pc
Ontario	92	59	s	97	62	s
Pasco	89	54	s	94	58	s
Pendleton	87	55	s	92	58	s
Portland	78	55	pc	79	57	s
Redmond	87	45	s	91	48	s
Salem	81	52	pc	81	54	s
Spokane	83	58	s	87	60	s
Ukiah	82	44	s	88	46	s
Vancouver	77	52	pc	78	54	s
Walla Walla	89	62	s	93	65	s
Yakima	90	58	s	93	58	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	97	77	pc	98	79	s
Hong Kong	90	81	sh	90	80	t
Jerusalem	92	71	s	92	70	s
London	69	58	r	71	54	pc
Mexico City	69	54	t	69	55	t
Moscow	74	56	pc	73	59	r
Paris	76	60	pc	74	56	t
Rome	87	69	s	88	69	s
Seoul	88	76	pc	87	74	s
Sydney	63	51	s	61	47	sh
Tokyo	86	78	pc	87	78	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 6-12	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

2 5 7 7 5 2

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: Storms will affect parts of the Deep South, lower Great Lakes and New England today. Storms will dot part of the West as heat holds in the Southwest. A heat wave will build in the mid-Atlantic states.

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

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	93	68	t	90	69	t
Atlanta	89	73	pc	91	74	t
Atlanta City	86	76	pc	86	76	t
Baltimore	94	73	t	93	75	t
Billingham	86	62	s	89	63	s
Birmingham	92	75	pc	91	75	t
Boise	90	62	s	97	67	s
Boston	83	70	c	81	64	pc
Charleston, SC	87	75	t	92	74	t
Charleston, WV	91	70	pc	94	72	pc
Chicago	85	71	c	93	71	t
Cleveland	83	71	pc	90	73	t
Dallas	96	78	pc	95	78	pc
Denver	91	64	pc	88	61	t
Detroit	86	70	pc	88	72	t
El Paso	98	73	pc	96	72	pc
Fairbanks	74	55	pc	83	59	pc
Fargo	91	64	t	78	58	pc
Honolulu	88	76	pc	88	76	pc
Houston	91	76	t	92	77	pc
Indianapolis	85	71	t	91	74	pc
Jacksonville	90	73	c	92	74	t
Kansas City	94	76	s	96	74	s
Las Vegas	106	85	pc	108	86	s
Little Rock	92	72	s	91	74	t
Los Angeles	85	66	pc	83	66	pc
Louisville	94	74	pc	95	77	pc
Memphis	95	75	s	92	76	t
Miami	92	80	pc	90	81	sh
Millwaukee	79	69	pc	87	66	t
Minneapolis	85	71	pc	85	63	pc
Nashville	95	73	s	92	75	pc
New Orleans	88	76	t	90	77	t
New York City	87	74	pc	87	74	pc
Oklahoma City	97	74	s	96	73	s
Omaha	96	77	s	93	72	pc
Philadelphia	93	76	t	91	76	t
Phoenix	107	88	pc	108	88	pc
Portland, ME	77	63	c	81	57	pc
Providence	83	70	pc	85	67	pc
Raleigh	94	74	pc	95	75	pc
Rapid City	98	62	s	92	61	pc
Reno	96	61	pc	97	64	s
Sacramento	90	57	s	93	59	