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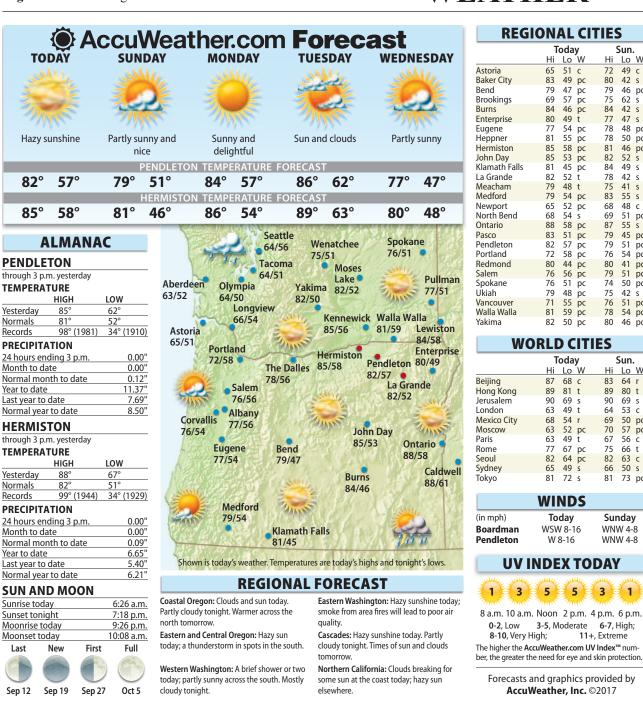
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Groups mull parade over air quality concerns

PENDLETON - School groups are keeping a close eye on the air quality index as they decide whether or not to participate in Saturday's Dress-Up Parade, which marks the beginning of Round-Up week in



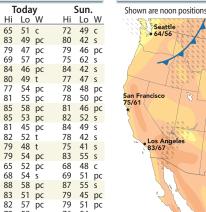
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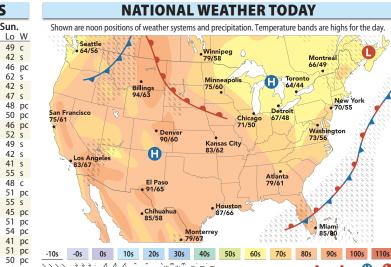
The council will also

of a water main under 20th Street. The signals have been running on a timer rather than a vehicle detector ever since.

Simons wrote that Monday was the only day the signal contractor had available to do the work.

"Staff feels that it is important to try to get the detectors replaced and the signal up and fully running before the heart of Round-up, rather than wait until late September, which was the only other option," he wrote. There's also some concern that the signal contractor, who is traveling from the Salem area, might have to take an alternative route because of the fire and smoke. Simons wrote that he would inform everyone if there was a delay in the contractor's arrival.





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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

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Baltimore	71	51 pc	73	53 s	Milwaukee	66	52 s	68	53 s
Billings	94	63 s	86	58 s	Minneapolis	75	60 s	82	64 p
Birmingham	82	61 s	78	59 s	Nashville	80	55 s	80	56 s
Boise	87	60 pc	86	58 s	New Orleans	86	70 s	84	69 s
Boston	69	56 pc	69	56 pc	New York City	70	55 pc	72	58 s
Charleston, SC	80	65 pc	74	67 c	Oklahoma City	84	59 s	83	58 s
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Fargo	77	63 s	86	59 pc	Sacramento	93	62 s	99	67 s
Honolulu	88	74 pc	87	74 pc	St. Louis	83	60 s	78	54 s
Houston	87	66 s	88	65 s	Salt Lake City	86	64 t	86	64 p
Indianapolis	75	50 s	75	52 s	San Diego	77	68 pc	79	69 t
Jacksonville	80	73 t	78	73 r	San Francisco	75	61 pc	84	64 p
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consider an ordinance amending the franchise

Pendleton.

"Although unfortunate, some groups are having to make the hard decision to withdraw from participation in (Saturday's) activities due to a variety of factors," said Chris Fritsch, Pendleton School District superintendent, in a statement Friday. "I know and appreciate how important traditions are to schools and communities, but in this case I stand firm by our position of student safety over tradition."

Pendleton High School has already rescheduled its football game versus Rex Putnam High School for 11 a.m. Saturday, provided air quality is at a comfortable level for outdoor activity. Smoke from multiple wildfires across the region has made for hazy conditions during the week, and patchy smoke will remain in the forecast through at least Tuesday

As of Friday evening, air quality in Pendleton was listed as moderate, according to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Fritsch said he and athletic director Troy Jerome will check the air quality first thing Saturday morning to make a determination on activities during the day.

The Dress-Up Parade begins at 10 a.m., starting at Pendleton City Hall and heading east before turning back west along Court Avenue and ending at the Round-Up Grounds.

Hermiston School Board to decide grad venue

HERMISTON - The Hermiston School Board will vote Monday on moving high school graduation to a new venue.

An agenda published on the district website Friday states that interim superintendent Tricia Mooney will recommend that the board

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kid's rodeo heads inside

Three young cowgirls - Juniper Courtade, Gabbi Hilding and Katelynn Newberry warm up for a kids' rodeo Friday morning for Pendleton Presbyterian Preschool students at the Helen McCune Gymnasium. Events included barrel racing, steer roping and wild cow milking. The event was moved from the church parking lot to the gym to escape smoky air.

approve moving graduation to the Toyota Center in Kennewick for the June 2018 ceremony. The statement also requests that district administrators review the event after one year and look for potential options within Hermiston for graduation in 2019

The potential of a new graduation venue has been discussed for the past several months, as this year's graduation ceremony revealed that the student population has outgrown the traditional venue of the Hermiston High School gymnasium. Options discussed at previous meetings were the Toyota Center, Kennison Field or the EOTEC rodeo arena.

Community members were encouraged to participate in a survey in August, discussing their thoughts on where graduation should be held. At the board's work session in late August, it was revealed that EOTEC was the most popular option among the 859 people who responded to the survey, with 46 percent of respondents in favor of that venue. The Toyota Center drew mixed responses from those surveyed, with 36 percent in

support of the location but 37 percent against it.

Hermiston to consider franchise fee increase

HERMISTON -Hermiston City Council will consider a series of resolutions Monday increasing franchise fees for natural gas, electric and telecommunications companies.

Revenue from the fee increase would go toward implementing a five-year

street department capital improvement plan, which the council will also be asked to approve. The plan includes pavement preservation and major projects such as paving East Theater Lane and widening North First Street. It assumes an average of \$400,000 per year from the legislature's transportation package and \$400,000 from the franchise fee increase.

Companies affected are Umatilla Electric Cooperative, Cascade Natural Gas, Charter Communications, Eastern Oregon Telecom, EZ



section of the city's code, allowing the city to start collecting franchise fees on internet sales from cable TV providers such as Charter, which has previously only paid franchise fees on cable, not internet.

The council meeting begins Monday at 7 p.m. at city hall, 180 N.E. Second St.

Part of 20th Street closed Monday for signal repairs

PENDLETON — A lane near a well-traveled intersection will be closed for three hours Monday to repair a vehicle detection loop connected to a nearby traffic signal.

According to a Thursday email from City Engineer Tim Simons, the two southbound lanes of Southwest 20th Street north of Southwest Court Avenue will be closed from 2 to 5 p.m. while contractors install three loops.

The loops were damaged during the recent installation

Wolf killed near Meacham

MEACHAM — A wolf was killed Thursday near Meacham, shot by an employee of the Cunningham Sheep Company, on whose land multiple predations have occurred.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife confirmed that the non-breeding, adult female wolf was a member of the Meacham Pack. It was legally killed under an authorized permit.

It is the fifth wolf killed for attacking livestock since August in Oregon.

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