

Wild turkeys trot through downtown Eugene

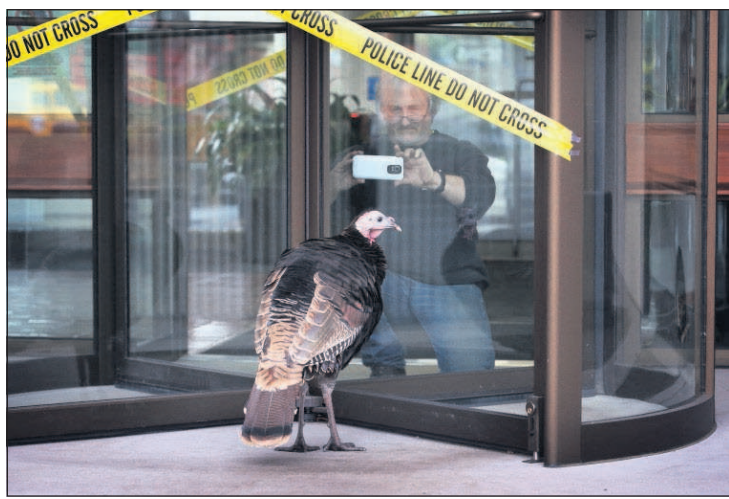
EUGENE (AP) — A pair of wild turkeys strolled through downtown Eugene, spurring onlookers to do double takes or to stop and snap photos.

The male and female turkeys paced outside the downtown federal building Tuesday afternoon, ducking under an entryway as slight rain fell, *The Register-Guard* reported.

Eugene resident Eric Cowger was washing windows at the building on Sixth Avenue and High Street. He took photos when the large fowls neared.

"You don't really get that close to a wild turkey often," Cowger said. "I guess that makes them not wild anymore — more like downtown pets."

While Eugene is home to a number of turkeys, they're found in more abundance miles south of the city around Roseburg, said Michelle Dennehy, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife.



Chris Pietsch/The Register-Guard via AP

In this Jan 23 photo, a turkey walks near the Federal Building in Eugene as employees leave for the day. The turkey and another have been seen in downtown Eugene, spurring onlookers to do double takes or to stop to snap photos.

The turkeys may have entered into the urban core to find a food source, Dennehy said. Turkeys and other wildlife enter into new territories usually to search for food, she said. The turkeys have been spotted around Eugene before, and images of a lone turkey wandering about downtown

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circulated online earlier this month.

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Last month, a pair of turkeys loitered outside the entrance to the Lane County Courthouse, said county spokeswoman Devon Ashbridge. The birds have occasionally appeared outside the building, but are more often observed in less populated areas, Ashbridge said.

Engineer says he misjudged train location in fatal wreck

SEATTLE (AP) — An engineer told investigators he misjudged the location of an Amtrak train before it derailed in Washington state on a new high-speed route while traveling at nearly 80 mph — more than twice the speed limit around a curve, the National Transportation Safety Board disclosed Thursday.

In an NTSB summary of interviews with the engineer and conductor on duty during the deadly crash, the engineer said he knew the curve with a 30 mph speed restriction was at milepost 19.8 and he planned to start braking about a mile before reaching it.

But he said he didn't see a marker at milepost 18 or a nearby 30 mph speed warning sign. The engineer said he then misinterpreted another signal at the 19.8 milepost.

He said he applied the brake as soon as he saw a 30 mph sign at the start of the curve, but the train derailed seconds later as it entered the 30 mph zone and plunged off an overpass and onto busy Interstate 5 — the Pacific Northwest's main north-south highway.

NTSB board member Bella Dinh-Zarr said days after the wreck that the locomotive's emergency brake went off automatically and was not manually



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

In this Dec. 18, 2017, file photo, cars from an Amtrak train lay spilled onto Interstate 5 below as some remain on the tracks above in DuPont, Wash.

activated by the engineer. The summary says the engineer was qualified to operate the train on that new stretch of track and had completed at least seven observational trips and three trips during which he operated the train in the five weeks before the derailment.

The fatal trip marked the second time the engineer had officially operated it going southbound on the route.

The summary involved interviews with the engineer and conductor, which took place about a month after they suffered serious injuries in the wreck.

Three people were killed and dozens of others were hurt Dec.

18 on the route from Tacoma to Portland, Oregon. The train was carrying 85 passengers and crew members as it made its inaugural run along the fast, new 15-mile bypass route.

The summary said the engineer and conductor were in the lead locomotive as the conductor underwent training and familiarized himself with the new route. Both said they felt well-rested. The engineer said he didn't feel distracted by the conductor being in the locomotive.

Neither man has been identified by NTSB. However, the summary says the engineer was a 55-year-old man hired by Amtrak in 2004 as a conductor before

being promoted to locomotive engineer in 2013.

The conductor, a 48-year-old man, said the ride marked the first time the two men had worked together and there was minimal conversation between them.

He said he looked up from his paperwork after hearing the engineer mumble out loud, just before the derailment, then sensed the train was going airborne.

The conductor was hired by Amtrak as an assistant conductor in 2010 and was promoted to conductor the following year. He said he attended a job briefing with the engineer, going over general track bulletins and other items at the start of the shift.

Garrick Freeman was identified as the conductor after filing a lawsuit against Amtrak, claiming the company failed to provide a safe work environment. He said he suffered multiple broken ribs, a fractured clavicle and serious internal injuries during the derailment.

NTSB said it will continue the investigation by comparing the crewmember accounts with information gained from videos and a data recorder, and will consider human performance and operations, as well as signals and train control, and track, engineering and mechanical factors.

The investigation could take up to two years.

Man shot at veterans clinic during altercation

SALEM (AP) — A man said to be a military veteran seeking mental health care was shot by a security officer at a Veterans Affairs clinic in southern Oregon on Thursday after an admissions area altercation in which authorities said the man became combative.

The man was flown to a hospital after the shooting in the southwestern community of White City with injuries that did not appear to be life-threatening, the Jackson County sheriff's office said in a statement.

Shawn Quall, an Army veteran of the first Gulf War who is from Bend, Oregon, said he heard the man shouting before the situation escalated.

"I was walking down the main hallway when I overheard a veteran yelling at intake people that he was here for the fifth time trying to get health care, and was upset at what he thought was a runaround," Quall told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Quall kept walking down the hall, but when the yelling got louder, he started running back and heard someone yell: "He's got a knife!"

"Then boom, a loud shot. I saw the guy holding his stomach and then fall to the ground," Quall said. An officer told onlookers to leave, saying there was nothing to see.

Sgt. Julie Denney of the sheriff's office said she could not confirm that a knife was involved.

"The details of the events leading to the shooting are still under investigation," she said in a text message.

VA police responded "after reports of a combative patient in the admissions area. An altercation ensued between the man and VA Police officers, resulting in the discharge of a firearm," the sheriff's office statement said. The man and the officers involved were not identified.

Veterans at the clinic receiving treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and other issues expressed shock about the shooting.

Outpatient Joel Setzer, a U.S. Army veteran who also served in Operation Desert Storm in the Gulf, said "this is the type of incident that should have never happened out there."

The VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics says on its website that it "offers a variety of health services to meet the needs of our nation's Veterans."

Quall said it's not unusual to hear veterans arguing with the center's staff.

"Often you hear guys yelling," he said. "It's dealing with the federal government, and it is frustrating at times."

A spokeswoman for the clinic did not return telephone messages seeking comment.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Variable cloudiness	Occasional rain and drizzle	Cloudy and not as cool	Remaining cloudy	Rain and drizzle in the morning

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

46°	38°	51°	44°	58°	44°	58°	39°	47°	36°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

50°	39°	53°	44°	57°	41°	55°	40°	51°	36°
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REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	47	42	r	52	48	r
Baker City	40	26	c	38	32	sn
Bend	39	32	c	50	36	sn
Brookings	48	44	r	53	46	sh
Burns	36	21	c	42	30	r
Enterprise	36	28	c	40	36	sn
Eugene	46	42	sh	52	45	r
Heppner	45	37	c	48	42	r
Hermiston	50	39	c	53	44	r
John Day	39	32	c	45	39	c
Klamath Falls	38	29	c	44	26	sn
La Grande	40	32	sn	42	38	sn
Meacham	37	31	sn	40	37	sn
Medford	45	38	sh	52	37	sn
Newport	47	44	r	52	49	r
North Bend	50	45	r	56	49	r
Ontario	44	30	sf	40	34	sn
Pasco	49	37	c	53	40	r
Pendleton	46	38	c	51	44	r
Portland	45	41	sh	51	46	r
Redmond	42	31	c	51	37	sn
Salem	47	44	sh	53	49	r
Spokane	37	30	sf	38	33	sn
Ukiah	36	30	sf	40	37	sn
Vancouver	45	42	sh	50	47	r
Walla Walla	47	38	sh	51	44	r
Yakima	48	34	pc	48	34	c

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH 45° LOW 28°

Yesterday 45° 28°

Normals 42° 28°

Records 65° (1935) -10° (1957)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.08"

Month to date 1.46"

Normal month to date 1.18"

Year to date 1.46"

Last year to date 1.33"

Normal year to date 1.18"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH 50° LOW 27°

Yesterday 50° 27°

Normals 43° 29°

Records 60° (1968) -17° (1949)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.10"

Month to date 1.02"

Normal month to date 1.04"

Year to date 1.02"

Last year to date 1.39"

Normal year to date 1.04"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:23 a.m.

Sunset tonight 4:53 p.m.

Moonrise today 12:28 p.m.

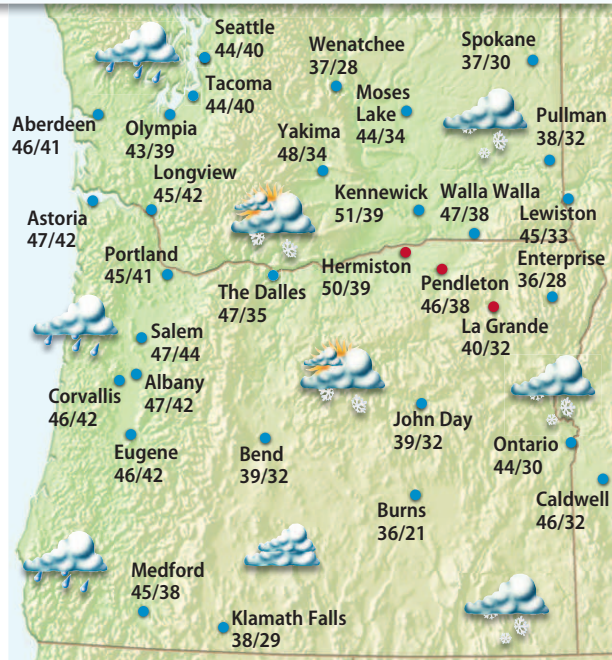
Moonset today 2:10 a.m.

Full Jan 31

Last Feb 7

New Feb 15

First Feb 22



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy today with a little rain; chilly in the south. Occasional rain tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Variable clouds today. A shower across the north; snow showers in central parts and the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers. Periods of rain tonight.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; snow showers near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: Snow at times today, accumulating 2-4 inches; cold. Snow becoming steadier tonight.

Northern California: Variable clouds today. Very cold in the interior mountains; a shower in central parts.

WORLD CITIES

Beijing 26 9 s 29 10 c

Hong Kong 71 58 s 69 63 c

Jerusalem 43 39 t 48 40 pc

London 46 38 pc 52 49 r

Mexico City 67 46 pc 67 49 sh

Moscow 24 16 c 23 19 sn

Paris 48 36 pc 47 41 pc

Rome 58 45 pc 60 42 pc

Seoul 13 2 s 25 14 pc

Sydney 84 75 c 84 75 pc

Tokyo 39 30 s 43 32 s

WINDS

(in mph) Today Saturday

Boardman SW 7-14 SW 6-12

Pendleton SW 7-14 SSW 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

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