



Staff photos by Jade McDowell

## Generous green thumbs

Samantha Steffey, left, and Jeanne Steffey, center, above, work to plant flowers during a landscaping work party Saturday with Hermiston Assembly of God and city of Hermiston staff outside the new Harkenrider Senior Activity Center. The plants were part of an \$8,000 donation from Hermiston Kiwanis Club, and selected by the Hermiston Garden Club. Seniors who are part of the new activity center will have opportunities to help care for the landscaping with help from the garden club.

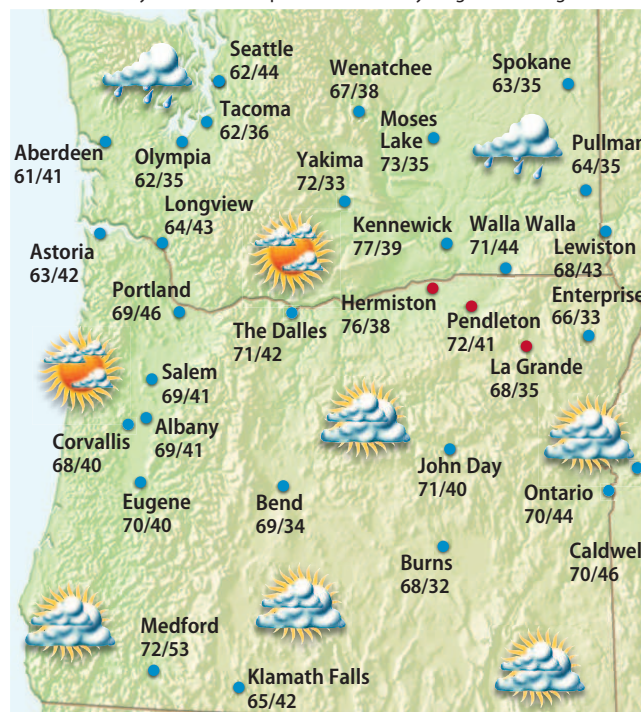


## Forecast for Pendleton Area

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rather cloudy and comfortable	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy	Cool with clouds and limited sun	Cloudy and cool
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
72° 41°	63° 40°	63° 41°	62° 45°	59° 38°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
76° 38°	66° 39°	68° 41°	66° 46°	64° 38°

## OREGON FORECAST

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



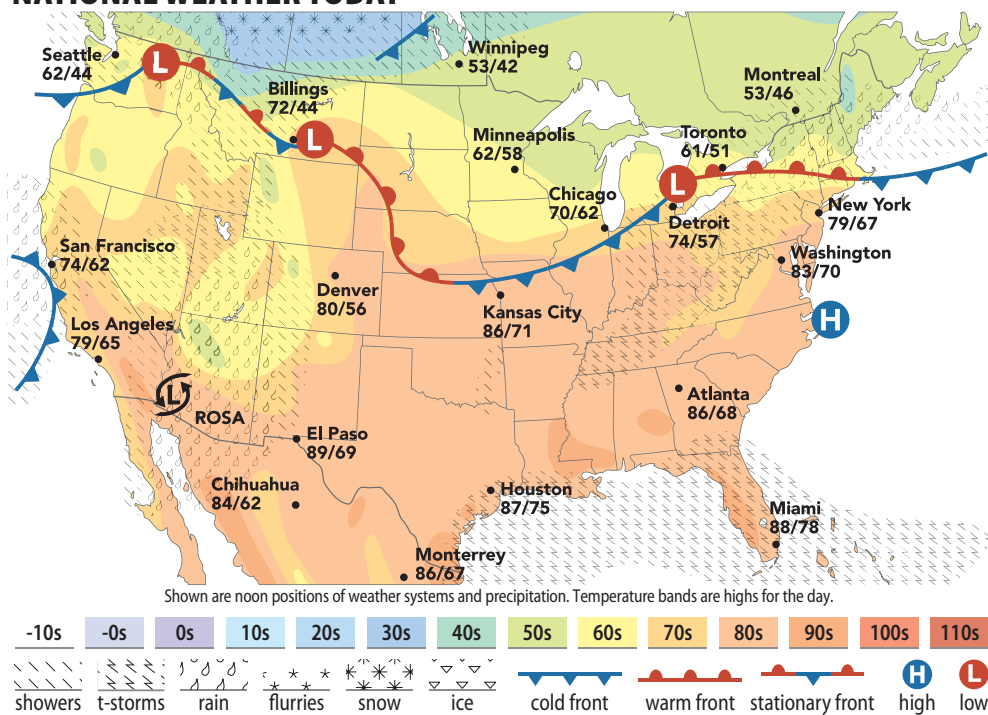
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## NATIONAL EXTREMES

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

High 95° in McAllen, Texas Low 17° in Daniel, Wyo.

## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



# Environmental groups oppose use of cyanide capsules

BEND (AP) — Nearly 100 environmental groups are calling for a ban in Oregon on the use of cyanide capsules to control predators like coyotes, foxes and wild dogs that can attack and eat livestock animals, a newspaper reported.

The groups sent a letter this month to state and federal agencies calling the M-44 devices ineffective and dangerous to humans, pets and other animals not being targeted. The Bulletin reported on Monday.

M-44 devices are spring-loaded devices that contain a capsule filled with sodium cyanide that's partially buried in the ground and coated with a substance that's designed to attract canines.

When an animal triggers the device, a lethal dose of sodium cyanide is ejected.

"This is a no-brainer, and I still find it hard to believe that this is still going on," said Brooks Fahy, executive director of the Oregon conservation nonprofit Predator Defense, one of the groups leading the effort.

Idaho and Colorado have banned the devices, but federal wildlife managers say they're critical to controlling predators.

Wildlife Services, a federal program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, says coyotes killed more than 118,000 sheep and lambs nationwide in



Bannock County Sheriff's Office via AP, File

**This Thursday, March 16, 2017, file photo shows an M-44 cyanide device in Pocatello, Idaho.**

2015, and livestock owners lost \$32.5 million from attacks on sheep and lambs by all predators that year.

The petition notes that Wildlife Services reported 246,985 animals killed by M-44s from 2000 through 2016, ranging from grizzly bears to kangaroo rats to red-tailed hawks.

The devices killed 4,621 animals in Oregon during that time; last year a device killed OR-48, a collared gray wolf living in northeast Oregon.

"Any animal that is attracted to scents is at risk," Fahy said. "What's reported is a small fraction of what's been done."

## BRIEFLY

### Facial recognition tech at schools fuels privacy debate

SEATTLE (AP) — Facial recognition technology is being used to increase security at one Seattle school, but the technology is fueling debate about privacy concerns.

The Seattle Times reports the company RealNetworks began offering the technology free to K-12 schools this summer in an effort to improve school security.

It's in use at the private elementary University Child Development School. The school gave parents the option of adding their face to the database, and so far about 300 parents have done so. If a parent's face is recognized by the system, they door opens, reducing the need for someone inside the school to answer a buzzer.

Parent Ana Hedrick says the system is convenient and feels safe. Adam Schwartz with the digital privacy group Electronic Frontier Foundation says school security is a serious issue but the damage to privacy from facial recognition technology could be high.

### Investigation underway after Portland police shooting

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities are investigating after an officer-involved shooting in downtown Portland early Sunday morning.

Portland Police have not released the name of those involved, but say officers were patrolling when they heard shots being fired and engaged with a suspect. No officers were injured, but the person who was shot was taken to a local hospital.

That person's condition was not released.

Portland Police Detectives and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

are investigating. The officers involved have been placed on paid administrative leave until the investigation is complete.

### Washington kills another wolf that preyed on cattle

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The state of Washington has killed a second wolf from a pack that has been preying on cattle in Ferry County.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife says a marksman shot an adult female wolf on Friday. The wolf is from the Old Profanity Territory pack that has repeatedly attacked cattle in the Kettle River Range.

The Center for Biological Diversity says the killing of wolves is senseless, and this is the fourth pack the state has decimated to protect the cattle of one rancher.

The wolf shot on Friday was believed to be the breeding female of the pack. The pack is believed to consist now of an adult male and one juvenile.

The state will evaluate whether the hunts have changed the pack's behavior before undertaking another hunt.

### Sheriff: 2-year-old child died in tractor accident

ESTACADA (AP) — Authorities say a 2-year-old child died in an accident involving a tractor Saturday morning in Estacada.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office says deputies responded to a home just before 10 a.m. on Saturday and found the toddler had suffered fatal injuries.

Officials didn't release any details or the identity of those involved. The sheriff's office child abuse team is investigating the death, which is standard procedure.

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