

# Plans begin forming for Dayton-Waitsburg trail

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DAYTON, Wash. — Forging a new path is not an easy task, and residents from Dayton and Waitsburg, Washington, were reminded of that at a meeting last weekend.

However, the leaders of the design “charette,” or workshop, reminded people that every journey, no matter how long, has an end. And the end of this journey could be a recreational opportunity unlike anything the two communities have seen before.

Leaders from the Port of Columbia welcomed a crowd of just over 100 people Saturday night to the workshop at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

The crux of the meeting was to overview the compilation of about 36 hours of hard work that a consortium of students from Washington State University, the University of Washington and members of the Washington Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects put together starting Friday afternoon.

The group was brought in as part of grants awarded from the National Parks Service and Washington State Department of Transportation to help build a plan that can eventually be crafted into what will be known as the



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**About 50 people attended an earlier public meeting in September in Waitsburg, Wash., to learn more about the proposed Touchet Valley Trail that could run 9.7 miles alongside the Port of Columbia-owned railroad tracks between Dayton and Waitsburg.**

Touchet Valley Trail.

All of the presenters pointed out that it’s not as simple as laying down a path — there’s private land, congested areas, thick forest at one point, narrow streets within Dayton, a plethora of historical landmarks, and it’s all constricted to following the path of a Port of Columbia-owned railway.

“It was super intimidating, coming in here and saying ‘This is how we think we should design it’ ... I don’t want to leave anyone out or even say that I know better than the people who live here,” said UW student Sidney Greens-

late, 25, of Portland.

Greenslate was one of about 12 students involved in the planning process. They were all housed by volunteers in the two communities.

“We couldn’t have bought this kind of help,” said Joy Smith, of Waitsburg, who is part of the trail’s steering committee and helped organize the students’ housing arrangements. Smith said it was a joy having the team.

“That’s why I love this program so much,” said WSU student Kiersten Butterworth, 20. “It’s a field trip, but it’s also more than that.”

The plan was split up between four teams: One team was in charge of an overall vision and recreational elements for the trail — which ended up being called “spacious skies” — another team handled design from Waitsburg to the unincorporated community of Huntsville, another went through downtown Dayton to its city limits, and the third group designed the portion between Huntsville and Dayton.

“It’s fun for all these ideas we’ve talked about to suddenly become pictures,” said Katherine Witherington, eco-

economic development director at the Port of Columbia. “For me, that’s really great to see.”

Pictures lined the perimeter of the pavilion portraying concepts drawn that day by the students and architects.

After the initial presentation from the four design groups, attendees went around the room placing blue dots on the concepts and ideas they liked most.

Some of the plans were as simple as a crossing at a road; some were as bold as a potential diversion through the interior of the old apple barn depot at Dumas Station, which received permission from the owners.

Other highlights included a boardwalk through Lewis and Clark Trail State Park and a pedestrian underpass beneath U.S. Highway 12 connecting the two sides of that park, lighted trail markers for nighttime use, historical markers, trailheads in Dayton and Waitsburg and a variety of vegetation to be planted along the path.

Even though the trail is still several years from even breaking ground, the charette itself was already the result of a few years of work.

What began as an idea at the Port eventually rolled into the Blue Mountain Region Trails Plan in 2017.

The regional plan from

Walla Walla’s Community Council was adopted in 2018, and the Port of Columbia received the grants that resulted with the concept plan developments presented Saturday night.

Design and engineering could happen in 2020 if things go well.

The students’ next task is to take all of their work from the weekend, compile it into one plan, hope for some good grades, and also present Dayton and Waitsburg with something that can eventually be funded.

“Nothing gets funding without a plan,” said Alex Stone, a community planner attending the workshop on behalf of the National Parks Service.

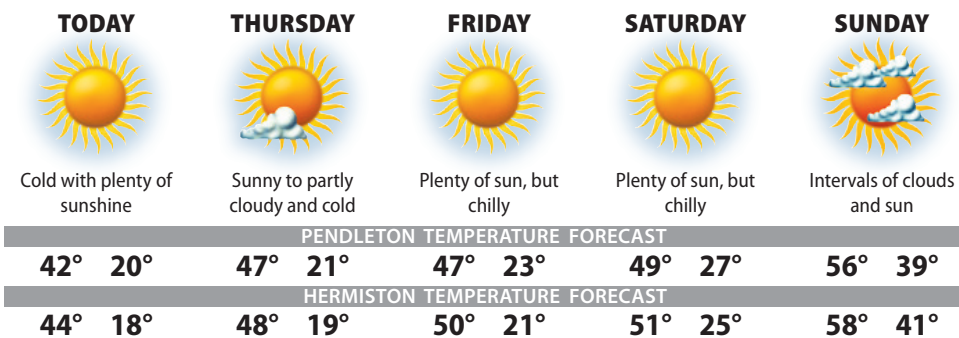
She noted if the community could rally behind a design, it would go a long way in helping secure funding for the ambitious, nearly 10-mile trail.

The evening wrapped up with some final notes from the contributors, raffle drawings, and a group photo to remember the intensive weekend journey for the students.

“I spent all day in this building, basically,” Greenslate said. “It’s pretty intense.”

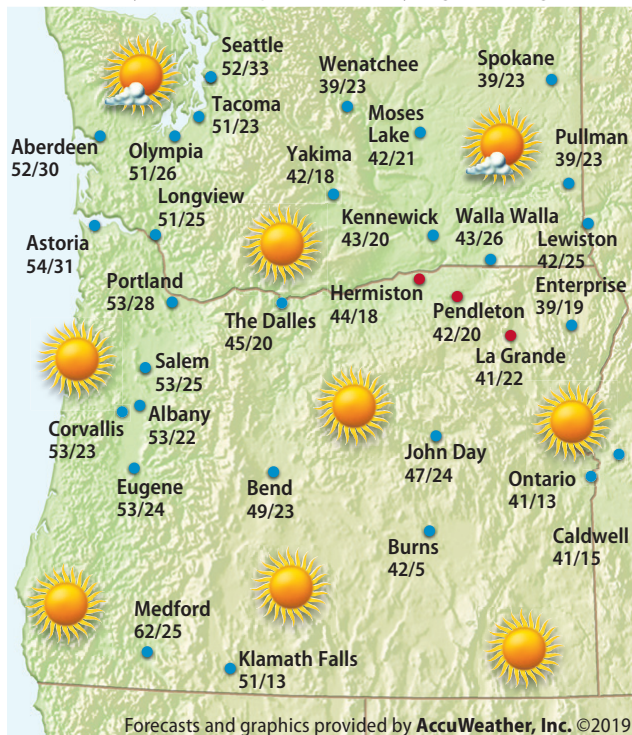
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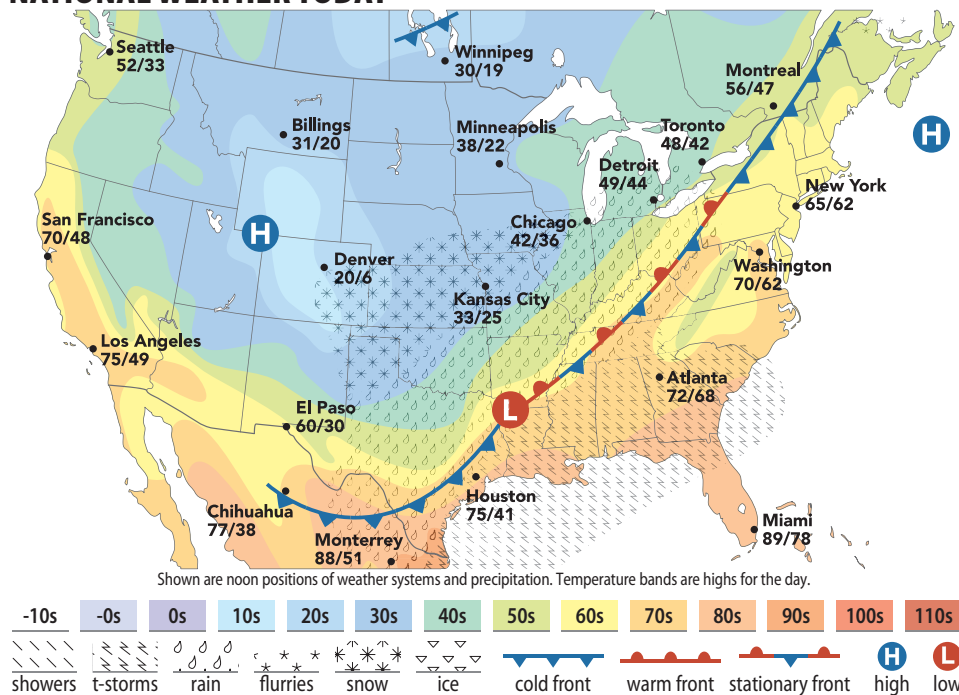
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PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
Month to date	0.46"		
Normal month to date	0.98"		
Year to date	11.31"		
Last year to date	8.08"		
Normal year to date	9.92"		
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TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	40°	23°	
Normals	59°	36°	
Records	72° (2012)	11° (1971)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
Month to date	0.18"		
Normal month to date	0.64"		
Year to date	4.94"		
Last year to date	6.42"		
Normal year to date	7.20"		
WINDS (in mph)			
Today	NE 3-6	Thu. ENE 3-6	
Pendleton	N 4-8	NW 4-8	
SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise today	7:32 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	5:45 p.m.		
Moonrise today	10:26 a.m.		
Moonset today	7:49 p.m.		
First	Full	Last	New
Nov 4	Nov 12	Nov 19	Nov 26

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

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

High 94° in Zapata, Texas Low -12° in Huntley, Mont.

## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



# Bill to block immigrants from getting driver's licenses refiled

By CLAIRE WITCOMBE  
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — After hitting a legal roadblock, backers of an initiative to undo a new state law that allows undocumented immigrants to get Oregon driver's licenses filed a new petition Friday.

Their goal hit a snag after the Secretary of State Bev Clarno said the original petition that supporters submitted didn't comply with the state constitution.

The supporters' first petition asked voters to simply repeal House Bill 2015, which Clarno said was inadequate.

Clarno said the petitioners needed to show how the law specifically would be

changed to reflect a repeal. The legislation, passed earlier this year, affected several aspects of state law.

Oregon drivers have had to prove their legal residence to get a driver's license since 2007. House Bill 2015 allowed Oregonians to use forms of identification that don't establish status to get a license starting Jan. 1, 2021.

The new petition includes both the current and a revised version of four sections of state law affected by House Bill 2015.

Last week, one of the petition's backers, perennial political candidate Mark Callahan, of Oregon City, had said his petition campaign would fight Clarno's interpretation.

Reached Monday, though,

Callahan said he and the other chief petitioner, Angela Roman, of Brooks, decided to revise and refile a new petition instead, modifying it in ways to address Clarno's concerns.

“We were kind of at a point where we could either fight it in court, which would cost a lot of money, or revise and refile as a new initiative petition, which we did,” Callahan said.

Because they have filed a new, separate petition altogether, the campaign will have to gather an initial round of 1,000 signatures — called sponsorship signatures — again.

Callahan said they are already at work gathering those signatures.

## BRIEFLY

### Washington state girl guilty of conspiring to kill classmate

KENNEWICK, Wash. — A jury has convicted a Washington state girl of plotting to kill a high school classmate she briefly dated.

The *Tri-City Herald* reported Monday that 18-year-old Fe Hadley was found guilty of conspiracy to commit first-degree murder in a November 2017 planned attack.

Hadley denied conspiring with Jeremiah Cunningham and Gabriel Pfliger to fatally stab 18-year-old Ryan Vaughn behind a store and hide his body in an orchard.

Authorities say Vaughn never went behind the store and other students riding scooters in the area noticed suspicious activity.

Hadley's trial started Oct. 21 and she remains in custody on \$100,000 bail.

A sentencing hearing is expected to be scheduled in the next month.

Cunningham and Pfliger both pleaded guilty to separate charges and were sentenced.

### Couple making Indian war cries evicted from Idaho restaurant

LEWISTON, Idaho — A couple dressed up as Native Americans and making loud war cries were kicked out of a restaurant in Lewiston, Idaho, over the weekend.

The *Spokesman-Review* of Spokane, Washington, says the two were kicked out of a Shari's restaurant on Saturday because of their offensive conduct and comments to

staff members.

Shari's spokeswoman Lisa Amore says the two people were dressed up as Native Americans and were “disruptive and loud” and made “war cries” in the restaurant.

Amore says a restaurant employee asked the couple to stop but they made “offensive comments” to employees, some of whom were Native Americans.

Lewiston is close to the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, one of the largest in Idaho.

### Woman pleads guilty in deadly hit-and-run crash

HILLSBORO — A woman pleaded guilty in a deadly hit-and-run crash and was sentenced to probation, with no additional jail time.

KPTV-TV reported 77-year-old Patricia Clayton of North Plains pleaded guilty Monday to the charge of hit-and-run to an injured person with death involved.

Clayton was sentenced to three years of probation and no additional jail time. Her driver's license was also suspended for five years.

Clayton was arrested in September in connection with the January crash in Hillsboro. Investigators say Clayton hit two people in an unmarked crosswalk near Northeast Cornell Road and 17th Avenue.

Marjorie Averill, of Beaverton, died in the collision.

A second pedestrian, Timothy Mahan, suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

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