

Women claim first two places at Eagle Cap Extreme

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JOSEPH — The Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race in Wallowa County made a bit of history over the weekend.

For the first time in the event's 16-year history, the top two places in the 200-mile race were female.

Gabe Dunford of Darby, Montana, crossed the finish line first in the premier 200-miler. She was third in the race in 2019, but this was her year to take home the top trophy and \$1,700 prize money.

Even though Dunford paused to put two tired dogs on her sled rather than have them run the last few miles, her time of 32 hours, 10 seconds was close to a record for the event and qualified her to compete in this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska.

Josi Thy, of Olney, Montana, crossed the finish line just 11 minutes after Dunford to take second place.

"I could see Josie's lights behind me," Dunford said. "And I thought to myself, 'I haven't trained this hard and come this far to lose the race.'"

She didn't. The 2020 version of the Eagle Cap Extreme certainly had a female flair



Elgin third-grade students Trevor Ewing, left, and Ethan Arnold score an autograph from musher Meghan Forrey on their poster at this year's Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race in Wallowa County. Forrey took second place in the 100-mile race.



Jane Devlin, of Bend, takes her team up the first hill of the 100-mile race at this past weekend's Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race in Wallowa County. She took her time with her young team and won the red lantern award as the last musher in.

to it. The annual Wallowa County event featured racers from across the western United States and as far away as Europe. Half of the 40 entrants were women and more than half of the finishers were female.

Hometown hero Morgan Anderson added to the historic nature of the event.

Anderson finished fifth in a starting field of 12 in the 200-mile race. She competed in the Eagle Cap Extreme three times previously. Now a sophomore at Montana State

University majoring in wildlife biology, Anderson said she hopes to run the 200 — and its 29,381 feet of total relief — again next year if she can find a team of dogs to race.

Mark Stamm of Riverside, Washington, won the highly competitive 100-mile race. The next three finishers crossed the finish line within two minutes of one another. And only two seconds separated third-place finisher Emily Gibson of Carlton, Washington, from fourth-

place finisher Laurie Warren of Council, Idaho.

Bend resident Jane Devlin was in no hurry in this year's 100-mile race. She took the red lantern award as the last musher in.

"The trail was pretty slick, and in places where there was a cliff on one side, I treated it more like a training run," she said. "I wanted to teach my team of young dogs to stay away from the edge."

Charlotte Burkhardt of Oggau, Austria, won the 31x2 mile event — 31 miles

on each of two days — with a doughty performance.

She won the junior race in 2017 when she was an exchange student living with Morgan and Craig Anderson. This year, she was in Wallowa County for a visit and "wasn't planning on racing, but just helping Morgan and Craig, and helping out with the race," she said.

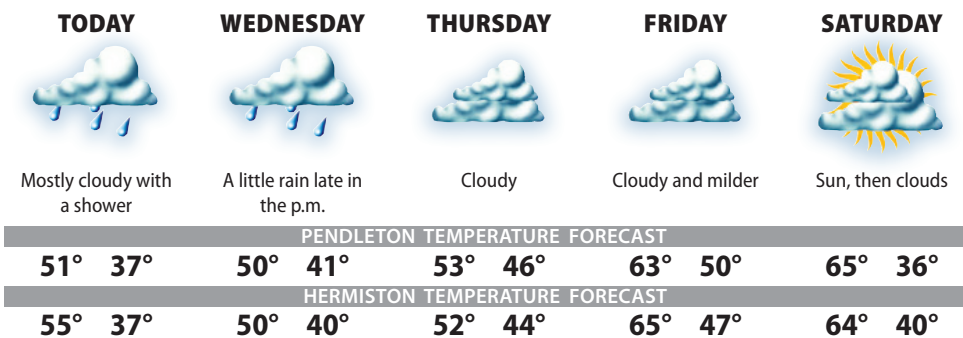
But when Warren offered Burkhardt a sled and team of six dogs to race, she couldn't resist.

Burkhardt won the first

31-mile leg of the race. She came in first on the second day as well — but not before hitting a rough and icy patch on the trail coming down toward the finish. Thrown off balance, she grabbed the side of the sled and was dragged for several hundred yards. She got back on the sled and finished with a smile.

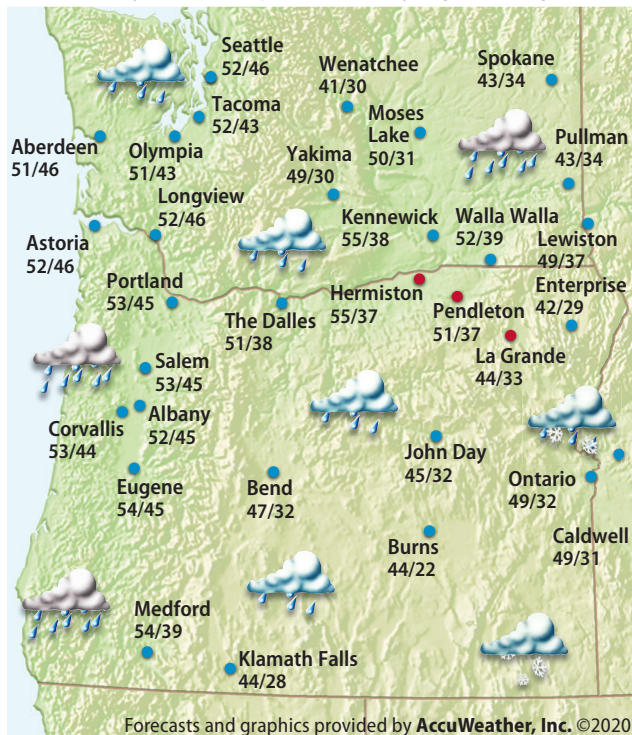
"I yelled at the dogs, but they didn't pay much attention," she said. "I think they finally realized the sled was harder to drag than usual, and they stopped."

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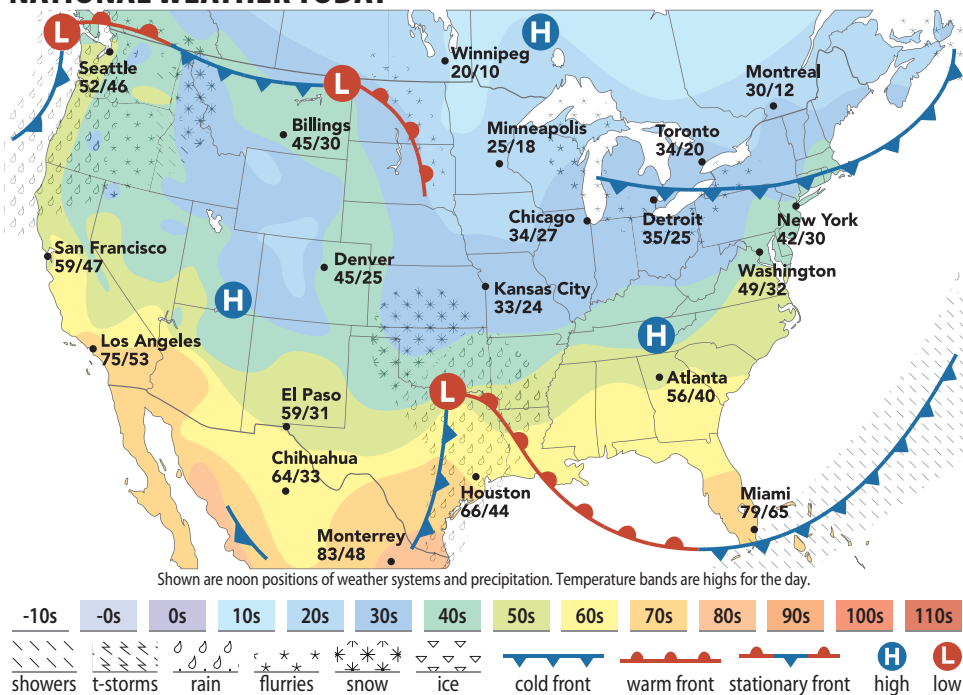
PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	52°	37°
Normals	43°	28°
Records	69° (1934)	-22° (1957)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace	
Month to date	1.65"	
Normal month to date	1.24"	
Year to date	1.65"	
Last year to date	2.07"	
Normal year to date	1.24"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	55°	37°
Normals	43°	29°
Records	60° (1983)	-28° (1957)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"	
Month to date	0.22"	
Normal month to date	1.12"	
Year to date	0.22"	
Last year to date	1.53"	
Normal year to date	1.12"	
WINDS (in mph)		
	Today	Wed.
Boardman	SW 7-14	SW 4-8
Pendleton	SW 8-16	SW 6-12
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	7:22 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	4:55 p.m.	
Moonrise today	9:34 a.m.	
Moonset today	8:54 p.m.	

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Campaign contributions committee scrapped for upcoming session

By DIRK VANDERHART
Oregon Public Broadcasting

SALEM — Oregonians might be on the verge of passing historic campaign finance policy this year. The Oregon Senate? Not so much.

In a further sign that Senate leaders are in no rush to move to limit campaign contributions, Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, is not bringing back the chamber's Campaign Finance Committee for the 2020 legislative session.

First created last year, the committee was a central forum for the politically fractious debate over what such limits might look like. Oregon is currently one of a handful of states that has no limitations on how much individuals, businesses, trade groups and anyone else can donate to candidates and causes.

"What I'm told is they don't think we can fit this conversation into the short

session, given everything that's happening," said state Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, who'd chaired the committee.

Golden said he'd learned recently that the committee would definitely not be returning for the 2020 session. But he said Courtney's office had always made clear that was a possibility when the president brought the committee back — with just three members instead of its initial five — during the interim period between sessions.

"When the interim committee was formed, we said at the time this might not be a session committee," Golden said.

The committee's absence raises questions about whether the Legislature will so much as discuss potential campaign finance limits during a session expected to be dominated by bills on guns and greenhouse gas emissions.

Golden has authored a

bill that would sharply curtail what individuals and certain political committees could give campaigns, and had hoped to workshop the idea during session — even if no action was actually taken. In a sign of how divisive the subject can be, a hearing on the proposal generated criticism that it is both too strict and too lenient.

Lawmakers have a good reason to be thinking about what regulations should look like. Voters in November will be asked to amend the state's Constitution to allow for campaign finance limits. The state Supreme Court has ruled such limits are currently not allowed.

Legislators had previously voiced support for passing a system of limits prior to the November vote, in order to give voters a sense of what they were enacting. But leading Democrats, including Gov. Kate Brown, are now saying the debate can wait.

BRIEFLY

Huntington man accused of stabbing his wife, son

BAKER CITY — A Huntington man is accused of stabbing his wife and son Saturday night at the home they share in Huntington.

None of the injuries was life-threatening, according to the Baker County Sheriff's Office.

David Ladell Rosiere, 47, of 15 E. Monroe St., is being held at the Baker County Jail on two counts of first-degree assault, second- and fourth-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon. He is being held in lieu of \$202,500 bail.

The investigation began after the Baker County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a

call at 9:35 p.m.

Deputies contacted David Rosiere and the victims, his wife, Crystal Rosiere, 46; and his son, Cody Rosiere, 24.

Deputies determined that David Rosiere first attacked his son with a knife and then turned on his wife after she attempted to intervene.

The victims were taken to Saint Alphonse Medical Center in Ontario for treatment.

The investigation is continuing and the case will be reviewed by a grand jury for the possibility of additional charges, according to the sheriff's office.

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