

Union County Sheriff's Office to assist at Round-Up

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The Observer

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Round-Up, one of the largest events in Eastern Oregon, is gearing up for its 111th rendition.

With upward of 50,000 slated to attend the week-long event, law enforcement from surrounding areas is coming into Pendleton to assist in overseeing the crowds. Of the surrounding counties, the Union County Sheriff's Office will be sending several deputies to Round-Up.

"The motivation is helping our neighboring counties with large events," Union County Sheriff Cody Bowen said.



Bowen

The plan is for Bowen and two deputies to assist at Round-Up, depending on schedule availability. According to the sheriff, deputies are able to support Round-Up so long as it doesn't interfere with their regular work schedule in Union County. Bowen said he likely will attend one day, while he is not sure about the schedules of the other deputies yet.

The work is voluntary, and Umatilla County pays

the individual deputy for the service. With such a large event, law enforcement from neighboring counties provides additional assistance in monitoring the health and safety of those involved.

"It's basically just an overtime shift that's pretty fun and something different," Bowen said.

According to Pendleton Police Chief Chuck Byram, the police department begins planning for Round-Up coverage in April and heightens that planning after the Pendleton Whisky Music Fest in early July.



Byram

"We're expecting a full-capacity crowd," Byram said. "We're expecting people to come and want to interact again," he said.

The Pendleton Police Department has 24 officers, a number that has not changed since the 1960s. Byram emphasized the importance of having neighboring law enforcement assist with public safety during Round-Up. Participants and spectators come from across the country and from foreign countries every year for the famous event.

"We're at full staff,"



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian, File

The Pendleton Round-Up bucking bronc logo tops a wayfinding sign in Pendleton on April 14, 2021.

Byram said, "and we obviously can't do this without our area partners."

The Union County Sheriff's Office joins other law enforcement at Round-Up, including the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, police from Boardman,

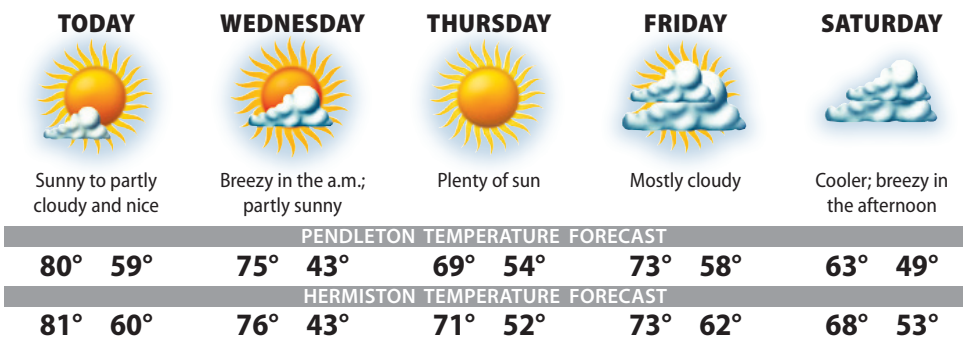
Hermiston and Milton-Freewater and a bicycle team from Oregon State Police. According to Bowen, the Union County Sheriff's Office has been sending deputies to Round-Up for a number of years now. Byram said that most visiting law enforce-

ment have attended the rodeo before, which makes operations go smoothly.

"We know people are coming here for a good time, but once that jeopardizes the safety of themselves or others, it's time to nip that in the bud," he said.

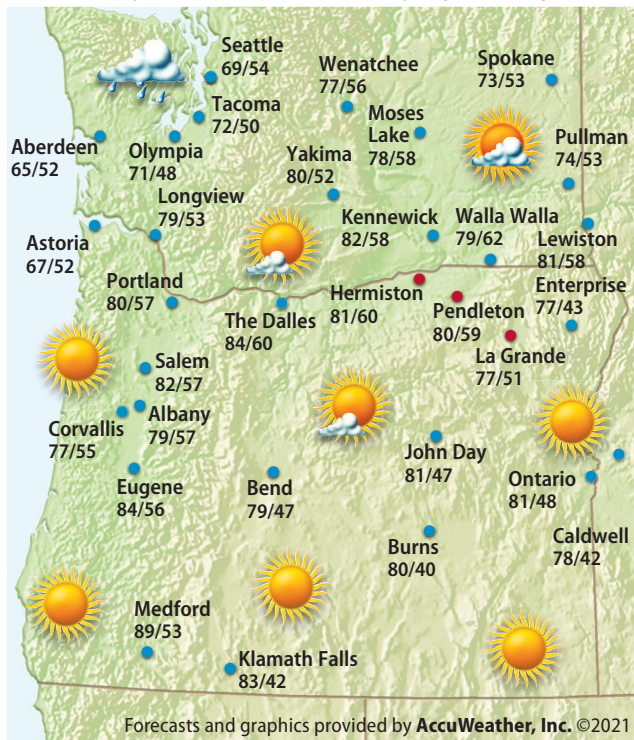
The 2021 Pendleton Round-Up week began Sept. 11, with the Dress-Up Parade in the morning in downtown Pendleton and a kickoff concert in the evening at the Happy Canyon Arena. The week extends through Sept. 18.

Forecast for Pendleton Area



OREGON FORECAST

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



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	72°	53°
Normals	81°	51°
Records	97° (1948)	28° (1921)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	0.21"
Year to date	4.46"
Last year to date	8.68"
Normal year to date	8.86"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	76°	59°
Normals	82°	49°
Records	94° (2009)	33° (2014)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.13"
Year to date	1.97"
Last year to date	1.66"
Normal year to date	5.44"

WINDS (in mph)

	Today	Wed.
Boardman	SW 6-12	WSW 8-16
Pendleton	W 4-8	W 10-20

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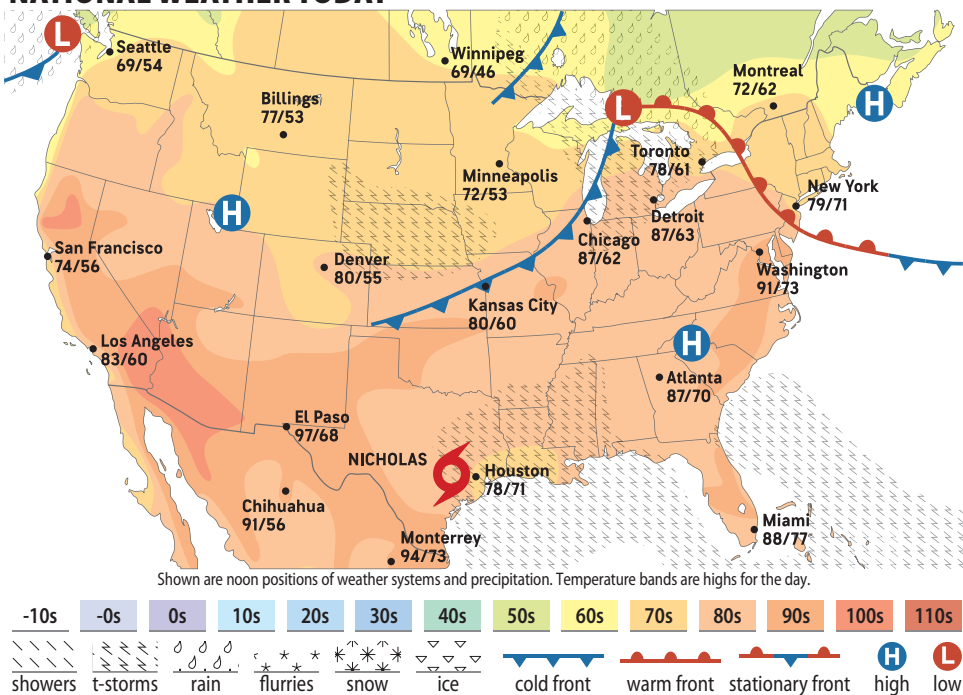
Sunrise today	6:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:48 p.m.
Moonset today	none

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NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 112° in Blythe, Calif. Low 24° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Oregon's lack of crisis standards of care worries health care officials

By **KATHERINE COOK**
KGW News

PORTLAND — With COVID-19 cases surging in Idaho's panhandle and hospitals there exceeding capacity, the state of Idaho recently activated its crisis standards of care.

That means care is not guaranteed for everyone.

Instead, doctors are advised to treat patients who are most likely to survive — not necessarily those whose conditions are most critical. The goal by doing that is saving as many lives as possible while space is limited.

But in Oregon, such crisis care standards no longer exist.

"A pandemic is the time when you absolutely need crisis standards of care in place," said Becky Hultberg, president and CEO of the Oregon Association of Hospi-

tals and Health Systems. "So for us to not have them right now is really troubling."

Hultberg said having a crisis standards of care document is important for health-care workers in Oregon as well as patients. She believes everyone should understand how care will always be delivered when resources can no longer meet demand.

"We're not having to allocate a scarce resource like a ventilator at this point, but having the guidance in place gives clinicians the path forward to making these really tough decisions."

Oregon had a crisis standards of care document with that guidance in 2018. But last year, the state said the document was discriminatory.

In December 2020, the Oregon Health Authority replaced the crisis care standards document with four

"crisis care principles," which the OHA developed with community input. Those principles are nondiscrimination, health equity, patient-led decision making and transparent communications.

An Oregon Health Authority spokesperson told KGW no new crisis guidelines are in development and they expect health care providers to apply the principles.

While Hultberg agrees the 2018 guidance needed revision, she said she believes the state still needs actual crisis care standards both for now and in the future. She said she does not believe the list of principles on its own provides the kind of detailed information that would help clinicians during a crisis.

"These are wrenching choices to make but avoiding the conversation does not solve the problem," she said.

IN BRIEF

Large freight load to cause traffic delays in Baker County

BAKER CITY — Motorists should expect nighttime delays of up to 20 minutes on Oregon Highway 86 — the Baker-Copperfield Highway — this week, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 15.

The travel impacts will occur between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. the following morning to accommodate a 16-foot-wide, 185-foot-long and 421,726-pound load of transformer equipment. Delays are expected to run through Sept. 17.

The shipment will travel between 25 and 50 mph through Baker County, primarily on Highway 86. Motorists should watch for pilot cars, flaggers, traffic control crews and to plan extra travel time during this nighttime operation.

ODFW commission to adopt 2021 big game regulations

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission looks to adopt

the remaining 2022 big game regulations when it meets Friday, Sept. 17, online beginning at 8 a.m.

The regulations include a new Rocky Mountain bighorn hunt that is proposed to be added as part of a rotation among the states of Oregon and Washington and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The commission also will approve funding for several access and habitat projects that provide hunting access or improve wildlife habitat on private land and approve a project recommended by the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund, which is a Green Jobs Training and Internship Program in partnership with Forest Park Conservancy and other natural resource organizations.

Commissioners also will hold a public forum for people to comment on topics not on the agenda the morning of Sept. 17 following the director's report. To participate in the public forum, call the ODFW director's office at 503-947-6044 by Sept. 15 at 8 a.m.

Public comments also can be emailed to odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov.

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