

EOU Board of Trustees names interim co-presidents

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Richard Chaves and Lara Moore will take over as interim co-presidents of Eastern Oregon University on Sept. 1, the university announced in a release Friday, Aug. 19.

The Eastern Oregon University Board of Trustees made the decision after convening for a special session on Aug. 19. The move was made necessary by the announcement earlier this month that current president, Tom Insko, would be leaving his post at the end of September. Insko has been named president and chief executive officer at Collins, a wood products company based in Wilsonville.

“We don’t make this choice lightly,” said Cheryl Martin, vice chair of the board of trustees. “We want to provide the university, and most important, our students, with stability, continuity and momentum as they come into the new year.”

After discussing the options for interim president, the board voted to adopt resolution 22-07 appointing Moore, the vice president for finance and administration, and Chaves, the current board chair, as interim co-presidents. Chaves will resign



Moore



Insko

from the board to assume his new duties. The resolution also encourages the extension of interim provost Matt Seimears’ appointment until June 30, 2024.

The board began discussions of interim leadership at its retreat earlier this month. During its special session, the board held a lengthy review about its options for appointing interim leadership following President Insko’s resignation in early August.

The board discussed the options of appointing co-presidents, naming an external interim president who has experience working with the university, elevating an internal individual or conducting a search for an interim appointment.

Over the past two weeks, the board engaged with EOU’s shared governance bodies to gain feedback from faculty, students and staff to inform its decision. They also reached out to employee labor groups and connected

with the university’s alumni board and foundation board to understand the impact the decision may have on each organization.

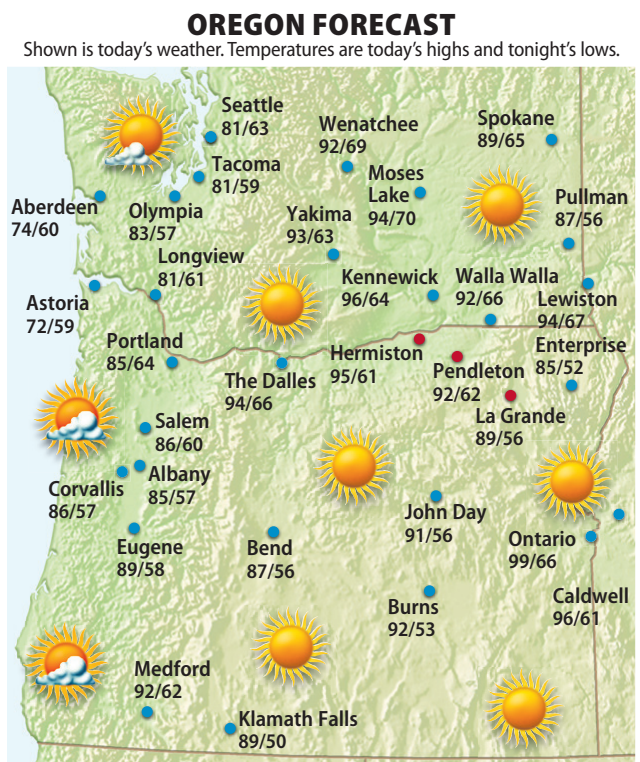
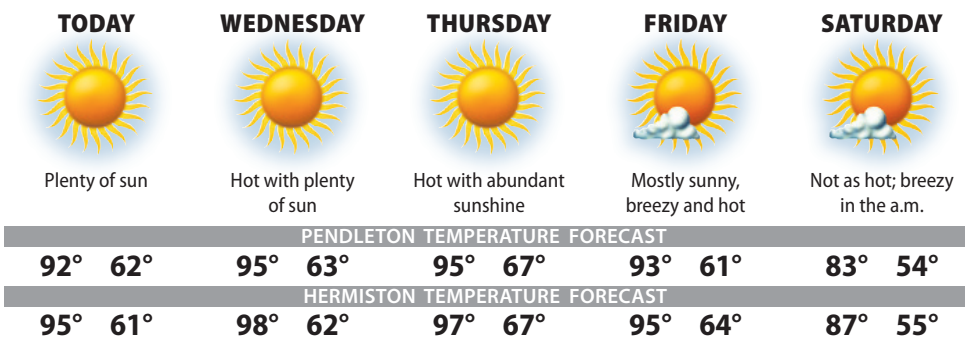
“After having listened to the discussion and reading public comments, we (decided we) need to take the time to find the next great leader of EOU,” trustee Cedric Riel said. “For the interim, I think we should go with people who are passionate about and committed to the university. I believe Lara and Richard are those people.”

Martin also stressed the importance of new leadership working with the academic side of the university and engaging with deans and Seimears. Trustee and professor Anna Cavinato strongly encouraged open communication to seek feedback from the faculty.

“I believe in EOU’s community,” Moore said. “We have gone through a number of leadership transitions in the past, and I have confidence that we will come out of this transition with a great leader for EOU. In the meantime, I’m ready for a fantastic year.”

The board will meet in the next few weeks to determine how to proceed with the search process.

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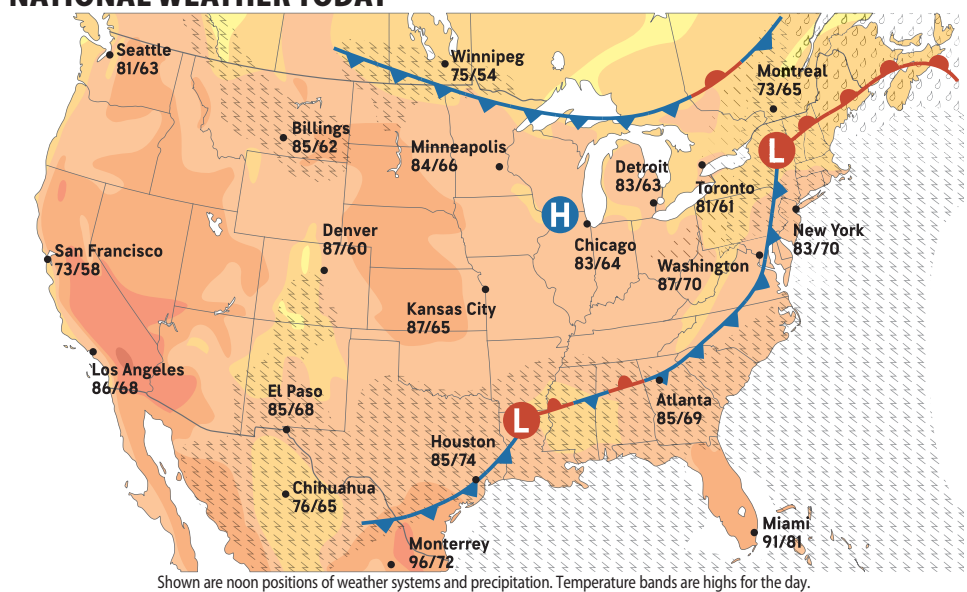


ALMANAC section containing weather records and sunrise/sunset times for Pendleton and Hermiston.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday’s National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 109° in China Lake, Calif. Low 34° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Movable Museum

Military vehicles plan to make a stop in Baker City



Dan McCluskey/Contributed Photo

A convoy of military vehicles takes a break on Friday, Aug. 19, 2022, while en route to a visit in Baker City on Aug. 24.



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Military vehicles along Highway 410 in Washington on Aug. 16, 2022. The convoy is scheduled to visit Baker City on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

By CLAYTON FRANKE Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — Dan McCluskey is heading for Baker City in his three-quarter ton Vietnam-era M37 cargo truck.

But his rig — along with the 32 other military vehicles he’s traveling with — won’t be delivering any cargo.

Instead, McCluskey describes the convoy as a moving museum.

“Our goal is to show everybody how the military used their vehicles,” McCluskey said. “They see military vehicles in museums on static display, but we’re out there to show them how they used them in motion.”

“We’re putting hundreds of miles on them, day in, day out. This is how they moved them in convoy order.”

McCluskey, a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association, is the convoy commander for the 2022 MVPA Northwest Parks Motor Convoy, which is scheduled to arrive in Baker City on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 24, and spend the night at the Baker County Fairgrounds north of Campbell Street between Grove and East streets.

McCluskey said the convoy is “fully on track for all of the scheduled stops.”

After spending the night of Aug. 23 at the Grant County Fairgrounds in John Day, the convoy stops in Sumpter for lunch on Aug. 24 and arrive in Baker City via Highway 7. He guessed the line of vehicles would roll north on Main Street through downtown Baker City at around 3 to 4 o’clock that afternoon.

Then, the convoy will arrange in close order at the fairgrounds.

“We encourage the public to come out and visit,” McCluskey said.

“We’ll be camping right there on the fairgrounds, so we’re gonna have about 33 military vehicles there for them to walk around, talk to our people, look at the vehicles.”



Dan McCluskey/Contributed Photo

A group of military vehicles is slated to visit Baker City on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022.

ier National Park, Mount St. Helens, Mount Hood, Washington’s Pacific Coast, Oregon Trail sites, Hells Canyon and other significant military sites after leaving Kamiah, Idaho, the start point, on Aug. 14.

Occasionally, McCluskey said, members from MVPA affiliations along the route join in for segments of the journey. MVPA has affiliate clubs in Woodland, Washington, and in Wilsonville.

McCluskey said the vehicles — from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and current eras — can’t travel faster than 35 mph.

“That’s our max speed,” he said. “A lot of times it’s a lot less because we are going up over hills. These old military vehicles are definitely not doing 60 miles per hour going over the grades.”

Three units make up the convoy during travel: the “heavies,” 1.5- through 5-ton vehicles, lead the charge, followed by ¾-ton Dodge cargo trucks, followed by the jeep unit.

McCluskey said they travel anywhere from 85 to 170 miles per day.

This 1,600-mile trip isn’t the longest McCluskey and the MVPA have completed. They traveled the Lincoln military highway, which spans from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco, in 2009, and completed the Bankhead Route from D.C. to Seattle in 2015. They also drove from Seattle to Plymouth Rock last year.

McCluskey said people usually show their support when they see the convoy.

“Along the way, we’ll have people out at the end of their driveways, waving flags, waiting for the convoy to go by,” he said.

The convoy will leave the Baker County Fairgrounds at 7 a.m. on the morning of Aug. 25 and stop in Oxbow, at the Oregon/Idaho border, for lunch. It will then head north for an afternoon display in Joseph and spend the night at the Eagle Cap Shooters Association in Enterprise.

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