## AccuWeather.com Forecast **SUNDAY** Variably cloudy, a Mostly cloudy, a A few showers; Cooler with a shower or two shower or two shower; breezy windy in the a.m. shower or two PENDLETO TEMPERATURE FORECAST 46° 48° **56°** 68° **54°** 60° 38° 58° 48° 62° 60° 50° 66° **70°** 54° 40° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 58/52 Wenatchee 54/44 54/42 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses through 3 p.m. yesterday Lake **Pullman** Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 58/44 **TEMPERATURE** 57/42 60/53 59/50 HIGH Longview Yesterday Kennewick Walla Walla 59/52 Lewiston 77° (1906) 59/49 57/47 13° (1911) Astoria Records 58/46 **PRECIPITATION** Portland **Enterprise** Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m Pendleton 56/38 61/51 60/50 The Dalles Month to date 0.21 0.90" Normal month to date 59/48 La Grande Salem 6.03' Last year to date 64/51 9.00' Normal year to date Albany Corvallis **HERMISTON** 63/51 John Day 64/49 through 3 p.m. yesterday 58/45 Ontario ( Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE**

## REGIONAL FORECAST

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

Klamath Falls

53/35

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain in the morning, but any time across the north today

64/49

66/45

Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower or two today, but rain and drizzle in the upper Treasure Valley

Western Washington: Rain and drizzle today; morning rain, then a shower across

with a little rain. Cascades: Mostly cloudy today with a

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today

Burns

56/30

or two tonight. Northern California: Periods of rain today only in the morning at the coast. Partly

couple of showers; cooler. A passing shower

## **Today** Hi Lo W Thu. Hi Lo W 62 54 c 55 30 sh Astoria Baker City 51 r 35 c 62 54 35 sh 50 r 55 36 c 62 50 pc 56 25 c Bend Brookings Burns 30 sh 38 sh 49 r 31 sh 47 sh 56 64 Enterprise Eugene 44 sh 50 sh 42 c 56 60 58 66 55 57 48 c Hermiston 45 sh 31 sh 40 sh 28 pc John Day Klamath Falls 57 La Grande 41 sh 56 38 sh 42 sh 45 r 38 sh 41 pc 53 66 Medford 66 51 r 52 r 40 r 52 c 51 c Newport North Bend 34 c Ontario 62 Pasco 59 57 48 sh Pendleton 46 sh 51 r 34 c 53 sh 31 c Portland 61 Redmond Salem 64 54 51 42 53 Ukiah 53 41 sh 36 sh 52 r 47 sh 52 sh 48 sh Walla Walla 59 39 sh **WORLD CITIES**

**REGIONAL CITIES** 

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London	58	51	C	60	53	r		
Mexico City	71	57	t	72	2 55	t		
Moscow	38	24	C	35	29	рс		
Paris	58	48	r	59	50	c		
Rome	67	56	t	66	48	t		
Seoul	60	34	S	58	33	sh		
Sydney	71	58	рс	72	2 58	S		
Tokyo	74	60	рс	64	1 56	r		

## WINDS (in mph) **Today** Thursday Boardman WSW 3-6 WSW 8-16 W 4-8 WSW 10-20

2 = 1 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

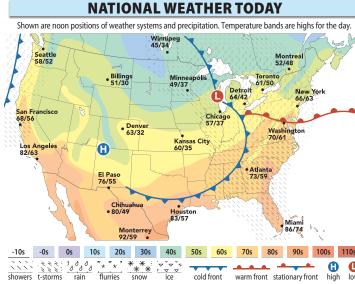
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National Summary: Drenching rain and gusty winds will spread from the Great Lakes to the Northeast today as thunderstorms rattle the Southeast. Some rain will move through the Northwest and northern California

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 94° in Imperial, Calif. Low 16° in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

NATIONAL CITIES												
	Т	oday	Thur.				T	Today		T	Thur.	
	Hi	Lo W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo \	W
Albuquerque	64	43 s	62	45	рс	Louisville	68	49	sh	62	41 9	S
Atlanta	73	59 c	72	51	рс	Memphis	74	53	рс	72	44 9	S
Atlantic City	66	64 r	71	50	рс	Miami	86	74	sh	86	74 1	t
Baltimore	69	56 r	73	42	рс	Milwaukee	58	39	r	51	39 (	C
Billings	51	30 s	55	38	рс	Minneapolis	49	37	C	50	36 (	C
Birmingham	74	59 c	75	48	рс	Nashville	70	53	C	68	40 9	S
Boise	60	41 c	57	37	C	New Orleans	80	65	рс	81	63	рс
Boston	57	56 r	71	47	рс	New York City	66	63	r	74	49	рс
Charleston, SC	80	63 t	80	59	рс	Oklahoma City	69	45	S	66	45	pc
Charleston, WV	72	52 t	64	39	c	Omaha	57	35	C	54	34 9	S
Chicago	57	37 r	52	37	C	Philadelphia	70	62	r	75	48	рс
Cleveland	66	45 r	53	42	C	Phoenix	86	67	S	80	61	pc
Dallas	76	51 s	77	56	рс	Portland, ME	54	51	r	68	41 i	r
Denver	63	32 s	59	35	рс	Providence	61	57	r	72	45	рс
Detroit	64	42 r	52	39	sh	Raleigh	74	60	t	77	47	pc
El Paso	76	55 s	76	54	рс	Rapid City	47	18	рс	50	29	S
Fairbanks	35	26 c	29	22	sn	Reno	58	38	sh	60	35	рс
Fargo	45	35 c	48	32	рс	Sacramento	72	52	sh	80	53	S
Honolulu	88	75 pc	89	75	рс	St. Louis	65	43	C	58	40 9	S
Houston	83	57 s	80	60	рс	Salt Lake City	62	44	рс	52	40 9	sh
Indianapolis	63	40 sh	55	38	рс	San Diego	77	66	рс	76	63	рс
Jacksonville	86	62 c	83	60	рс	San Francisco	68	56		71	57	S
Kansas City	60	35 pc	55	35	S	Seattle	58	52	r	59	53 ı	r
Las Vegas ´	79	61 pc	75	57	рс	Tucson	84	59	S	76	56	рс
Little Rock	76	50 pc	73	45	S	Washington, DC	70	61	r	74	48	pc
Los Angeles	82	63 c	81	62	рс	Wichita	66	38	S	59	39	S

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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# Police recruits stumble on fitness, background checks

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**SUN AND MOON** 

New

SALEM — For Oregon's police agencies and correcfacilities. finding new officers is becoming increasingly difficult. Scores applicants are failing required background checks, psychological assessments and physical fitness tests.

And many of Oregon's corrections police and officers are Baby Boomers becoming eligible to retire.

High retirement rates combined with tough recruiting is creating a law enforcement labor gap. According to Eriks Gabliks, this isn't just a problem for Oregon — it's a nationwide issue made worse by poor public opinion of the police.

It's a problem already affecting the number of police patrolling Oregon's streets and staffing its jails and prisons.

At an Oct. 22 public

meeting of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, of which Gablisks is the director, about two dozen high-ranking law enforcement officers discussed the impending gap. Most agreed it was a pressing issue.

In one situation, the Gresham Police Department had 12 openings. More than

200 people applied. "At the end of the day they were able to offer jobs

to two people," Gabliks said. Lt. Chris Baldridge of the Marion County Sheriff's Department said high retirement numbers have left 26

openings for deputies. "Recruiting and hiring qualified candidates is a true problem right now, especially in the area of finding women who want to work for us," he said.

The same trend is hitting the Salem Police Department.

"When we have a number

of openings that we advertise for, we get a lot of applicants and a very small amount that come out as qualified in the end," said Lt. David Okada of Salem PD.

The department expecting retirement numbers to rise in the coming

years. Gabliks said the first place recruits are failing is physical fitness assessments. Those tests require sit-ups, push-ups and running.

Next is the background check, where applicants

truthfully disclose details about their past including prior arrests and convictions, tickets, or other conduct unbecoming of a law enforcement officer.

Gabliks said police chiefs and sheriffs have reported to him that agencies are seeing high "wash out rates" because applicants aren't being truthful with background investigators.

"They're seeing people that can't manage their own checkbook," he said.

Gabliks said recruiters are

fail to list prior arrests or drug activity, then say they forgot to add it to their application. Many applicants are

reporting that applicants will

also reportedly failing their psychological exams. Gabliks said although recruiting is tough, standards

can't be lowered. "We have to be beyond

reproach," he said. More than 150 Oregon

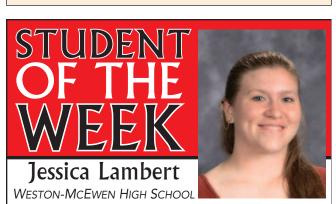
State Police troopers will become eligible for retirement in the next two years. OSP only has one full-time

For the Marion County Sheriff's Department, there's job openings, but they need qualified applicants to fill them. The department finds itself between a rock and a hard place. They need deputies, but can't sacrifice their high expectations for recruits.

"I don't have a great solution," Baldridge said. "People provide us with an immense amount of trust. We have to do our due diligence and our checks and balances."

## Corrections

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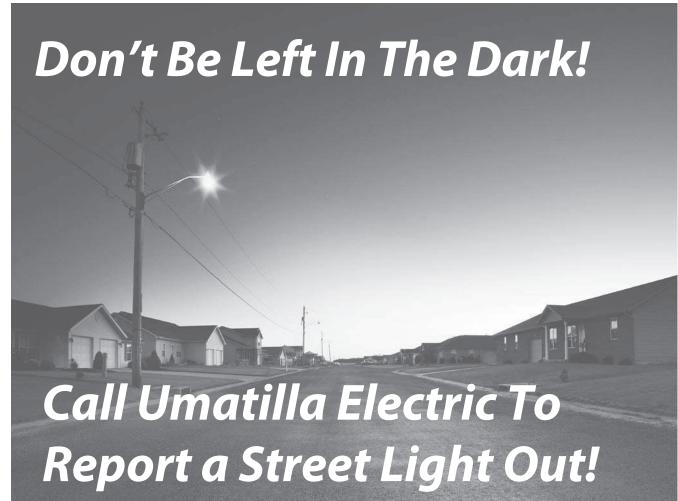


Jessica is a senior at Weston-McEwen High School with a 4.15 GPA. Jessica has served as the Class President of her class four years running. She is also President of the National Honor Society and the current ASB treasurer for the school. Jessica was awarded the Masonic Excellence Award for Outstanding Junior last year and has received numerous other academic awards as well. After graduation Jessica plans on attending college to study elementary education and hopefully play softball at the collegiate level.

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