

AccuWeather.com Forecast

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | | | |
| Cloudy with a few showers | Clouds giving way to some sun | Spotty showers in the afternoon | Mostly sunny | Partial sunshine |

| PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 53° | 36° | 50° | 30° | 52° |
| 36° | 30° | 34° | 28° | 28° |

| HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 56° | 35° | 55° | 28° | 52° |
| 35° | 28° | 31° | 27° | 31° |

ALMANAC

PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | |
|-------------|------------|
| HIGH | LOW |
| 55° | 40° |
| Yesterday | 49° |
| Normals | 47° |
| Records | 76° (1902) |

PRECIPITATION

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.12" |
| Month to date | 0.78" |
| Normal month to date | 0.74" |
| Year to date | 2.29" |
| Last year to date | 1.48" |
| Normal year to date | 2.12" |

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

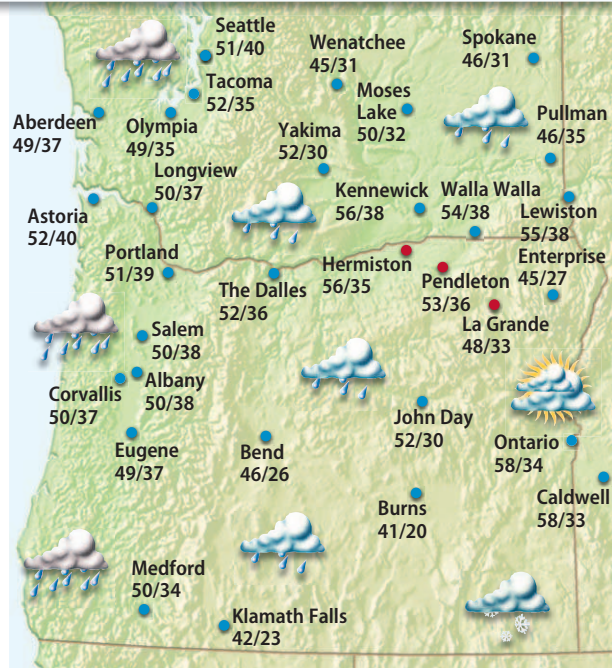
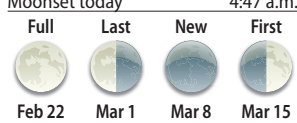
| TEMPERATURE | |
|-------------|------------|
| HIGH | LOW |
| 59° | 38° |
| Yesterday | 49° |
| Normals | 49° |
| Records | 71° (1930) |

PRECIPITATION

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.06" |
| Month to date | 0.30" |
| Normal month to date | 0.62" |
| Year to date | 1.40" |
| Last year to date | 1.05" |
| Normal year to date | 1.90" |

SUN AND MOON

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today | 6:52 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 5:27 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 2:46 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 4:47 a.m. |



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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Breezy today with periods of rain. Cloudy tonight with a shower in places.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A couple of showers today with clouds and limited sunshine; snow level near 5,000 feet.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a couple of leftover showers.

Eastern Washington: Showers today, but a bit of snow with little or no accumulation in the mountains.

Cascades: Periods of rain and snow today with snow levels mostly above 4,000 feet.

Northern California: Rain today, a little snow, mainly later in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Sat. | | |
|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Astoria | 52 | 40 | r | 53 | 40 | c |
| Baker City | 45 | 25 | sf | 41 | 21 | c |
| Bend | 46 | 26 | sh | 45 | 25 | pc |
| Brookings | 50 | 40 | r | 55 | 42 | c |
| Burns | 41 | 20 | sn | 39 | 18 | pc |
| Enterprise | 45 | 27 | sh | 41 | 21 | c |
| Eugene | 49 | 37 | r | 54 | 34 | pc |
| Hepner | 52 | 32 | c | 48 | 28 | pc |
| Hermiston | 56 | 35 | sh | 55 | 28 | pc |
| John Day | 52 | 30 | sh | 49 | 30 | pc |
| Klamath Falls | 42 | 23 | r | 44 | 24 | pc |
| La Grande | 48 | 33 | sh | 46 | 28 | c |
| Meacham | 45 | 30 | r | 42 | 26 | c |
| Medford | 50 | 34 | r | 54 | 33 | pc |
| Newport | 50 | 42 | r | 53 | 42 | pc |
| North Bend | 53 | 42 | r | 57 | 42 | pc |
| Ontario | 58 | 34 | pc | 51 | 29 | pc |
| Pasco | 56 | 37 | sh | 55 | 30 | pc |
| Pendleton | 53 | 36 | sh | 50 | 30 | pc |
| Portland | 51 | 39 | r | 52 | 38 | c |
| Redmond | 50 | 25 | sh | 49 | 24 | pc |
| Salem | 50 | 38 | r | 55 | 34 | pc |
| Spokane | 46 | 31 | sh | 43 | 27 | pc |
| Ukiah | 47 | 28 | sn | 43 | 22 | pc |
| Vancouver | 49 | 39 | r | 51 | 36 | c |
| Walla Walla | 54 | 38 | sh | 52 | 34 | pc |
| Yakima | 52 | 30 | sh | 53 | 29 | pc |

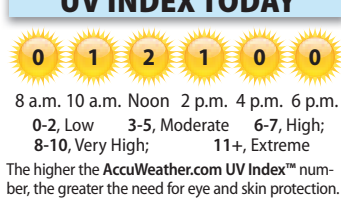
WORLD CITIES

| | Today | | | Sat. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Beijing | 45 | 20 | pc | 39 | 17 | s |
| Hong Kong | 64 | 57 | c | 64 | 57 | r |
| Jerusalem | 76 | 50 | s | 61 | 48 | pc |
| London | 49 | 46 | pc | 56 | 50 | r |
| Mexico City | 77 | 42 | s | 77 | 42 | s |
| Moscow | 24 | 18 | c | 29 | 16 | c |
| Paris | 46 | 39 | pc | 53 | 49 | sh |
| Rome | 58 | 45 | pc | 59 | 41 | s |
| Seoul | 43 | 24 | pc | 44 | 20 | pc |
| Sydney | 86 | 70 | s | 79 | 71 | t |
| Tokyo | 61 | 45 | s | 54 | 51 | r |

WINDS

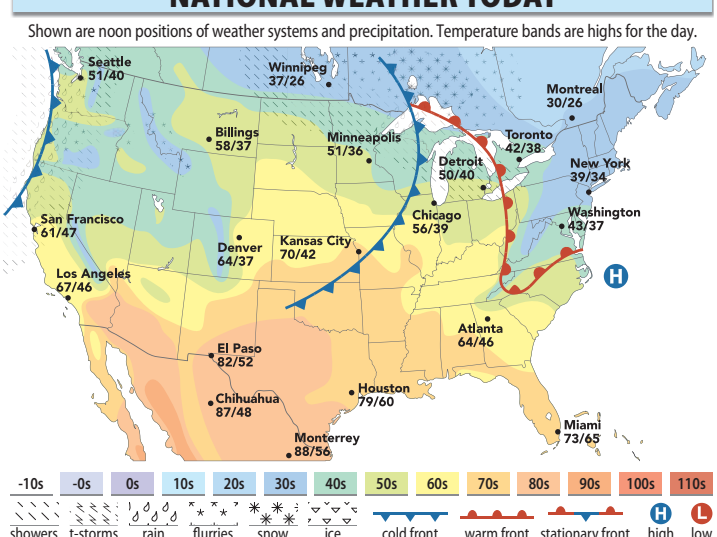
| (in mph) | Today | Saturday |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| Boardman | SSW 7-14 | WSW 6-12 |
| Pendleton | S 8-16 | WSW 6-12 |

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain and snow will brush the Upper Midwest with strong winds from the Plains to the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes today. Rain and mountain snow will affect the Pacific coast. Warmth will build in the South.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 91° in Canadian, Texas **Low** -17° in Watertown, N.Y.

NATIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Sat. | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Albuquerque | 72 | 42 | pc | 73 | 40 | pc |
| Atlanta | 64 | 46 | s | 68 | 53 | pc |
| Atlantic City | 41 | 37 | pc | 55 | 46 | pc |
| Baltimore | 40 | 32 | pc | 59 | 39 | pc |
| Billings | 58 | 37 | pc | 51 | 28 | pc |
| Birmingham | 68 | 53 | s | 67 | 56 | c |
| Boise | 57 | 34 | c | 48 | 31 | c |
| Boston | 37 | 31 | pc | 49 | 38 | c |
| Charleston, SC | 61 | 42 | s | 71 | 52 | pc |
| Charleston, WV | 58 | 46 | pc | 65 | 45 | pc |
| Chicago | 56 | 39 | pc | 53 | 33 | pc |
| Cleveland | 50 | 42 | c | 58 | 33 | pc |
| Dallas | 78 | 61 | pc | 78 | 61 | pc |
| Denver | 64 | 37 | s | 61 | 30 | s |
| Detroit | 50 | 40 | sh | 54 | 33 | s |
| El Paso | 82 | 52 | pc | 81 | 53 | pc |
| Fairbanks | 6 | -10 | s | 13 | -2 | pc |
| Fargo | 45 | 34 | c | 40 | 27 | pc |
| Honolulu | 80 | 68 | pc | 80 | 69 | c |
| Houston | 79 | 60 | pc | 79 | 62 | c |
| Indianapolis | 58 | 44 | pc | 66 | 40 | pc |
| Jacksonville | 68 | 45 | pc | 76 | 50 | s |
| Kansas City | 70 | 42 | s | 72 | 42 | pc |
| Las Vegas | 73 | 48 | pc | 74 | 49 | s |
| Little Rock | 71 | 58 | pc | 70 | 59 | c |
| Los Angeles | 67 | 46 | s | 73 | 48 | s |
| Louisville | 62 | 51 | pc | 69 | 52 | pc |
| Memphis | 69 | 59 | pc | 69 | 60 | c |
| Miami | 73 | 65 | pc | 74 | 66 | pc |
| Milwaukee | 51 | 38 | pc | 47 | 33 | pc |
| Minneapolis | 51 | 36 | sh | 46 | 31 | pc |
| Nashville | 67 | 55 | pc | 63 | 55 | c |
| New Orleans | 77 | 59 | s | 77 | 60 | pc |
| New York City | 39 | 34 | pc | 55 | 44 | pc |
| Oklahoma City | 75 | 55 | pc | 78 | 49 | pc |
| Omaha | 65 | 36 | s | 63 | 39 | s |
| Philadelphia | 40 | 35 | pc | 60 | 41 | pc |
| Phoenix | 83 | 56 | c | 85 | 55 | pc |
| Portland, ME | 34 | 27 | pc | 44 | 33 | sn |
| Providence | 39 | 29 | pc | 48 | 36 | c |
| Raleigh | 51 | 39 | s | 64 | 47 | pc |
| Rapid City | 62 | 33 | s | 58 | 29 | pc |
| Reno | 53 | 30 | c | 55 | 28 | pc |
| Sacramento | 60 | 42 | r | 63 | 38 | pc |
| St. Louis | 74 | 47 | s | 71 | 50 | pc |
| Salt Lake City | 54 | 35 | pc | 48 | 31 | pc |
| San Diego | 69 | 53 | pc | 71 | 54 | s |
| San Francisco | 61 | 47 | r | 61 | 46 | pc |
| Seattle | 51 | 40 | r | 51 | 38 | c |
| Tucson | 83 | 51 | c | 84 | 50 | pc |
| Washington, DC | 43 | 37 | pc | 61 | 42 | pc |
| Wichita | 72 | 47 | s | 74 | 41 | pc |

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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DOJ asked to investigate Palmer

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The state agency that licenses police officers has asked the Oregon Justice Department to investigate Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer, who met with leaders of the armed wildlife refuge occupation and then was scheduled to speak at a community meeting featuring the occupiers.

The state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training made the request after it received several citizen complaints about Palmer's conduct in recent weeks.

The complaints and details of the allegations weren't immediately available, but the licensing agency notified at least one complainant that if the allegations were true, Palmer's conduct would violate state regulations.

Palmer, sheriff since 2000, didn't respond to requests for comment.

The licensing agency can take a range of action against Palmer's police certification, up to revocation, if it finds he violated rules or laws governing police conduct. The agency, however, has no authority to remove Palmer from office since he is an elected official. Only a recall election can remove him.

Palmer has drawn criticism for his association with the armed militants

who took over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge on Jan. 2. Ammon Bundy, the Idaho businessman who led the takeover, invited Palmer to visit the occupied refuge headquarters. Palmer declined, but he subsequently met twice with occupation leaders who traveled the roughly 100 miles from the refuge in Harney County north to Grant County.

Ryan Payne, a Montana militiaman who was the tactical leader of the refuge takeover, told *The Oregonian*/OregonLive that Palmer shared the militants' views. Payne is now in jail facing federal charges for both the Oregon takeover and his role in the 2014 armed standoff in Nevada involving rancher Cliven Bundy.

One of the other militants who met with Palmer, Jon Ritzheimer of Arizona, said he and Payne autographed the sheriff's pocket copy of the Constitution at Palmer's request. Ritzheimer also is facing a federal charge for his role in the occupation.

Ammon Bundy and other occupation leaders were heading for a town hall meeting in John Day on Jan. 26 when police stopped them about 20 miles north of Burns. Bundy and the others were

to address the community meeting, as was Palmer.

The meeting was organized by local residents who sympathized with Bundy's anti-government stand. Palmer was unaware that police planned to act against Bundy and others that day, according to law enforcement sources and Palmer's Facebook posts.

Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, 54, of Utah, attempted to elude police after that stop, repeatedly telling officers that he had a meeting with Palmer. Shawna Cox, who was in Finicum's truck that afternoon, said the occupiers believed Palmer could protect them.

Finicum was shot and killed after he encountered a roadblock, left his truck and reached for a loaded handgun, according to the FBI.

Palmer later referred to the police operation as an "ambush," a description that drew a sharp rebuke from the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, which represents all 36 elected sheriffs.

The appearance of the militants in Grant County and Palmer's association with them stirred concerns that the protesters intended to stake a second camp in the John Day area.



Palmer

Idaho eyed as potential site for small nuclear reactors

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy announced Thursday an agreement with an energy cooperative that could lead to the building of small commercial nuclear reactors at an eastern Idaho federal nuclear site.

The agency granted a site-use permit to Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) to access the 890-square-mile area containing the Idaho National Laboratory to find a spot to build what are called small modular reactors.

"UAMPS will seriously be traveling across the INL and looking at specific locations," company spokesman LaVarr Webb said.

picked out within two months, Webb said. However, additional steps in the process, such as an environmental analysis if the company decides to move forward, means the small modular reactors likely wouldn't be operational before 2023.

The Energy Department said the agreement advances President Barack Obama's plan for non-carbon producing energy. "Today's announcement is a part of the Department of Energy's ongoing commitment to strengthening nuclear energy's role in America's low carbon future," Lynn Orr, under secretary for science and energy at the agency, said in a statement.

Power would build the reactors that can individually produce 50 megawatts. Additional reactors could be built as power demands grow, with up to 12 reactors producing 600 megawatts.

Experts say the small reactors are designed to be safer than conventional nuclear plants by being able to shut down without human involvement in the event of a disaster.

The cost for 12 small modular reactors is about \$3 billion, NuScale has said, compared with about \$15 billion for a conventional nuclear plant. Part of the cost savings comes from building the modular reactors at a factory and then trucking them to their locations.

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