

AccuWeather.com Forecast

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | |
| Cloudy, a shower in the p.m. | Mostly cloudy, showers around | Rain and drizzle | Spotty showers in the afternoon | A little afternoon rain |
| PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
| 53° | 48° | 53° | 35° | 53° |
| HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
| 55° | 47° | 59° | 33° | 55° |
| 47° | 33° | 55° | 40° | 60° |
| 41° | 41° | 41° | 41° | 41° |

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH | LOW |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Yesterday | 50° | 31° |
| Normals | 53° | 34° |
| Records | 73° (2004) | 18° (1897) |

PRECIPITATION

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.44" |
| Normal month to date | 0.29" |
| Year to date | 2.81" |
| Last year to date | 1.55" |
| Normal year to date | 2.84" |

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH | LOW |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Yesterday | 51° | 28° |
| Normals | 55° | 32° |
| Records | 72° (2005) | 15° (1931) |

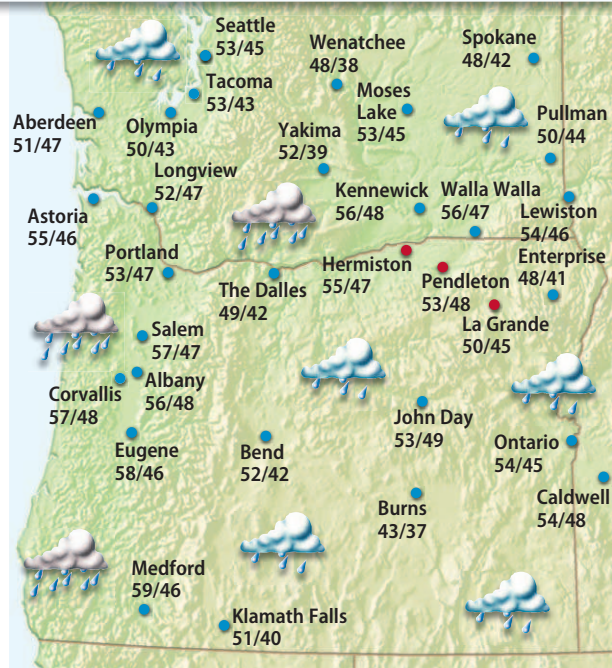
PRECIPITATION

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.43" |
| Normal month to date | 0.26" |
| Year to date | 1.92" |
| Last year to date | 1.06" |
| Normal year to date | 2.53" |

SUN AND MOON

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today | 6:19 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 5:53 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 6:42 a.m. |
| Moonset today | 7:05 p.m. |

| First | Full | Last | New |
|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Mar 15 | Mar 23 | Mar 31 | Apr 7 |



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Windy today with periods of rain; warmer in central parts.

Eastern Washington: Rain today, but a snow shower in the mountains.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower today; however, rain and drizzle in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Cloudy today. Rain; a passing morning shower, then periods of rain in central parts.

Cascades: Rain; arriving during the afternoon in the south. A bit of snow and rain in the south this morning.

Northern California: Rain today; however, a little snow in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Thu. | | |
|---------------|-------|----|---|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Astoria | 55 | 46 | r | 54 | 41 | sh |
| Baker City | 46 | 40 | r | 54 | 37 | r |
| Bend | 52 | 42 | r | 51 | 29 | sh |
| Brookings | 58 | 50 | r | 54 | 45 | r |
| Burns | 43 | 37 | r | 50 | 33 | r |
| Enterprise | 48 | 41 | r | 54 | 36 | r |
| Eugene | 58 | 46 | r | 58 | 37 | sh |
| Hepner | 53 | 45 | r | 54 | 38 | sh |
| Hermiston | 55 | 47 | c | 59 | 33 | sh |
| John Day | 53 | 49 | r | 58 | 44 | r |
| Klamath Falls | 51 | 40 | r | 51 | 36 | r |
| La Grande | 50 | 45 | c | 55 | 32 | r |
| Meacham | 47 | 42 | c | 51 | 31 | r |
| Medford | 59 | 46 | r | 54 | 43 | sh |
| Newport | 56 | 49 | r | 55 | 45 | sh |
| North Bend | 61 | 49 | r | 58 | 46 | sh |
| Ontario | 54 | 45 | r | 64 | 43 | c |
| Pasco | 56 | 45 | r | 60 | 33 | c |
| Pendleton | 53 | 48 | c | 53 | 35 | sh |
| Portland | 53 | 47 | r | 57 | 42 | sh |
| Redmond | 54 | 39 | r | 54 | 32 | sh |
| Salem | 57 | 47 | r | 58 | 40 | sh |
| Spokane | 48 | 42 | c | 50 | 34 | sh |
| Ukiah | 48 | 43 | r | 53 | 34 | r |
| Vancouver | 53 | 47 | r | 55 | 39 | sh |
| Walla Walla | 56 | 47 | c | 56 | 42 | sh |
| Yakima | 52 | 39 | r | 59 | 29 | pc |

WORLD CITIES

| | Today | | | Thu. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Beijing | 43 | 22 | pc | 45 | 18 | s |
| Hong Kong | 72 | 57 | c | 59 | 51 | r |
| Jerusalem | 75 | 53 | s | 66 | 49 | s |
| London | 48 | 39 | r | 49 | 36 | c |
| Mexico City | 60 | 44 | sh | 59 | 35 | pc |
| Moscow | 39 | 30 | c | 42 | 27 | pc |
| Paris | 46 | 33 | r | 50 | 35 | c |
| Rome | 54 | 40 | sh | 56 | 42 | sh |
| Seoul | 41 | 21 | pc | 39 | 24 | s |
| Sydney | 89 | 74 | s | 84 | 73 | pc |
| Tokyo | 55 | 39 | r | 47 | 37 | pc |

WINDS

| (in mph) | Today | Thursday |
|-----------|---------|----------|
| Boardman | ESE 3-6 | SW 4-8 |
| Pendleton | S 6-12 | SW 6-12 |

UV INDEX TODAY

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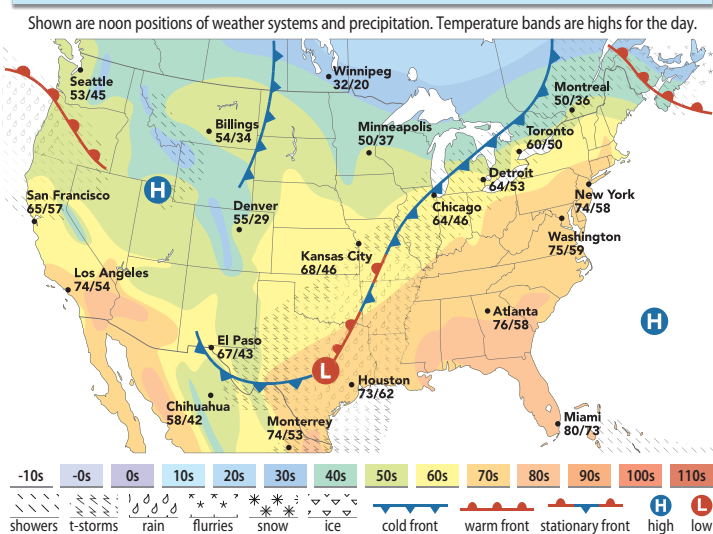
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain will fall from Texas and Louisiana to lower Michigan, upstate New York and northern Maine today with the greatest risk of severe weather and flooding in the South. Rain will dampen part of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 94° in Laredo, Texas **Low** -7° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Thur. | | | | Today | | | Thur. | | |
|----------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|----------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W | | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Albuquerque | 61 | 35 | s | 66 | 36 | s | Louisville | 74 | 60 | c | 75 | 60 | sh |
| Atlanta | 76 | 58 | pc | 76 | 63 | pc | Memphis | 76 | 66 | t | 74 | 67 | r |
| Atlantic City | 68 | 53 | s | 70 | 57 | pc | Miami | 80 | 73 | pc | 82 | 72 | pc |
| Baltimore | 77 | 55 | s | 79 | 63 | pc | Milwaukee | 58 | 40 | c | 47 | 35 | c |
| Billings | 54 | 34 | pc | 65 | 44 | pc | Minneapolis | 50 | 37 | c | 53 | 36 | pc |
| Birmingham | 80 | 63 | pc | 79 | 67 | c | Nashville | 77 | 63 | pc | 78 | 65 | c |
| Boise | 54 | 46 | c | 63 | 46 | c | New Orleans | 80 | 69 | c | 78 | 64 | r |
| Boston | 68 | 54 | pc | 60 | 45 | sh | New York City | 74 | 58 | pc | 75 | 58 | pc |
| Charleston, SC | 78 | 58 | s | 79 | 62 | pc | Oklahoma City | 69 | 50 | t | 63 | 46 | c |
| Charleston, WV | 78 | 54 | s | 79 | 60 | c | Omaha | 62 | 40 | c | 63 | 39 | pc |
| Chicago | 64 | 46 | sh | 51 | 38 | sh | Philadelphia | 78 | 56 | s | 78 | 61 | pc |
| Cleveland | 68 | 55 | c | 65 | 41 | r | Phoenix | 81 | 55 | s | 86 | 58 | s |
| Dallas | 71 | 56 | r | 64 | 55 | r | Portland, ME | 60 | 45 | pc | 50 | 34 | r |
| Denver | 55 | 29 | s | 62 | 37 | s | Providence | 68 | 54 | pc | 63 | 47 | sh |
| Detroit | 64 | 53 | r | 64 | 40 | r | Raleigh | 78 | 54 | s | 80 | 58 | pc |
| El Paso | 67 | 43 | pc | 70 | 43 | s | Rapid City | 58 | 26 | pc | 64 | 37 | s |
| Fairbanks | 20 | 5 | s | 26 | 3 | pc | reno | 60 | 41 | c | 64 | 42 | pc |
| Fargo | 45 | 31 | s | 53 | 38 | s | Sacramento | 65 | 54 | r | 66 | 54 | r |
| Honolulu | 77 | 66 | c | 77 | 69 | pc | St. Louis | 66 | 54 | r | 64 | 51 | r |
| Houston | 73 | 62 | t | 75 | 60 | t | Salt Lake City | 56 | 40 | c | 67 | 45 | pc |
| Indianapolis | 67 | 55 | r | 67 | 48 | r | San Diego | 68 | 56 | s | 69 | 57 | pc |
| Jacksonville | 80 | 59 | s | 83 | 61 | pc | San Francisco | 65 | 57 | r | 65 | 57 | r |
| Kansas City | 68 | 46 | c | 64 | 44 | pc | Seattle | 53 | 45 | r | 55 | 38 | sh |
| Las Vegas | 74 | 53 | pc | 79 | 55 | pc | Tucson | 74 | 45 | s | 82 | 48 | s |
| Little Rock | 72 | 63 | r | 70 | 62 | r | Washington, DC | 75 | 59 | s | 80 | 63 | pc |
| Los Angeles | 74 | 54 | pc | 75 | 55 | pc | Wichita | 66 | 45 | c | 68 | 43 | 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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State weighs vendors for health insurance market software

By HILLARY BORRUD
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon is considering proposals by four companies to provide a new software platform for the state's health insurance marketplace.

The state uses the federal insurance exchange, Healthcare.gov, and state officials began to explore other options after the federal government decided to begin charging insurance companies a fee to use the exchange in Oregon.

Oregon has used the federal platform since its own insurance portal, Cover Oregon, failed to launch in 2013. The state and technology company Oracle, which built the Cover Oregon system, are still engaged in a legal battle over who is to blame for the problems.

Oregon insurers can continue to use the federal insurance exchange free of charge through the end of this year but in 2017, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services plans to begin charging insurance companies a fee of 1.5 percent of premiums in order to use the federal platform in Oregon. The rate could still increase in future years to the federal government's original proposal of 3 percent of premiums, according to Lisa Morawski, public information and communications director for the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services which handles the state's insurance exchange.

On Monday, however, Morawski said the state will not rush to decide whether to make another attempt at launching its own state insurance exchange. "We're going to be on healthcare.gov for sure for 2017," Morawski said.

The state also charges insurers a monthly fee of \$9.66 per insurance plan member, although the state has proposed lowering the fee to \$6 next year because

employees expect higher enrollment will continue to raise more money than anticipated. The state uses the money to pay for everything from publicity for the insurance exchange, to technology services and legal costs, according to a document from the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Four technology companies submitted proposals to provide the platform for Oregon's exchange by the deadline of noon Friday.

hCentive worked on insurance marketplaces for Arkansas, Massachusetts, Colorado, New York and the federal government, according to the company's website.

Vimo, Inc., which does business as GetInsured, worked on insurance exchanges in California, New Mexico, Idaho and Mississippi, according to the company's website.

Softheon, Inc. also worked on the Massachusetts exchange, according to company CEO Eugene Sayan and Michael Hendershop, the company's business development director for state and federal operations.

Brown, a dozen others file for governor

By PARIS ACHEN
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown was the last of a field of Democrats and Republicans to file for election for governor Tuesday, the deadline for the primary.

"I am certainly honored to have the opportunity to help make sure that every Oregonian has an opportunity to thrive and that we continue to grow the economy in every single corner of the state," Brown said Tuesday.

By Tuesday's deadline, the field of candidates included six Democrats, five Republicans and two Independents.

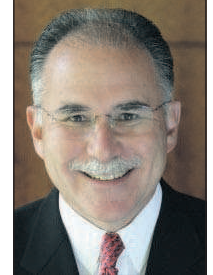
Brown is anticipated to be a shoo-in for the Democratic nomination, according to political analysts. The other Democrats who have filed for the May 17 primary include Ashland physician Julian Bell, Springfield professional driver Chet Chance, Walmart produce team member Kevin Forsythe of Newport, Portland home care worker Steve Johnson and Portland environmental engineer and attorney Dave Stauffer.

In the Republican primary, Lake Oswego businessman Allen Alley and Salem oncologist Bud Pierce are the frontrunners in the Republican field, according to political analysts.

Other Republicans who filed are Lyons real estate broker Bruce Cuff, state worker Bob Forthan of Portland and Tigard engineer Bob Niemeyer.



Brown



Alley

Independents Cliff Thomason, president Orhempco Inc., of Grants Pass, and certified nursing assistant Patrick W. Barney, of Gresham, also are vying the state's highest office.

Jim Moore, politics professor at Pacific University and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation, said Alley has the best chance in the Republican primary.

Alley, a technology investor and former CEO of Pixelworks, is a familiar face in Oregon politics. He served as deputy chief of staff in the administration of Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

He sought the Republican nomination for governor in 2010 but lost to Chris Dudley.

In 2008, he launched a successful bid for the Republican nomination for state treasurer in the primary and lost to Democrat Ben Westlund in the general election.

"Alley is an economic conservative. Social conservatives have virtually no

chance at winning Oregon statewide elections," Moore said. "Alley's business experience and ideas for policies will make him a stronger candidate than any of the other Republicans."

Pierce is counting on a national climate of dissatisfaction with career politicians — as demonstrated by support for presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump — to give him an edge in the race. While Alley has been out of the spotlight for several years, Pierce said Alley is an established politician.

"There is corruption and failed public policy in state government," Pierce said. "This is a time when people are looking for different kinds of leaders, and career politicians need to step aside."

"I believe I can win and the time will come when Oregon voters will say they don't want to vote for the same people," Pierce said.

Whoever is the Republican nominee, he will struggle to topple Brown, Moore said.

"Brown is a formidable opponent," Moore said. "Alley will have an uphill battle to break through the Democratic advantage in registration, especially in a presidential year when a higher and higher percentage of Democrats vote than in the off-year elections."

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Michael Shafer
 WESTON-MCEWEN HIGH SCHOOL

Michael is currently a junior at Weston-McEwen High School. He has a 4.57 GPA and ranked 1st in his class. Michael has served as president of his class both his freshman and sophomore years and is the student body representative to the school board this year. He is an active member of the Weston-McEwen Band and Pipes and Drums, FFA and plays tennis for the TigerScots. Last year as a sophomore he was awarded the Rickard McCracken award for outstanding sophomore boy. After graduation in 2017, Michael's plans include attending Harvard and obtaining his Juris Doctorate Degree in Law and then becoming a Politician.

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