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TODAY **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

Clouds and intervals of sun
Brilliant sunshine
Plenty of sunshine
Mild with plenty of sun
A stray afternoon shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
56° 33° 60° 36° 65° 40° 70° 47° 68° 45°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
64° 32° 65° 34° 69° 38° 74° 48° 73° 47°

ALMANAC

PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 49°	30°
Normals 58°	37°
Records 76° (1923)	23° (2008)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.49"
Normal month to date 1.29"
Year to date 3.86"
Last year to date 2.74"
Normal year to date 3.84"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

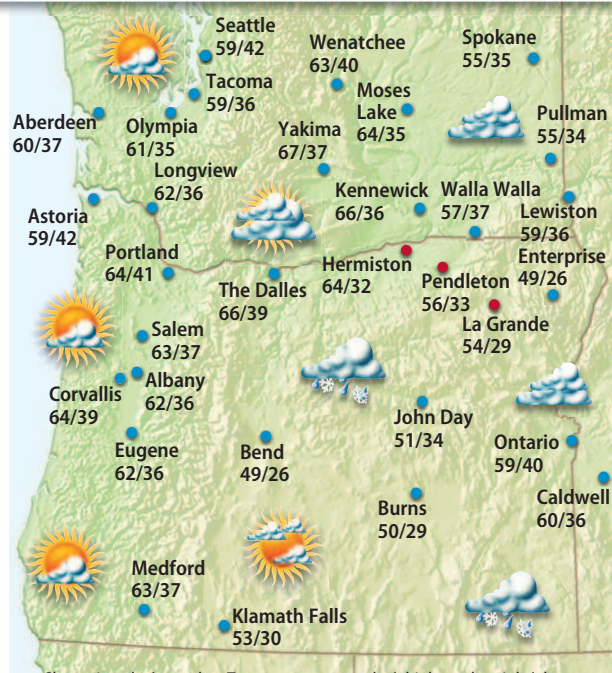
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 54°	34°
Normals 61°	37°
Records 78° (1930)	15° (1975)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.21"
Normal month to date 0.81"
Year to date 2.70"
Last year to date 1.52"
Normal year to date 3.08"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:40 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:20 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:28 a.m.
Moonset today 10:16 a.m.

Last New First Full
Mar 31 Apr 7 Apr 13 Apr 21



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. Clear tonight. Brilliant sunshine tomorrow; warmer in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Cloudy today; a couple of rain or snow showers in the south and central parts.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Partly sunny today; not as cool across the north. Mainly clear tonight.

Northern California: Partly sunny today; snow at times in the interior mountains. Mainly clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	59	42	pc	64	46	s
Baker City	52	28	c	58	27	s
Bend	49	26	c	56	26	s
Brookings	59	46	pc	64	45	s
Burns	50	29	c	59	28	s
Enterprise	49	26	c	54	28	s
Eugene	62	36	pc	68	40	s
Heppner	54	32	c	59	33	s
Hermiston	64	32	c	65	34	s
John Day	51	34	c	61	36	s
Klamath Falls	53	30	pc	60	28	s
La Grande	54	29	c	60	31	s
Meacham	51	29	c	57	28	s
Medford	63	37	pc	70	40	s
Newport	57	44	pc	63	46	s
North Bend	58	42	pc	65	45	s
Ontario	59	40	c	64	37	pc
Pasco	66	34	pc	68	35	s
Pendleton	56	33	c	60	36	s
Portland	64	41	pc	70	45	s
Redmond	52	25	c	58	26	s
Salem	63	37	pc	69	40	s
Spokane	55	35	pc	60	39	s
Ukiah	48	28	c	55	28	s
Vancouver	63	38	pc	68	41	s
Walla Walla	57	37	pc	61	40	pc
Yakima	67	37	s	70	39	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	73	38	s	71	37	s
Hong Kong	71	64	pc	74	66	s
Jerusalem	55	42	c	58	41	s
London	53	42	t	54	41	pc
Mexico City	81	52	s	82	52	s
Moscow	43	32	pc	45	36	pc
Paris	56	46	sh	52	43	sh
Rome	64	50	pc	65	52	pc
Seoul	54	36	sh	59	36	s
Sydney	77	63	t	77	64	t
Tokyo	60	52	s	66	53	pc

WINDS

(in mph) **Today** **Wednesday**

Boardman NNE 8-16 NNE 6-12
Pendleton N 8-16 NW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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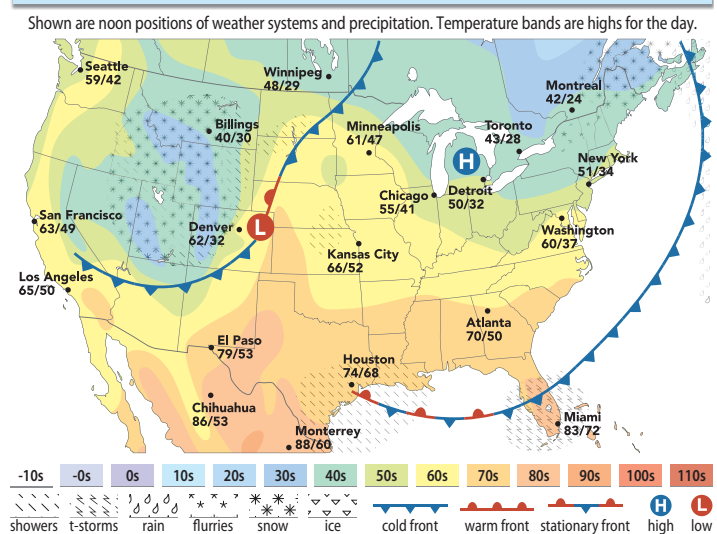
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index™** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Snow showers will dot northern New England, while a few showers and storms affect southern Florida and coastal areas of Louisiana and Texas today. Cold air will hold with areas of snow in the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 91° in Miami, Fla. **Low** 10° in Alamosa, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.			Today			Wed.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	69	34	pc	57	31	s	Louisville	62	42	s	72	58	pc
Atlanta	70	50	s	72	62	pc	Memphis	70	53	s	72	63	t
Atlantic City	54	35	s	52	44	s	Miami	83	72	t	82	76	c
Baltimore	58	31	s	60	47	s	Milwaukee	49	39	s	56	49	c
Billings	40	30	sn	49	36	c	Minneapolis	61	47	pc	54	37	r
Birmingham	71	50	s	72	64	t	Nashville	65	44	s	71	60	c
Boise	55	37	c	62	38	pc	New Orleans	73	66	pc	78	71	t
Boston	50	32	pc	53	42	s	New York City	51	34	s	58	45	s
Charleston, SC	72	50	s	75	62	s	Oklahoma City	68	59	pc	80	44	t
Charleston, WV	58	33	pc	74	54	s	Omaha	65	52	c	68	40	t
Chicago	55	41	s	62	54	c	Philadelphia	56	34	s	59	45	s
Cleveland	44	29	s	65	54	pc	Phoenix	69	52	s	70	52	s
Dallas	73	65	pc	76	54	t	Portland, ME	47	28	pc	51	38	s
Denver	62	32	pc	42	23	c	Providence	53	31	pc	55	40	s
Detroit	50	32	s	63	55	pc	Raleigh	66	41	s	68	52	s
El Paso	79	53	s	70	45	s	Rapid City	55	31	sh	43	29	sn
Fairbanks	37	26	c	40	29	sn	Reno	49	34	sf	53	32	sf
Fargo	61	40	c	47	29	r	Sacramento	66	42	pc	70	45	pc
Honolulu	82	66	pc	82	67	s	St. Louis	64	47	s	67	57	t
Houston	74	68	pc	78	67	t	Salt Lake City	47	34	sh	48	36	sh
Indianapolis	57	38	s	68	56	pc	San Diego	65	55	sh	64	54	c
Jacksonville	77	56	pc	78	63	pc	San Francisco	63	49	pc	65	50	pc
Kansas City	66	52	pc	71	43	t	Seattle	59	42	s	66	46	s
Las Vegas	63	47	pc	65	49	pc	Tucson	68	46	s	65	44	sh
Little Rock	70	52	t	71	60	t	Washington, DC	60	37	s	62	51	s
Los Angeles	65	50	c	66	50	pc	Wichita	64	54	pc	77	42	t

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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Sheriff deputizes man facing felony charges

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One of Grant County's newest deputies is awaiting trial on felony charges.

On March 1, Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer deputized Roy Peterson, who was set to begin trial March 28 in Grant County Circuit Court on theft charges stemming from the acquisition of equipment for a fire district. However, state prosecutors requested a continuance for a family emergency, and the trial is now scheduled to begin Aug. 22.

The state's attorney, Senior Assistant Attorney General Daniel P. Wendel, mentioned that Peterson had been deputized at a pretrial conference March 24. Wendel said he wanted an order prohibiting Peterson from arriving to court with a firearm or in uniform.

Peterson's attorney, D. Zachary Hostetter of Enterprise, said if such a motion were filed, he would want a hearing on the matter, because Peterson was part of the county search and rescue team.

Palmer's official deputy appointment of Peterson mentions "Search & Rescue" and "Radio Tech/Communications," though the document also says Peterson is appointed "to do and perform any act which (Palmer) might perform as Sheriff."

The state has accused Peterson of first-degree aggravated theft of more than \$10,000 in cash, first-degree aggravated theft of vehicles and equipment worth more than \$50,000, possession of stolen vehicles worth more than \$50,000 and first-degree theft of more than \$5,000 in cash. The indictment states the alleged incidents occurred between March 5, 2012, and Feb. 21, 2013. He has pleaded not guilty to all four.

The charges stem from an investigation by the Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Justice that began in

May 2013. The indictment count for possession of a stolen vehicle lists "a 1970 Ford, a 1974 Freightliner, a 1983 Ford L9M, a 1993 Ford F350, a second 1993 Ford F350, a 1965 Western States, a 1966 Ford 900, a 1974 Western States, a 1986 Ford Econoline, and a 1988 International."

For about a decade, Peterson was a vocal advocate for establishing a rural fire protection district in the Monument area. He was chief of Monument's city department at one time and also acted as chief of the rural district that was yet to be formalized.

After the rural district was formed by voters in November 2012, the newly installed board and Peterson differed on its management and operation. Noting challenges with meeting procedures, operations, equipment and leadership, all of the board members resigned in December 2012. The board was re-established in January 2013 when the Grant County Court appointed new members.

In May 2013, Peterson notified the board he intended to sue them. His attorney at the time, Brett J. Hall, asked the board, the new district's fire chief and the Oregon Department of Forestry to stop harassing Peterson.

Hall's letter mentioned Peterson's efforts to obtain grants for a rural district. Hall said Peterson believed both the original and the new board members held private, unlawful meetings, and when Peterson raised concerns, they began retaliating against him.

"This includes demands that he return the equipment and machines that he had invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in, accusing him of theft, initiating multiple criminal investigations, and a general continuing campaign of harassment," Hall wrote.

Hall also released an April 25, 2013, letter from Palmer

to Oregon Department of Forestry State Forester Doug Decker, in which Palmer said he started investigating "an alleged criminal case" in 2010 between the city of Monument and the rural fire district over equipment obtained "legally and lawfully through ODF" by Peterson.

Palmer said "there was a dispute as to who lawfully owned what equipment and how some of the funding was channeled through the City's Federal Tax ID number and their (Dun & Bradstreet number)." He said Ryan Joslin, the district attorney at the time, informed the parties the issue was a civil matter.

Palmer's letter indicated the fire district board believed it rightly owned the equipment, because it was procured with grants in the name of "Monument Rural Fire District." However, Palmer said Peterson obtained the equipment legally and still possessed it.

Palmer also said the equipment was on private property, and there was no probable cause a crime was committed, nor justification for a search warrant.

"As it stands right now... I do not have enough evidence, nor do I believe I have the authority to intervene in this dispute," he wrote.

In Oregon law, it is a defense against prosecution for theft "that the defendant acted under an honest claim or right, in that... the defendant reasonably believed that the defendant was entitled to the property involved or had a right to acquire or dispose of it as the defendant did."

When Palmer deputized Peterson, he joined a long list of Grant County deputies. The sheriff has deputized 69 people in a variety of categories, including deputy, corrections, reserve, search and rescue, chaplain, special deputy, public lands patrol, public lands deputy and natural resource committee.

Oregon law says sheriffs are responsible for the conduct of their deputies.

Neediest move to front of line for college funds

PORTLAND — Oregon will begin offering college grants to the state's low- and middle-income students based on their level of need. That's a change from the former first-come, first served system.

Students who filled out their request for financial aid the soonest used to jump to the front of the line provided they were Oregon residents with an annual family income of less than \$70,000, said Bob Brew, director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission's Office of Student Access and Completion.

"Lower-income students tended to apply later and not get the money," Brew told *The Oregonian* on Friday. Once the state money

allocated to the Oregon Opportunity Grant had all been assigned, it was gone.

State lawmakers tweaked the system in 2015, adding more money to the grant and allowing the neediest students to be first in line.

They increased the program by nearly 24 percent for the 2015-17 cycle, dedicating \$140.9 million to the program. The expansion will allow an additional 16,000 people to receive grants, Brew said.

About 40,000 students currently receive an Oregon Opportunity Grant.

Lawmakers also approved rules to guarantee the neediest students who apply for the program receive preferential treatment when the state distributes aid for

upcoming school year.

But some administrators are concerned about the impact of those rules, which could mean some full-time students who had been receiving a maximum of \$2,250 in state aid will no longer qualify. "We want to make sure those students aren't further disenfranchised in their path to get a degree," said Hans Bernard, associate vice president for state and community affairs at the University of Oregon.

Low-income students face funding gaps even if they qualify for the Federal Pell Grant and the state program, said Bernard, explaining that about 2,000 such students receive full tuition through the university's Pathway-Oregon program.



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