

## AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunny and very warm	Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and very warm	Nice with abundant sunshine	Sunny and very warm
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
95° 60°	95° 62°	96° 58°	89° 56°	95° 62°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
98° 59°	99° 58°	100° 64°	94° 53°	99° 59°

### ALMANAC

**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
93°	59°
Normals	87° 58°
Records	109° (1901) 38° (1910)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.07"  
Normal month to date 0.19"  
Year to date 7.39"  
Last year to date 5.00"  
Normal year to date 8.18"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

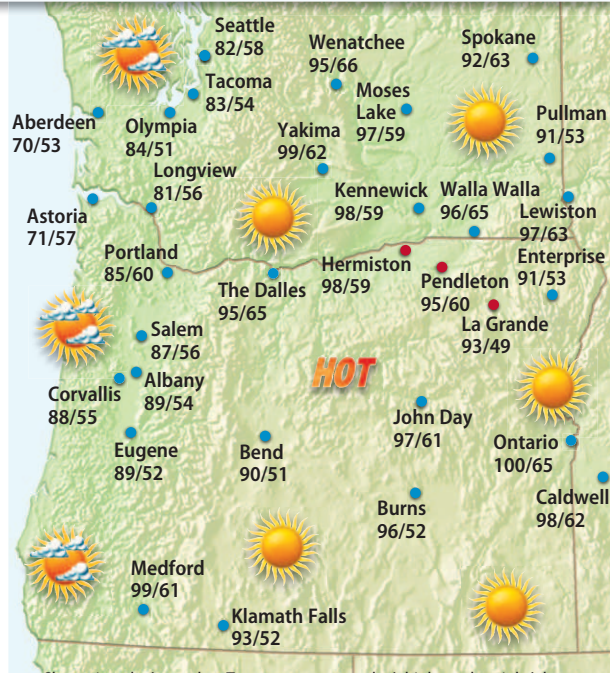
**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
95°	54°
Normals	88° 58°
Records	104° (1933) 40° (1937)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.05"  
Normal month to date 0.10"  
Year to date 4.99"  
Last year to date 3.25"  
Normal year to date 6.05"

**SUN AND MOON**

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 18	Aug 24	Sep 1	Sep 9



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Low clouds giving way to sunshine today; windy in central parts in the afternoon.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Plenty of sunshine today; hot across the north and in central parts.

**Western Washington:** Sunny today, except low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast.

**Eastern Washington:** Abundant sunshine today. Clear and moonlit tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

**Cascades:** Sunny and very warm today. Clear and moonlit tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

**Northern California:** Clouds, then sun at the coast today; hot in central parts. Sunny elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	71	57	pc	70	56	pc
Baker City	92	48	s	91	48	s
Bend	90	51	s	90	52	s
Brookings	70	54	pc	71	53	pc
Burns	96	52	s	94	52	s
Enterprise	91	53	s	89	54	s
Eugene	89	52	s	88	51	s
Heppner	93	55	s	93	55	s
Hermiston	98	59	s	99	58	s
John Day	97	61	s	97	61	s
Klamath Falls	93	52	s	93	53	s
La Grande	93	49	s	92	51	s
Meacham	87	49	s	88	49	s
Medford	99	61	s	98	61	s
Newport	63	50	pc	62	50	pc
North Bend	66	53	pc	65	52	pc
Ontario	100	65	s	100	64	s
Pasco	98	59	s	98	60	s
Pendleton	95	60	s	95	62	s
Portland	85	60	s	85	61	s
Redmond	94	49	s	94	50	s
Salem	87	56	s	87	56	s
Spokane	92	63	s	92	65	s
Ukiah	89	49	s	89	50	s
Vancouver	85	58	s	85	59	s
Walla Walla	96	65	s	96	65	s
Yakima	99	62	s	99	63	s

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	88	70	pc	82	73	c
Hong Kong	86	80	r	88	80	t
Jerusalem	82	65	s	81	65	s
London	76	56	pc	78	61	pc
Mexico City	72	58	t	71	57	t
Moscow	67	55	pc	68	55	sh
Paris	87	62	s	88	64	pc
Rome	83	65	pc	81	66	pc
Seoul	92	76	s	93	77	pc
Sydney	69	52	s	72	54	pc
Tokyo	87	79	t	89	79	pc

### WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 3-6	WSW 3-6
Pendleton	WNW 4-8	WNW 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

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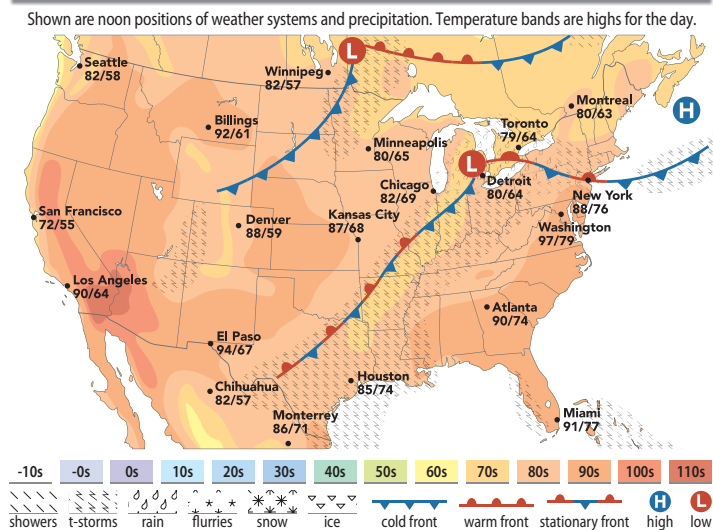
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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:** Localized flooding downpours will affect parts of Texas and the Northeast today. Storms can be locally severe in the northern Plains and the mid-Atlantic. Storms will dot the interior Southwest.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 115° in Needles, Calif. Low 30° in Angel Fire, N.M.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	61	t	88	62	t	Louisville	82	71	c	84	71	t
Atlanta	90	74	pc	91	74	pc	Memphis	83	73	t	84	73	t
Baltimore	96	76	t	90	72	pc	Miami	91	77	pc	90	77	pc
Birmingham	92	73	t	91	74	pc	Milwaukee	84	69	pc	85	68	pc
Boise	98	66	s	98	65	s	Minneapolis	80	65	t	85	68	s
Boston	82	73	t	87	69	pc	Nashville	88	72	t	84	71	t
Charlotte, SC	93	74	pc	92	76	t	New Orleans	90	78	t	89	77	t
Charlotte, WV	88	70	t	82	69	c	New York City	88	78	t	89	74	pc
Chicago	82	69	pc	86	68	pc	Oklahoma City	89	66	s	84	67	pc
Cleveland	84	66	r	86	69	c	Omaha	88	68	s	91	69	s
Dallas	80	71	t	82	72	t	Philadelphia	94	79	t	92	74	pc
Denver	88	59	t	88	57	t	Phoenix	109	84	s	108	83	pc
Detroit	80	64	r	86	67	pc	Portland, ME	79	67	r	82	62	pc
El Paso	94	67	s	93	68	t	Providence	84	75	t	88	66	pc
Fairbanks	68	54	sh	73	51	c	Raleigh	94	74	pc	94	74	t
Fargo	82	60	pc	85	64	s	Rapid City	87	57	pc	91	60	pc
Honolulu	87	73	pc	87	75	pc	Reno	95	62	s	96	64	s
Houston	85	74	r	87	75	t	Sacramento	98	61	s	98	62	s
Indianapolis	79	68	r	83	69	c	St. Louis	84	70	c	89	72	pc
Jacksonville	92	72	pc	93	72	t	Salt Lake City	97	70	s	97	72	t
Kansas City	87	68	s	87	67	s	San Diego	83	68	pc	82	69	pc
Las Vegas	108	81	s	107	79	t	San Francisco	72	55	pc	74	57	pc
Little Rock	78	71	r	81	71	t	Seattle	82	58	s	81	61	s
Los Angeles	90	64	s	88	64	s	Tucson	103	76	s	102	77	pc
							Washington, DC	97	79	t	92	76	pc
							Wichita	91	66	s	89	68	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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## State crime lab scientist pleads guilty to stealing drugs

BEND (AP) — A forensic scientist at the Oregon State Police crime labs has admitted stealing hundreds of pills from evidence submitted to the Umatilla and Deschutes county labs over two years.

Nika Larsen, 36, pleaded guilty Monday in U.S. District Court to two counts of charges of obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud and deception, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says Larsen used her position to steal methamphetamine, morphine and other drugs while processing and overseeing cases. An investigation found Larsen took the pills in Umatilla

County between December 2013 and November 2014 and in Deschutes County between November 2014 and September 2015. She began working for the state in 2007.

Larsen, who formerly worked on fingerprint and drug evidence as well as crime scene processing, told Judge Anna J. Brown that she also stole pills the crime lab had purchased to use in their analysis of street drugs.

Oregon State Police launched an investigation in April 2015 after a forensic scientist in the Bend lab found 18 oxycodone pills were missing. Investigators found some pills were missing, partially missing or had been replaced with

non-controlled substances — all in cases handled by Larsen.

The prosecution and defense are recommending Larsen receive a 3-year prison sentence when she's sentenced in December. Her plea agreement also releases Larsen from any potential charges filed by any district attorney in the state, a stipulation added because Larsen's crimes potentially affected more than 2,500 drug cases statewide.

All pending cases that relied on Larsen's analysis were dismissed or a continuance was pursued in hopes of retesting evidence.

Larsen told investigators the drugs she took were for personal use only.

## NASA: Last month was hottest in recorded history

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earth just broiled to its hottest month in recorded history, according to NASA.

Even after the fading of a strong El Nino, which spikes global temperatures on top of man-made climate change, July burst global temperature records.

NASA calculated that July 2016 was 1.51 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the 1950-1980 global average. That's clearly hotter than the previous hotter months, about 0.18 degrees warmer than the previous record of July 2011 and July 2015, which were so close they were said to be in a tie for the hottest month on record, said NASA chief climate scientist Gavin Schmidt.

Scientists blame mostly man-made climate change from the burning of fossil fuel with an extra jump from the now-gone El Nino, which every few years is a natural warming of parts of the Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide.

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb said this is significant "because global temperatures continue to warm even as a record-breaking El Nino event has finally released its grip."

NASA's five hottest months on record are July 2016, July 2011, July 2015, July 2009 and August 2014. Only July 2015 was during an El Nino. Records go back to 1880.

This is the 10th record hot month in a row, according to NASA. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which calculates temperatures slightly differently, will come



AP Photo/Seth Perlman, File  
**In this July 21 photo, Hank, a quarter horse from Paris, Ill., stays close to a fan keeping cool inside a barn at the Illinois State Fair grounds in Springfield, Ill. Even after the fading of a strong El Nino, which spikes global temperatures on top of man-made climate change, July burst global temperature records**

out with its July figures on Wednesday. NOAA has figured there have been 14 monthly heat records broken in a row, before July.

"The scary thing is that we are moving into an era where it will be a surprise when each new month or year isn't one of the hottest on record," said Chris Field, a climate scientist at the Carnegie Institution and Stanford University.

This new record and all the records that have been broken recently years tell one cohesive story, said Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies: "The planet is getting warmer. It's important for what it tells us about the future."

## Voters in Grant, Wheeler counties cast ballots in recall

Associated Press

Voters in two Oregon counties were casting ballots in efforts to recall a senior official in each of the counties, with one initiative related to a county commissioner's refusal to call for an investigation into a wildfire that destroyed 43 homes and nearly 100 barns.

Ballots will be counted on Tuesday in the recall effort against Grant County Commissioner Boyd Britton. The petition against Britton cites his refusal to call for an investigation of a 2015 fire in the Malheur National Forest, south of the town of John Day.

The Oregonian/OregonLive on Sunday published its own intensive investigation into the fire. It faulted the U.S. Forest Service and said "a cascading set of tactical errors slowed the agency's response and

squandered its chances to extinguish the fire early." The U.S. Forest Service was reported in the article as saying crews were fighting many fires at the time and that consequently all crews throughout the Northwest were understaffed.

The petition also says Britton had benefited from his decisions as commissioner.

In a response, Boyd said he's worked hard to represent the county and that his actions helped triple the timber harvest to 75 million board feet. Among challenges in the remaining 2½ years of his term is expanding protection from catastrophic floods on Canyon Creek, he said. The fire, which Oregonian/OregonLive said caused more property damage than any wildfire in Oregon in the past 80 years, has reportedly tripled the flood

threat because of the lack of vegetation.

The recall effort against Wheeler County Judge Patrick C. Perry cites conflicts of interest. Perry says the recall "is based on unfounded and vague allegations."

So far, 62 percent of 949 eligible voters in the sparsely populated county have cast ballots. Wheeler County Deputy Clerk Alicia Hankins said Monday. Voters in Oregon either mail in ballots or put them in drop-off boxes.

The votes will be counted Monday night and the results posted on Tuesday, Hankins said.

### Corrections

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