

# Grant County voters back Britton

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Grant County voters made a clear statement Tuesday that they wanted to keep County Commissioner Boyd Britton in office, voting almost two to one against the recall.

The final unofficial results obtained from Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy showed 2,035 votes against the recall

with 1,080 in favor. Britton, who has served as a commissioner for 13 years, could not be reached Tuesday evening.

The owner of a John Day welding business, Britton said in his statement of justification against the recall that he has participated



Britton

in many county accomplishments, including tripling the timber harvest, actively managing federal lands, creating Bates State Park and being fiscally responsible.

He said the complaints against him by chief recall petitioner Julie Carr of Dayville —

failing to represent constituents on road and access issues, refusing to call for an investigation into the handling of the 2015 Canyon Creek wildfires, failing to recuse himself in decisions with agencies where he benefited both personally and financially and deliberately misrepresenting his intentions of attending a community meeting Jan. 26 — were “baseless.”

# STEM: Discussed strategies for teaching more effectively

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Sipe's husband, Kyle, a middle school math and science teacher, then brought in robotics kits and let the teens loose to learn how to build and operate them.

They stayed up late into the evening at the high school gymnasium working on their robots before retiring to bed. Some slept on the gym floor, one in a hammock, and the lone girl of the group on a table in a science classroom.

Day two of the camp was more training, with the teens using phrases like “ultrasonic sensors” and “calculate rotations” as freely and commonly as “dude” and “whatever.”

One training activity had the teens separate into three groups and take turns role-playing as teacher, student and observer.

Afterward they all met and debriefed with the help of Heidi Sipe.

The teens identified techniques they thought worked, things they found confusing and strategies for teaching more effectively.

Paige Matlack, 16, was the lone girl among the 11 students.

The Umatilla High School student said she likes language arts and social sciences, but enjoys math and science, too.

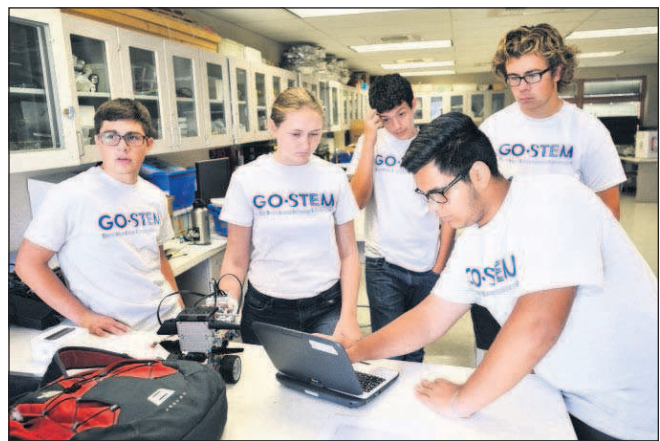
“I like a challenge,” she said. “And those challenge me.” The cheerleader and Key Club member is looking ahead to college and beyond, with hopes to be a biology teacher one day.

Omar Benitez, 17, will



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Umatilla superintendent and STEM advocate Heidi Sipe, top right, talks to campers about their recent work session during the Greater Oregon Science Technology Engineering and Math camp Tuesday in Umatilla.



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Alexander Gutierrez, second from right, instructs a group of campers on how to program a robot during the Greater Oregon Science Technology Engineering and Math camp Tuesday in Umatilla.

be a senior at Umatilla High School this fall. He was introduced to STEM through robotics at the end

of his eighth grade year. A friend invited him to attend a robotics meeting and he's been involved ever since.

Benitez likes the atmosphere of STEM and robotics, even though it's competitive, he said. “Everybody is rooting for everybody, not against each other.”

His favorite part is the programming and he's hoping to make a career out of it someday.

GOSTEM is a program meant to increase student interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

It is a regionally focused partnership between schools, colleges, non-profits, businesses and community leaders to push for innovation and improvement.

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# IRRIGON More mosquitoes test positive for West Nile

East Oregonian

More mosquitoes have tested positive for West Nile virus in rural Irrigon. The sample was collected Aug. 8 and confirmed by the Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory in Corvallis.

One other pool of mosquitoes tested positive earlier this month, according to the North Morrow Vector Control District. Residents are advised to take precautions to avoid mosquito bites and lower their risk of infection. Tips include eliminating standing water where mosquitoes breed,

using insect repellent and wearing long-sleeve shirts and pants when working in mosquito-infested areas.

West Nile has also been found in 10 samples in Umatilla County, and three samples in Baker County. Most people infected with the disease show no symptoms, though approximately 20 percent may develop fever, headache and nausea. In rare cases, West Nile can lead to inflammation of the brain, which can pose a serious health risk.

For more information about West Nile, contact the Morrow County Health District at 541-676-5421.

# AIRLINE: Round-Up Development Corp. also endorsed Boutique Air

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Chrisman said there were some complaints about the lack of an on-site manager and local phone number, but the feedback was mostly positive.

Two airport managers said their boardings are approaching the 10,000 mark, a threshold that automatically triggers a \$1 million grant from the DOT.

Chrisman also shared a letter endorsing Boutique from the Round-Up Development Corp., an economic development organization that includes airport commissioner Mike Short and mayor-elect John Turner.

“Boutique has thrived in the same types of rural markets that has caused SeaPort to go bankrupt,” Short wrote. “Boutique's growth in enplanements has been impressive while

SeaPort has remained stagnant. Boutique does not have issues with pilot shortages while SeaPort is chronically short on pilots and SeaPort's turnover of key personnel is worrisome.”

SeaPort wasn't helped by a turbulent 2016 that saw the company drop a majority of its routes, file for bankruptcy, get hit with a civil penalty from the Federal Aviation Administration for flying planes that weren't airworthy and produce so few boardings that the DOT is considering stripping Pendleton of its EAS subsidy.

The city has objected to the DOT's ruling, and if that isn't successful, Chrisman expects the department to issue a waiver.

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# Corrections

Tuesday's A1 story “Lead found at three schools” misstated the level of lead in drinking water in schools that requires action. It is 20 parts per billion, higher than the 15 parts per billion actionable level for public water supplies. Neither level is safe for consumption.

The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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## AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Sunny and very warm	Nice with abundant sunshine	Sunny and very warm	Very warm with blazing sunshine
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
94° 60°	95° 58°	89° 54°	94° 58°	98° 67°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
98° 57°	100° 62°	93° 53°	97° 55°	102° 69°

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

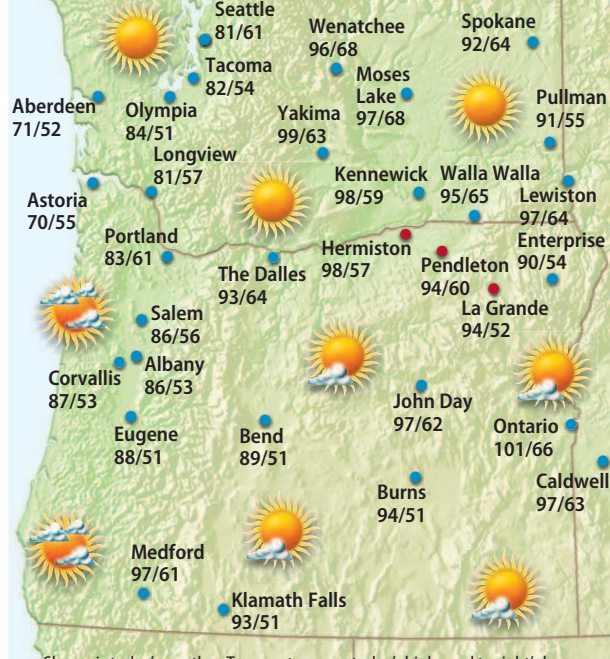
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	93°	59°
Normals	87°	58°
Records	108° (1933)	39° (1909)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.07"  
Normal month to date 0.21"  
Year to date 7.39"  
Last year to date 5.00"  
Normal year to date 8.20"

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	94°	58°
Normals	88°	58°
Records	105° (2008)	40° (1935)

**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

Sunrise today	5:58 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:35 p.m.
Moonset today	5:09 a.m.

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

### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Low clouds and fog giving way to sun today.

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

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Mostly sunny today; hot in the south and upper Treasure Valley. Clear tonight.

**Western Washington:** Low clouds and fog, then sunshine today, except sunny in central parts.

**Cascades:** Mostly sunny today; pleasant across the north. Clear and moonlit tonight.

**Northern California:** Fog, then sun at the coast today; hot in central parts. Mostly sunny elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	70	55	pc	81	63	pc
Baker City	92	47	s	90	50	s
Bend	89	51	s	90	56	s
Brookings	71	52	pc	70	54	pc
Burns	94	51	s	94	49	s
Enterprise	90	54	s	88	52	s
Eugene	88	51	s	97	60	s
Heppner	92	55	s	92	53	s
Hermiston	98	57	s	100	62	s
John Day	97	62	s	97	61	s
Klamath Falls	93	51	s	95	55	s
La Grande	94	52	s	93	54	s
Meacham	90	50	s	89	53	s
Medford	97	61	s	105	69	s
Newport	61	50	pc	68	58	pc
North Bend	64	51	pc	69	55	pc
Ontario	101	66	s	99	63	s
Pasco	98	60	s	100	63	s
Pendleton	94	60	s	95	58	s
Portland	83	61	pc	96	73	s
Redmond	92	49	s	94	50	s
Salem	86	56	s	99	67	s
Spokane	92	64	s	88	56	s
Ukiah	89	50	s	86	46	s
Vancouver	82	60	pc	96	70	s
Walla Walla	95	65	s	95	62	s
Yakima	99	63	s	99	64	s

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	83	72	c	79	74	sh
Hong Kong	87	81	t	86	80	r
Jerusalem	80	65	s	83	69	s
London	78	58	pc	76	59	pc
Mexico City	71	59	t	73	56	t
Moscow	71	56	sh	79	61	c
Paris	86	64	pc	78	61	t
Rome	79	65	pc	81	67	pc
Seoul	93	79	pc	93	79	pc
Sydney	73	53	pc	71	51	s
Tokyo	90	77	t	87	78	t

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 3-6	N 6-12
Pendleton	WNW 4-8	WNW 6-12

### UV INDEX TODAY

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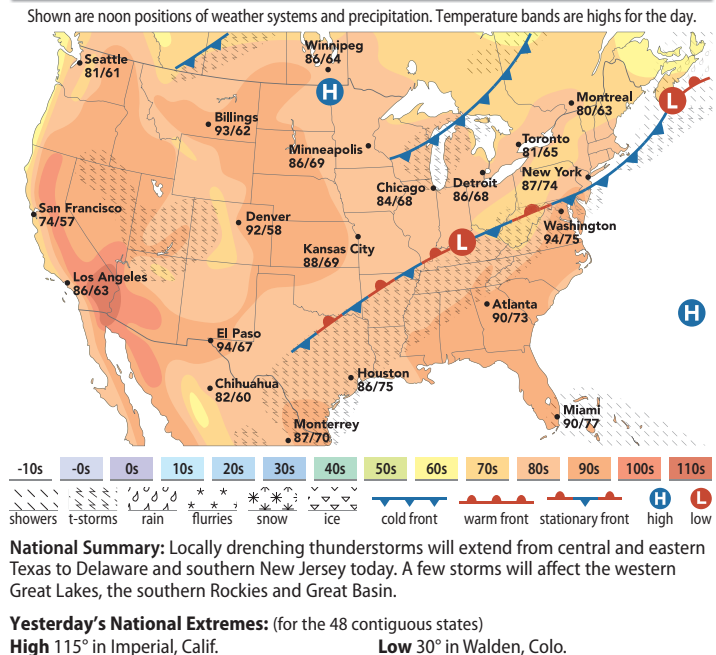
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	88	62	t	88	62	t
Atlanta	90	73	pc	91	73	t
Atlantic City	88	73	pc	82	72	pc
Baltimore	91	72	pc	88	70	pc
Billings	93	62	pc	69	48	t
Birmingham	90	73	pc	89	73	t
Boise	96	65	s	96	64	s
Boston	86	70	pc	88	74	pc
Charleston, SC	93	76	t	93	77	t
Chicago	84	68	pc	88	70	pc
Cleveland	85	69	c	86	70	pc
Dallas	80	71	t	80	73	t
Denver	92	58	t	86	56	t
Detroit	86	68	pc	87	68	pc
El Paso	94	67	t	94	69	pc
Fairbanks	72	51	pc	71	55	pc
Fargo	86	65	s	83	61	t
Honolulu	87	76	s	87	75	pc
Houston	86	75	t	89	75	t
Indianapolis	82	70	c	84	70	pc
Jacksonville	92	71	t	93	72	pc
Kansas City	88	69	s	88	68	s
Las Vegas	107	80	s	105	78	pc
Little Rock	80	72	t	82	72	c
Los Angeles	86	63	s	85	64	s
Louisville	82	72	t	86	71	pc
Memphis	84	73	t	85	73	t
Miami	90	77	pc	90	77	pc
Millwaukee	85	69	pc	88	71	pc
Minneapolis	86	69	s	89	72	pc
Nashville	85	71	t	86	71	t
New Orleans	92	78	t	90	77	t
New York City	87	74	pc	88	74	pc
St. Louis	87	69	pc	88	74	pc
Oaklahoma City	87	69	pc	88	74	pc
Omaha	89	70	s	92	70	s
Philadelphia	92	75	pc			