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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nice with plenty of sunshine	Pleasant with plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and nice	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
72°	44°	77°	49°	81°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
78°	36°	82°	47°	85°
83°	54°	87°	49°	86°

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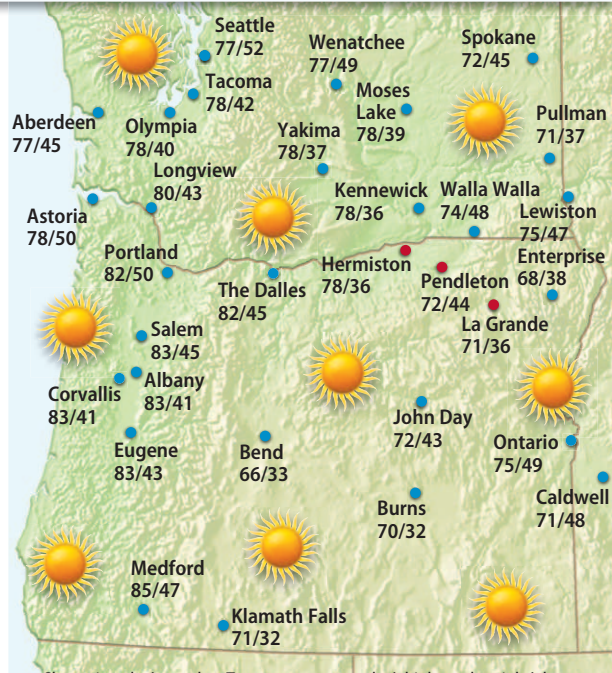
PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	71°	40°
Normals	79°	51°
Records	95° (1892)	25° (1921)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.35"
 Normal month to date 0.18"
 Year to date 7.74"
 Last year to date 5.66"
 Normal year to date 8.60"



HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	75°	50°
Normals	80°	49°
Records	96° (1953)	31° (2014)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.41"
 Normal month to date 0.14"
 Year to date 5.40"
 Last year to date 3.43"
 Normal year to date 6.29"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:31 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 7:10 p.m.
 Moonrise today 5:27 p.m.
 Moonset today 2:49 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Sep 16	Sep 23	Sep 30	Oct 8

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Plenty of sunshine today; pleasant.

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

Eastern and Central Oregon: Sunny today; however, some clouds in the south.

Cascades: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear and moonlit tonight.

Western Washington: Plenty of sun today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

Northern California: Cloudy this morning, then some sun at the coast this afternoon; mostly sunny elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	78	50	s	70	52	s
Baker City	70	33	s	74	29	pc
Bend	66	33	s	73	39	s
Brookings	65	48	s	62	48	pc
Burns	70	32	s	73	30	s
Enterprise	68	38	s	71	37	pc
Eugene	83	43	s	81	43	s
Hepner	70	32	s	76	42	s
Hermiston	78	36	s	82	47	s
John Day	72	43	s	75	44	s
Klamath Falls	71	32	s	73	32	s
La Grande	71	36	s	74	32	s
Meacham	71	34	s	71	33	s
Medford	85	47	s	84	47	s
Newport	70	45	s	61	48	s
North Bend	73	46	s	64	48	s
Ontario	75	49	s	76	43	pc
Pasco	78	37	s	81	44	s
Pendleton	72	44	s	77	49	s
Portland	82	50	s	81	51	s
Redmond	71	28	s	76	33	s
Salem	83	45	s	82	46	s
Spokane	72	45	s	77	47	s
Ukiah	67	30	s	72	33	s
Vancouver	80	43	s	80	47	s
Walla Walla	74	48	s	78	53	s
Yakima	78	37	s	84	44	s

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	83	62	pc	87	64	pc
Hong Kong	88	81	pc	91	79	pc
Jerusalem	81	65	s	81	65	s
London	88	66	pc	85	64	s
Mexico City	75	53	t	76	52	t
Moscow	57	44	pc	53	45	pc
Paris	89	66	pc	85	61	pc
Rome	82	64	pc	82	65	pc
Seoul	83	66	pc	82	64	s
Sydney	70	59	sh	75	54	r
Tokyo	81	72	sh	79	75	r

WINDS

(in mph)

City	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	NNE 6-12	SW 4-8
Pendleton	NW 4-8	W 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

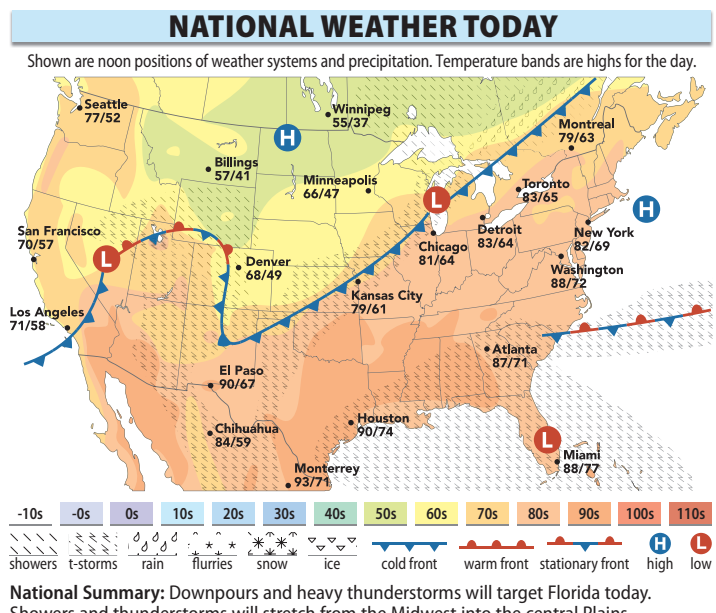
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	83	60	pc	81	58	t
Atlanta	87	71	pc	86	71	t
Atlanta	87	71	pc	86	71	t
Atlanta	87	71	pc	86	71	t
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Man cleared in refuge standoff expected charge to be dropped

PORTLAND (AP) — A man who had been charged in connection with the occupation of a national wildlife refuge says he holds no ill will against prosecutors and that he knew he would not be found guilty.

Peter Santilli tells *The Oregonian*/OregonLive that he knew his charge of conspiracy would not stick. Prosecutors filed a motion last week to dismiss the charge.

When the government floated the idea of a plea agreement, Santilli was not having it.

"I would rather spend a year fighting to get my cases dismissed or a deal for time served," Santilli said. "I'm not going to be strong-armed into pleading guilty to something I didn't do."

The 50-year-old is an independent broadcaster from Cincinnati, Ohio, who live-streamed the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which began Jan. 2 and lasted for 41 days. He contends he covered the protest as a journalist and stayed at the Silver Spur Motel rather than the refuge.

Eleven of 26 defendants indicted in the refuge takeover case entered guilty pleas. Seven are in trial. Seven others are set for trial in February.

Santilli said he didn't support the takeover of the refuge and instead had supported Ammon only in the Jan. 2 protest in Burns where they demonstrated against

the return to federal prison of two Harney County ranchers convicted of setting fire to federal land. Bundy and supporters went from there to the refuge.

"I was in absolute opposition to it," Santilli said during Saturday's interview. "I was upset because he (Ammon Bundy) hadn't told me they were going to take over buildings."

Santilli said his opposition to the takeover would have been his defense at trial. He said enhanced audio of his recorded coverage of the protest proves he said he disagreed with the takeover.

Santilli said he was completely ready for trial but now, after nearly eight months in county jail, he's OK with the outcome.

"I do not have one ounce of bitterness at all," he said. "Maybe because of my courage in pushing the boundaries on my show, I knew the First Amendment would protect me. I knew the Department of Justice would do the right thing in the end, and they did."

Santilli still faces more serious federal charges in Nevada in connection to an April 2014 armed standoff with federal officers who were thwarted from taking cattle belonging to senior patriarch and controversial Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy in Bunkerville, Nevada. Santilli said he has the same faith he will be exonerated before a jury in those proceedings.



Peter Santilli

Oregon Conservation easement program will seek \$4.25 million

Funds will pay for grants to protect farmland from development

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

Oregon legislators will likely be asked for \$4.25 million next year to pay for conservation easements that would protect farmland from development.

Plans are beginning to solidify for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, which would provide grants to farmers interested in easements and succession planning, said Meta Loftsgaarden, executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

OWEB, which will oversee the program, plans to hold "listening sessions" this autumn based on concepts developed by agricultural and conservation groups before drafting proposed legislation for the 2017 legislative session, she said.

"We didn't want to go out to farmers and ranchers with a blank slate. We really wanted to have something they could react to," Loftsgaarden said during the Sept. 12 Oregon Board of Agriculture meeting in Pendleton, Ore.

Conservation easements are usually sold or donated by farmers who give up their development rights in

exchange for tax benefits and lower property values, reducing inheritance taxes.

They haven't been as commonly used in Oregon as in other states because of the statewide land-use planning system, but this system alone isn't enough to prevent the fragmentation of working lands, Loftsgaarden said.

The \$4.25 million wouldn't be enough funding for everyone who wanted to sell an easement, but it would serve as a pilot program — particularly for lands inhabited by threatened or endangered species, or that are subject to "urban growth boundary" expansion, said Doug Kraher, a blueberry farmer who sits on a work group advising the program.

The easements will have a conservation component and could be used to provide properties with regulatory protections, offering an additional incentive for farmers, Loftsgaarden said.

Currently, a similar approach is used for forestlands where owners want to grow trees older than 30 years but are afraid of creating habitat for the northern spotted owl, hindering future timber harvest, she said.

"They want bigger

trees, we want bigger trees, so what we needed to provide was that protection," Loftsgaarden said, noting that forestland owners submit management plans to the Oregon Board of Forestry and receive regulatory assurances from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

OWEB currently funds conservation easements, but these are focused on preserving native fish habitat and water quality, without emphasizing agriculture, she said.

For that reason, landowners in Oregon have had trouble getting matching state funds needed to obtain federal money available for buying conservation easements, Loftsgaarden said.

"We weren't hitting for the same target," she said.

OWEB is funded with lottery dollars especially slated for wildlife and water quality, but the agency may seek money from the general fund or from lottery-backed bonds that don't have the same restrictions, Loftsgaarden said.

The fund would also be able to accept donations from organizations and individuals, said Kraher.

Grant requests would be ranked based on the duration of the proposed easement — perpetual agreements will score higher than those which end after a certain number of years — as well as the management plan and the threat of development to the property, said Loftsgaarden.

The program would be overseen by a commission consisting of representatives from the agricultural industry, the conservation community, tribes and land use experts, with OWEB providing staff support, she said.

Agricultural groups have asked why the program wouldn't be overseen by the Oregon Department of Agriculture while conservationists prefer the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Loftsgaarden said.

However, OWEB is already focused on grants and has representatives from both agricultural and conservation groups, she said. "OWEB sits sort of in the middle."

Corrections

The Sept. 10 article "Sawing to set the scene" misspelled a source's name. The correct spelling is Wes Duchek. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets the error. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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