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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sun	Hot with plenty of sun	Hot with sun and clouds	Sunny and seasonably hot

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
88°	59°	94°	65°	99°
62°	66°	67°	68°	68°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
91°	62°	98°	66°	103°
62°	66°	68°	70°	70°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	62°
Normals	90°	60°
Records	110° (1931)	42° (1932)

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 0.20"
 Year to date 11.30"
 Last year to date 7.27"
 Normal year to date 7.78"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

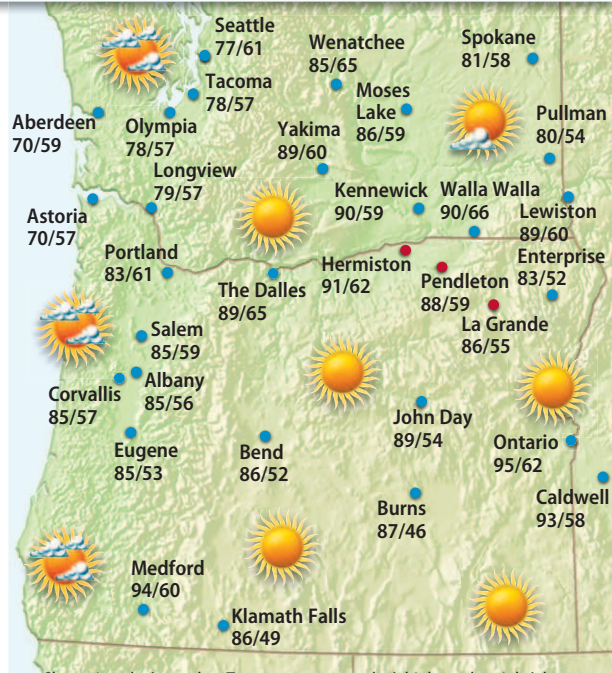
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	85°	65°
Normals	90°	59°
Records	108° (1931)	46° (1933)

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 0.14"
 Year to date 6.59"
 Last year to date 4.94"
 Normal year to date 5.84"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:40 a.m.
Moonset today	7:05 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
July 23				
July 30				
Aug 7				
Aug 14				



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Clouds giving way to sun today.

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

Eastern and Central Oregon: Plenty of sunshine today; pleasant. A starlit sky tonight.

Cascades: Nice today with plenty of sun. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

Western Washington: Times of clouds and sun today, except sunnier across the south. Mainly clear tonight.

Northern California: Clouds giving way to some sun at the coast today; plenty of sunshine elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	70	57	pc	73	56	s
Baker City	84	46	s	88	50	s
Bend	86	52	s	92	59	s
Brookings	66	54	pc	74	59	pc
Burns	87	46	s	91	49	s
Enterprise	83	52	s	88	56	s
Eugene	85	53	s	91	59	s
Heppner	85	59	s	92	64	s
Hermiston	91	62	s	98	66	s
John Day	89	54	s	93	60	s
Klamath Falls	86	49	s	93	54	s
La Grande	86	55	s	92	58	s
Meacham	82	51	s	89	55	s
Medford	94	60	s	99	65	s
Newport	63	52	pc	66	52	s
North Bend	67	54	pc	69	56	s
Ontario	95	62	s	97	64	s
Pasco	89	60	s	96	63	s
Pendleton	88	59	s	94	65	s
Portland	83	61	s	89	64	s
Redmond	87	47	s	93	55	s
Salem	85	59	s	92	63	s
Spokane	81	58	s	88	63	s
Ukiah	82	48	s	88	53	s
Vancouver	82	60	s	88	63	s
Walla Walla	90	66	s	97	70	s
Yakima	89	60	s	96	66	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	79	72	r	78	73	c
Hong Kong	90	80	t	89	80	t
Jerusalem	88	70	s	88	69	s
London	73	57	r	67	55	sh
Mexico City	75	56	pc	75	56	pc
Moscow	69	52	r	71	55	pc
Paris	78	60	pc	70	58	t
Rome	88	71	s	88	70	s
Seoul	93	80	pc	92	79	c
Sydney	62	45	s	66	46	s
Tokyo	90	79	pc	88	80	pc

WINDS

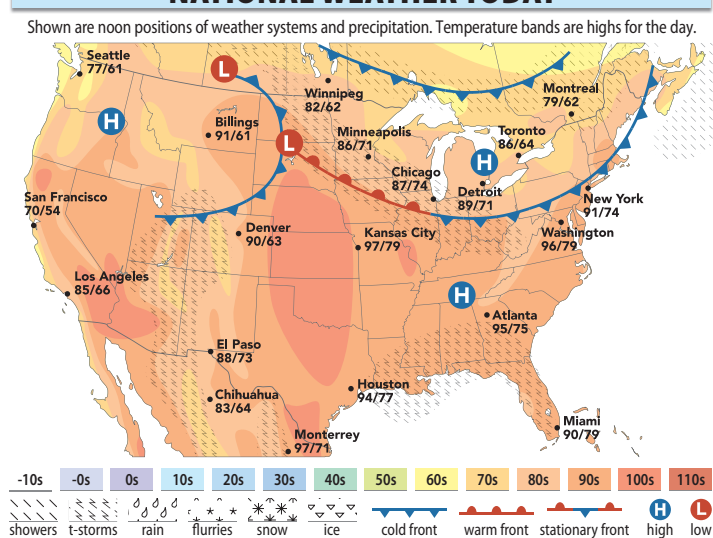
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 6-12	SW 4-8
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: The risk of severe storms and flash flooding will extend from the northern Plains to the mid-Atlantic today. Heavy storms will dot the Deep South and the Four Corners states. Most other areas will be dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 107° in Salina, Kan. Low 30° in Truckee, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	89	67	s	89	66	t
Atlanta	95	75	s	92	74	pc
Atlanta City	90	75	pc	87	76	t
Baltimore	94	74	pc	93	76	t
Birmingham	91	61	s	88	62	s
Boise	94	76	t	91	75	t
Boston	93	61	s	95	64	s
Bozeman, SC	93	75	pc	94	77	s
Charleston, WV	89	73	pc	88	73	t
Chicago	87	74	t	88	73	t
Cleveland	87	70	pc	85	73	t
Dallas	100	80	s	99	80	s
Denver	90	63	t	85	62	t
Detroit	89	71	pc	83	71	t
El Paso	88	73	t	88	72	t
Fairbanks	72	51	pc	76	60	pc
Fargo	89	67	c	87	59	t
Honolulu	88	77	pc	88	76	sh
Houston	94	77	t	91	77	t
Indianapolis	92	76	t	92	76	t
Jacksonville	93	74	t	92	75	pc
Kansas City	97	79	s	98	73	pc
Las Vegas	104	84	s	106	86	s
Little Rock	98	76	s	95	76	s
Los Angeles	85	66	pc	86	67	pc
Louisville	97	79	pc	97	80	pc
Memphis	97	78	s	96	78	t
Miami	90	79	t	91	79	t
Milwaukee	83	71	t	82	71	t
Minneapolis	86	71	t	87	68	t
Nashville	98	78	s	96	78	t
New Orleans	92	76	t	89	75	t
New York City	91	74	pc	89	73	t
Oklahoma City	100	75	s	100	75	s
Omaha	101	79	pc	94	70	pc
Philadelphia	95	76	pc	92	76	t
Phoenix	102	82	s	104	82	pc
Portland, ME	87	63	pc	82	62	pc
Providence	92	69	s	88	68	pc
Raleigh	98	76	pc	98	78	t
Rapid City	97	61	pc	92	59	pc
Reno	96	65	s	100	68	s
Sacramento	94	60	s	100	65	s
St. Louis	104	83	s	105	79	s
Salt Lake City	95	72	t	97	72	s
San Diego	78	68	pc	78	69	pc
San Francisco	70	54	pc	75	56	pc
Seattle	77	61	pc	82	61	pc
Tucson	93	76	pc	96	76	t
Washington, DC	96	79	pc	95	80	t
Wichita	102	77	s	103	73	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 hikes individual, business health premiums

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SALEM — Oregonians and small businesses buying their health insurance on the individual and small group markets can generally expect to see rate increases next year.

The Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services released its annual rate decisions Thursday, as uncertainty around health care policy looms on the state and federal levels.

On the individual market, the changes announced Thursday range from an average 1.6 percent dip for BridgeSpan Health Company to an average 14.8 percent increase for the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest.

For small businesses, the average changes range from increases of 3.3 to 10.1 percent.

The state uses a variety of criteria to make rate decisions, and multiple factors,

including “legal uncertainty” surrounding the fate of the federal Affordable Care Act and the escalating cost of providing insurance, have led to increases in costs.

But the Department of Consumer and Business Services says that the rates would be, on average, 6 percent higher if not for the reinsurance program created by the Legislature this year, which it says “will add additional stability and predictability in the market.”

Reinsurance is kind of like insurance for insurers — it’s intended to protect them from high claims. State Rep. Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis, said last week that the reinsurance program provides rate relief while the state also tries to reduce the costs of medical care.

“We put it in place for two years so that we could move forward,” Rayfield said.

The legislation that created that program, which includes a

1.5 percent tax on insurance premiums, may be subject to voters’ opinion come January.

Three Republican lawmakers filed a referral petition to get certain parts of the bill on the ballot. If they are successful, voters will weigh in during a special election Jan. 23.

State Rep. Julie Parrish, R-Tualatin/West Linn, one of the legislators behind the referral effort, is critical of the state’s reinsurance program.

She says moving public employees onto the exchange could have prevented instability in the market.

“We need to put more lives on the exchange to make it work,” Parrish said, “We don’t have to raise people’s taxes to do it.”

Parrish has also suggested moving public employees into coordinated care organizations, the regional networks of providers serving Orego-

nians on Medicaid.

Parrish, along with State Rep. Cedric Hayden, R-Roseburg, and Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford, are angling to get portions of the legislation on the ballot, including a .7 percent “true tax” on hospitals.

The state is in the process of applying for a “state innovation” waiver from the federal government, which would result in more federal funding, although that waiver is not required to run the program.

Jesse O’Brien, policy director for the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, called the announcement a “huge win for consumers” because, on average, the rate increases were less than insurers had asked for.

However, O’Brien also made note of the uncertainty surrounding the Affordable Care Act and argued that passage of repeal or replacement legislation could lead to higher rate increases.

BRIEFLY

Eastern Oregon University offering dorms to eclipse tourists

LA GRANDE (AP) — People traveling to northeastern Oregon to see next month’s solar eclipse now have another lodging option.

The Observer newspaper reports that Eastern Oregon University in La Grande is offering its residential dorms to tourists.

The rooms are available for rental from Aug. 19 through Aug. 22 for \$500 total, which must be paid in full at the time of reservation.

The rooms hold up to five people and include kitchenettes, with a full refrigerator and microwave.

The university will also provide brochures about what there is to see and do in La Grande.

Teen who escaped Oregon youth prison caught stealing candy

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon teenager who escaped from a youth prison last month is back behind bars.

State police say 18-year-old Micah West was arrested late Tuesday after he was caught shoplifting candy bars in Albany.

Contractor jailed on theft, racketeering charges

BEND (AP) — A Central Oregon contractor has been indicted on racketeering and theft charges. Katie Thraen tells KTVZ that she hired John McClean to build her family’s new home in Tumalo, unaware his state contracting license had been suspended.

Thraen eventually fired McClean, but not before her family was \$80,000 in the hole.

She says one of the walls McClean started was not up to code, and an inspector told her it could have fallen.

Moreover, a building supply

company served a lien against the property. She owed more \$30,000 — money she had already given to McClean with the belief he had given it to the company.

Thraen pursued a criminal case after tracking down other clients who had similar complaints.

McClean has not entered a plea. He was arraigned Tuesday and is being held on \$250,000 bail.

Oregon woman sues Safeway after son’s death in parking lot