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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy and cold	Cold with rain and snow showers	Variable clouds, a shower; cold	Partly sunny and chilly	Chilly with rain
46° 34°	44° 28°	41° 23°	42° 26°	44° 30°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
49° 34°	46° 30°	44° 22°	41° 24°	42° 29°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 47°	40°
Normals 55°	36°
Records 76° (1975)	10° (1935)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.09"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	13.79"
Last year to date	10.34"
Normal year to date	10.10"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 53°	41°
Normals 57°	35°
Records 72° (1945)	0° (1935)

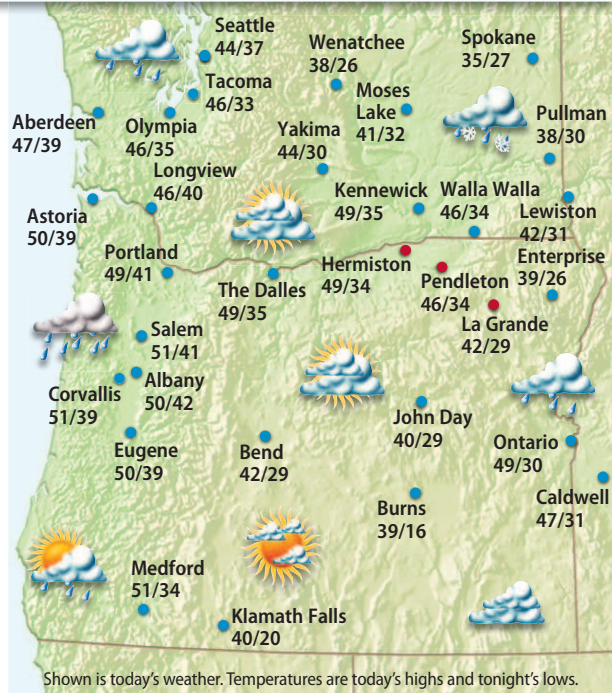
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.03"
Month to date	0.03"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	7.83"
Last year to date	7.33"
Normal year to date	7.38"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:39 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:31 p.m.
Moonset today	7:56 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Nov 10	Nov 18	Nov 26	Dec 3



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. Periods of rain across the north; a shower in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Rather cloudy and cold today; a little rain in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today; any time at the coast, in the afternoon elsewhere.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a couple of flurries near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: Mainly cloudy and cold today; a bit of rain, snow mixing in in central parts.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; a bit of snow in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	50	39	r	48	32	r
Baker City	42	20	r	44	21	sn
Bend	42	29	pc	43	22	c
Brookings	52	43	pc	51	41	r
Burns	39	16	c	39	14	sn
Enterprise	39	26	c	40	24	c
Eugene	50	39	c	49	33	r
Heppner	45	33	c	43	27	c
Hermiston	49	34	pc	46	30	c
John Day	40	29	c	42	26	c
Klamath Falls	40	20	pc	41	18	sn
La Grande	42	29	c	43	27	sn
Meacham	39	28	c	39	25	c
Medford	51	34	pc	50	31	r
Newport	51	42	r	51	38	r
North Bend	53	44	pc	52	39	r
Ontario	49	30	r	47	28	c
Pasco	49	33	pc	46	27	c
Pendleton	46	34	c	44	28	sn
Portland	49	41	r	50	36	r
Redmond	44	27	pc	46	22	c
Salem	51	41	r	52	35	r
Spokane	35	27	sf	35	20	sn
Ukiah	38	25	c	38	25	c
Vancouver	47	42	r	49	36	r
Walla Walla	46	34	c	44	30	c
Yakima	44	30	pc	42	19	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	58	35	s	58	38	s
Hong Kong	78	67	sh	80	70	s
Jerusalem	66	51	s	68	51	pc
London	55	37	r	50	33	pc
Mexico City	78	50	pc	78	50	pc
Moscow	34	31	pc	40	35	c
Paris	59	39	r	51	36	sh
Rome	69	55	pc	69	54	t
Seoul	53	36	s	58	46	pc
Sydney	65	61	sh	66	62	pc
Tokyo	68	50	pc	61	54	s

WINDS

(in mph)

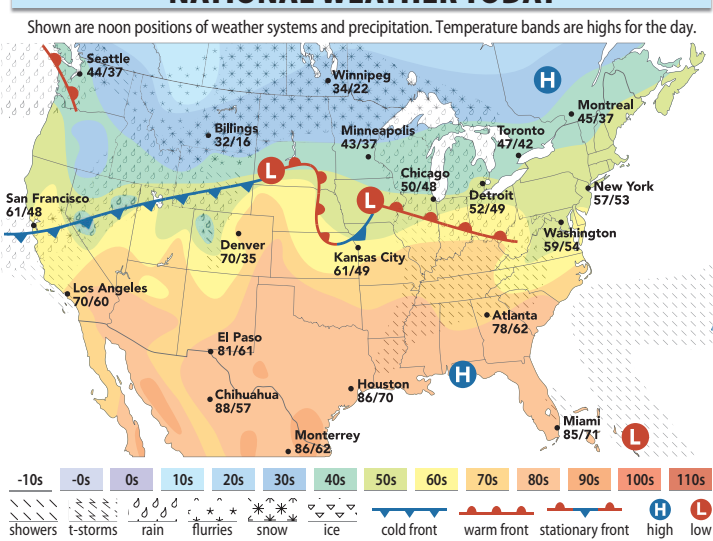
	Today	Sunday
Boardman	SW 4-8	NW 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 6-12	W 6-12

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Wet weather is in store from the lower Mississippi Valley to the central Great Lakes and at lower elevations from the Great Basin to California today. Snow will fall on the northern Plains and Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 92° in McAllen, Texas **Low** 1° in Langdon, N.D.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.				Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	73	47	pc	71	44	s	Louisville	72	64	c	77	63	c
Atlanta	78	62	sh	78	60	pc	Memphis	80	67	c	79	67	sh
Atlanta City	61	55	pc	67	62	sh	Miami	85	71	s	86	71	pc
Baltimore	59	50	r	68	57	sh	Milwaukee	49	46	r	53	34	sh
Billings	32	16	sn	28	15	pc	Minneapolis	43	37	c	39	23	c
Birmingham	79	63	pc	80	62	pc	Nashville	79	63	c	81	65	c
Boise	47	32	r	46	30	c	New Orleans	81	64	pc	82	64	pc
Boston	52	45	s	59	57	r	New York City	57	53	pc	63	61	c
Charleston, SC	81	59	pc	78	61	pc	Oklahoma City	81	60	pc	81	46	s
Charleston, WV	69	53	c	78	58	pc	Omaha	57	40	c	49	30	pc
Chicago	50	48	r	58	37	t	Philadelphia	59	52	pc	67	61	sh
Cleveland	59	54	r	69	53	r	Phoenix	86	61	pc	80	59	s
Dallas	89	69	s	92	69	pc	Portland, ME	52	37	pc	53	51	r
Denver	70	35	pc	53	29	pc	Providence	57	41	pc	63	56	r
Detroit	52	49	r	64	44	t	Raleigh	63	52	c	74	56	pc
El Paso	81	61	pc	82	55	s	Rapid City	44	19	pc	34	19	sn
Fairbanks	30	22	c	29	13	pc	Reno	55	34	r	53	30	c
Fargo	38	22	c	30	14	sf	Sacramento	61	42	r	60	42	c
Honolulu	87	76	sh	85	74	sh	St. Louis	70	61	c	77	46	t
Houston	86	70	pc	86	69	pc	Salt Lake City	58	42	r	54	40	r
Indianapolis	62	58	r	70	48	c	San Diego	71	62	sh	70	61	c
Jacksonville	84	62	s	82	64	pc	San Francisco	61	48	r	61	49	c
Kansas City	61	49	c	59	33	pc	Seattle	44	37	r	44	32	sn
Las Vegas	75	56	c	73	53	pc	Tucson	86	56	pc	80	54	s
Little Rock	81	65	c	79	63	c	Washington, DC	59	54	sh	68	60	sh
Los Angeles	70	60	c	69	57	sh	Wichita	67	53	pc	61	40	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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HERMISTON

VenuWorks estimates a profitable EOTEC in three years

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 East Oregonian

The Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center board plans to contract with VenuWorks to run its facility, and the management company believes it can get EOTEC profitable in three years.

The Iowa-based venue-management company operates arenas, conference centers, fairgrounds and other facilities, including Toyota Center and Three Rivers Convention Center in the Tri-Cities.

"I totally have confidence in VenuWorks," board member and hotelier Vijay Patel said. "I've seen how they operate in Kennewick ... I can assure you it's a class A team and they will help us bring in more events than we would otherwise."

The board unanimously passed a motion directing a subcommittee and interim manager Nate Rivera to negotiate a contract with VenuWorks to vote on at a special Nov. 21 meeting.

During a presentation to the board, Corey Pearson, executive director of the Three Rivers campus in Kennewick, displayed a cost/revenue analysis estimating that under VenuWorks' management EOTEC would be at a \$116,350 loss for the first year of the facility, \$93,362 loss for the second year and a \$4,968 profit on year three. One reason for that, he said, is that even



The Hermiston Farm Fair was held at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center for the first time in December 2016.

though VenuWorks would "come out swinging" with its marketing strategy, most conventions and trade shows book their events two or three years out.

"Year one you're marketing to groups that have already made a commitment somewhere else," he said.

Under the VenuWorks model, the EOTEC board would still have full control over setting budget and policies for the facility, but VenuWorks would provide recommendations based on their expertise and run day-to-day operations. The company has proposed a base fee of \$10,000 per month for

services including financial administration, marketing, event production, booking and consulting. Those costs would be in addition to payroll for a general manager, event manager/administrative assistant and two operations staff.

Rivera said EOTEC's operating costs have been significantly more than budgeted in recent months because labor is being contracted, causing the current year's budget to look a lot like VenuWorks' year one projection. If EOTEC doesn't change how it is operating the facility, he said, the budget will continue to look that way

each year. Rivera said he felt Hermiston and Umatilla County taxpayers would rather EOTEC go with the safest option most likely to help the center start turning a profit within a few years.

When board members questioned whether Umatilla County and the city of Hermiston would be willing to cover EOTEC's projected losses for the first couple of years in addition to the \$75,000 per year each had already committed, Mayor David Drotzmann said that the city had expected to have to help subsidize EOTEC for the first few years and he thought the city council would be willing to support

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— David Drotzmann, mayor of Hermiston

the amounts that VenuWorks had estimated.

"We took a leap of faith together knowing there would be some losses in the first year," he said, calling VenuWorks' projections of getting EOTEC out of the red by year three "exciting."

Board members Dan Dorran and Don Miller said they had some reservations going into the discussion, but listening to Pearson's presentation on behalf of VenuWorks had answered many of their questions and calmed some of their worries.

Former EOTEC board member and current Farm-City Pro Rodeo board member David Bothum said three years ago when the EOTEC board toured the Three Rivers Convention

Center in Kennewick run by VenuWorks and the TRAC Center in Pasco run by a general manager not affiliated with a management company, the difference was "night and day." In 2013 the Tri-City Herald reported that the TRAC Center had lost hundreds of thousands of dollars each year since opening in 1995.

"At the time I thought how could we do anything but go with VenuWorks," Bothum said.

The EOTEC board plans to consider a finalized contract with VenuWorks on Nov. 21.

The board also discussed continuing donations to the facility, including 3,700 pounds of winter wheat seed from Bracher Farms to help keep dust down, expertise and equipment from the OSU Extension Center to help plant it, and a "very generous" offer of Belmont wheel lines for irrigation from Elmer's Irrigation.

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Nominations sought for fisheries advisory groups

East Oregonian

Fishery managers in Oregon and Washington are looking to fill positions on two joint advisory committees managed between the states, overseeing sport and commercial fishing interests on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, Nov. 30. Terms are for three years, from 2018-2020.

Up to 20 people will be accepted on each advisory group — one for commercial fishing, and one for recreational fishing. The two committees meet two to four times per year to help develop

recommendations for salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and smelt fisheries.

Any group or individual may submit a nomination. Nominations should include a résumé with contact information and a statement describing the person's fishing experience and interest in serving on the committee.