

AccuWeather Forecast TODAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY. Considerable cloudiness. A touch of rain in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy. Mostly sunny. Sunshine and patchy clouds.

PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High/Low) for Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Values: 45/38, 54/41, 50/32, 48/30, 40/31.

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High/Low) for Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Values: 48/39, 56/43, 55/34, 48/33, 41/33.

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PENDELTON through 3 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: HIGH LOW. YESTERDAY: 40° 32°. RECORDS: 67° (1990) -18° (1909).

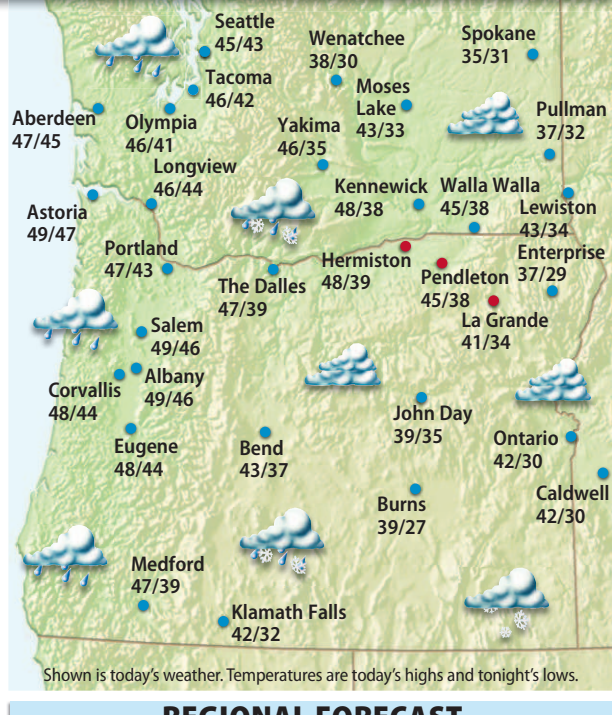
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE: HIGH LOW. YESTERDAY: 42° 35°. RECORDS: 66° (1953) -10° (1974).

SUN AND MOON

Table with 2 columns: Event (Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Moonset) and Time. Values: Sunrise 7:34 a.m., Sunset 4:31 p.m., Moonrise 1:39 a.m., Moonset 12:36 p.m.

AccuWeather DOWNLOAD OUR APP TODAY. REGIONAL CITIES table with columns: City, Today (Hi/Lo/W), Thu. (Hi/Lo/W).



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Considerable cloudiness today. A little rain, only in the morning in central parts. Eastern and Central Oregon: Cloudy today; a bit of snow and rain near the Cascades.

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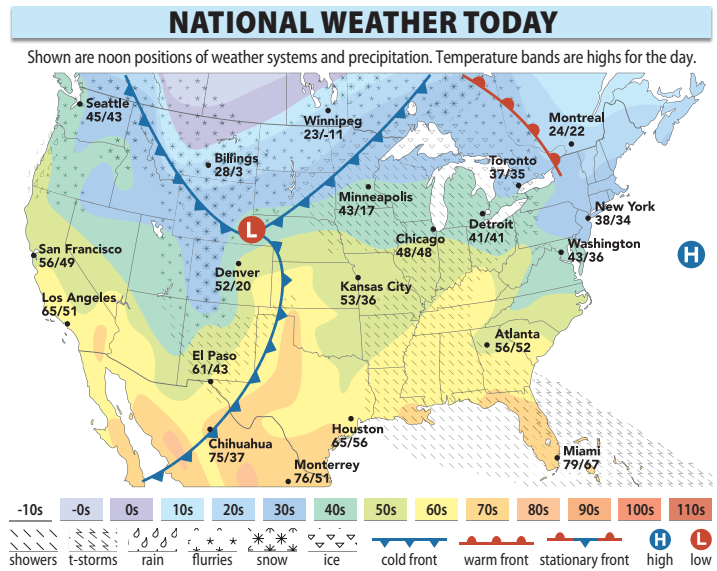
Table with columns: City, Today, Thursday. Boardman: WSW 7-14, WSW 10-20. Pendleton: WSW 6-12, SW 10-20.

UV INDEX TODAY



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.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.



National Summary: Showers will dot areas from Florida to Wisconsin today, while ice may glaze spots over the northern and eastern Great Lakes. A storm will gather snow and colder air over the Rockies and interior Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes (for the 48 contiguous states) High 81° in Punta Gorda, Fla. Low -12° in Embarrass, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today (Hi/Lo/W), Thur. (Hi/Lo/W). Cities include Albuquerque, Atlanta, Austin, Atlanta City, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boise, Boston, Charleston, SC, Charleston, WV, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, ME, Providence, Raleigh, Rapid City, Reno, Sacramento, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Tucson, Washington, DC, Wichita.

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Interest groups respond to 'cap and invest' bill

By PARIS ACHEN Capital Bureau

SALEM — State lawmakers have released the first draft of a bill to charge Oregon industries for emitting carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and to use the revenue to invest in projects meant to slow climate change.



File photo

Oregon Democrats have released the first draft of a bill that would require industries emitting more than 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide to buy market-priced credits. The state would use proceeds from the sale of credits to fund climate-related projects.

designed to encourage businesses to adopt technologies and practices that reduce their carbon footprint. The allowances would be sold at a North American auction and generate revenue that would be invested in green-energy and environmentally friendly agriculture projects.

The program would eventually generate hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue that would be invested in projects that slow climate change, Dembrow said. The exact cost of the program has yet to be calculated, he said. But previous estimates pegged revenue at about \$700 million per year.

Investments could include rebates for electric vehicles, solar panels on homes or safety improvements on bicycle lanes, among other

things, Reed said.

Carbon trading markets are gaining momentum around the globe. China has plans to launch a carbon market later this year that would account for about a quarter of that country's industrial emissions, according to E & E News, a Washington, D.C., environment and energy publication.

A cap-and-invest bill in 2016 drew strong opposition from certain Oregon business groups, including Associated Oregon Industries, since merged into Oregon Business & Industry.

Mark Johnson, OBI president and CEO, said the program would drive up prices on consumers and drive away businesses from the state.

"Unfortunately, the legislation introduced (Monday) is an example of misplaced

priorities," Johnson said. "Greenhouse gas emissions are decreasing, while Oregon's fiscal crisis is worsening. Rather than pushing a complex, costly program to address an issue that businesses already are making progress on, legislators need to focus on a problem only they can fix — Oregon's fiscal instability."

Tom Koehler, co-founder of Pacific Ethanol and secretary of the Oregon Business Alliance on Climate, said he supports moving forward on the legislation this year.

"There is a fundamental decision that needs to be made now and not danced around: Do we believe the climate crisis is real and are we ready to do our part to make a difference?" Koehler said.

"We believe action now will benefit Oregon's economy and its citizens."

Democrats Sen. Michael Dembrow of Portland, and Rep. Ken Helm of Beaverton assembled a series of work groups to address concerns from business and industry, environmentalists and advocates for minorities and residents of rural areas. The lawmakers said they added several provisions to the bill designed to help businesses stay competitive, including dedicating 20 percent of revenue to job-generating projects in rural areas and legislative oversight of rulemaking to ensure rules don't put companies out of business.

BRIEFLY

Correctional officer behind bars for sending explicit messages to teen

A Two Rivers correctional officer is behind bars after allegedly sending sexually explicit messages to a 13-year-old girl.

Roy D. Farber, 31, allegedly provided the girl a phone, and used it to send her explicit messages and photos. The girl's parents discovered the phone, and turned it over to Kennewick police.

Detectives searched Farber's home and seized cellphones and computers to examine later.

Farber is a correctional officer at the Two Rivers Correctional Facility in Umatilla.

He was booked into Benton County jail on an investigative hold for communicating with a minor for immoral purposes. The investigation is continuing.

Judge OKs plan to boost spill at Columbia and Snake dams

PORTLAND (AP) — A federal judge has signed off on a plan to spill more water over Columbia and Snake river dams to help protect salmon and steelhead.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Simon ruled last spring that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers must spill more water through spillways, rather than turbines. In his order, he told federal agencies to spend the next year studying how to release the right amount of water without creating unintended negative consequences.

He approved the plan Monday. Conservationists say the extra water will help young salmon migrate out to sea.

The federal government has appealed Simon's 2017 ruling to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. If his order is not overturned, it will go into effect at eight dams in early April and last until mid-June.

Judge orders Malheur occupation leader Payne back to Oregon

By CONRAD WILSON Oregon Public Broadcasting

U.S. District Court Judge Anna Brown on Tuesday ordered Malheur occupation leader Ryan Payne back into custody in Oregon. A day earlier, Payne and members of the Bundy family were handed a stunning legal victory in Las Vegas in a separate case.

Payne must report to the U.S. District Courthouse in downtown Portland by noon Thursday, Brown ruled from the bench.

"We need to return him to the position he was in when he went to Nevada," Brown said during a court

hearing Tuesday. Payne is currently on pretrial release in Las Vegas and subject to GPS monitoring. U.S. Marshals previously transported Payne to Nevada to face charges related to a 2014 armed standoff between the Bureau of Land Management, ranchers and members of the Bundy family.

Payne was granted pretrial release in December after it surfaced that prosecutors had withheld information from defendants.

The only reason Payne

was released, rather than being held in pretrial custody, was that he was "preparing his joint defense with other defendants," Brown said Tuesday. "Now that no longer exists."

Arranging Payne's transportation from Las Vegas to Portland has proven challenging.

U.S. Marshals said they could take Payne into custody in Las Vegas and transport him to Oregon, but that would take at least one week.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Geoff Barrow said that was



Payne

STUDENT OF THE WEEK Rudy Barerra Senior - Riverside Jr/Sr High School

Ruby Barerra is a senior at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Ruby is extremely involved in our school and the community. She is currently very active in student leadership and is the Senior Class President.

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