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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny and mild	Clouds giving way to some sun	Mostly cloudy and cooler	Mostly sunny and chilly	Mostly sunny and seasonably cool
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
60° 48°	61° 37°	49° 28°	43° 25°	48° 35°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
62° 48°	64° 38°	53° 32°	48° 24°	50° 37°

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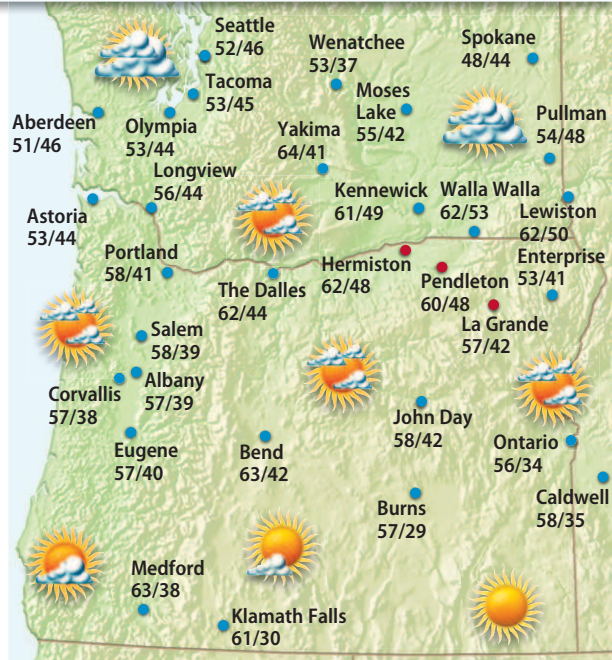
PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	53°	42°
Normals	44°	28°
Records	67° (1996)	-6° (1899)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.26"
 Normal month to date 0.28"
 Year to date 1.85"
 Last year to date 1.75"
 Normal year to date 1.66"



HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	58°	42°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	65° (1965)	-13° (1929)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.14"
 Normal month to date 0.20"
 Year to date 1.24"
 Last year to date 1.71"
 Normal year to date 1.48"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:09 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:10 p.m.
 Moonrise today 12:30 a.m.
 Moonset today 11:08 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Feb 7	Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today; however, sunnier in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mild today with times of clouds and sun.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today and tonight. A couple of showers tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Mainly cloudy today. Mostly cloudy tonight; a passing shower in the north.

Cascades: Mild today with intervals of clouds and sunshine.

Northern California: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	44	pc	52	41	c
Baker City	55	34	pc	59	30	c
Bend	63	42	pc	64	32	pc
Brookings	69	48	s	62	44	s
Burns	57	29	pc	60	29	pc
Enterprise	53	41	pc	57	31	c
Eugene	57	40	pc	58	39	pc
Heppner	61	48	pc	62	35	pc
Hermiston	62	48	pc	64	38	pc
John Day	58	42	pc	61	35	pc
Klamath Falls	61	30	s	64	29	pc
La Grande	57	42	pc	60	33	c
Meacham	55	42	pc	57	31	c
Medford	63	38	pc	66	39	pc
Newport	55	43	pc	52	41	c
North Bend	60	44	pc	55	42	pc
Ontario	56	34	pc	57	32	c
Pasco	59	49	pc	64	35	pc
Pendleton	60	48	pc	61	37	pc
Portland	58	41	pc	55	41	c
Redmond	66	38	pc	66	32	c
Salem	58	39	pc	58	39	c
Spokane	48	44	c	53	30	sh
Ukiah	55	40	pc	57	29	pc
Vancouver	56	41	pc	54	39	c
Walla Walla	62	53	pc	63	41	pc
Yakima	64	41	pc	63	32	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	35	11	s	39	17	pc
Hong Kong	62	54	s	63	58	pc
Jerusalem	69	51	c	68	51	pc
London	40	27	pc	45	39	c
Mexico City	72	49	pc	68	46	pc
Moscow	18	3	c	17	12	sn
Paris	32	19	sn	32	21	pc
Rome	55	41	t	56	40	pc
Seoul	26	12	c	34	18	s
Sydney	80	67	s	83	70	s
Tokyo	40	34	s	45	35	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	WSW 6-12	WSW 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

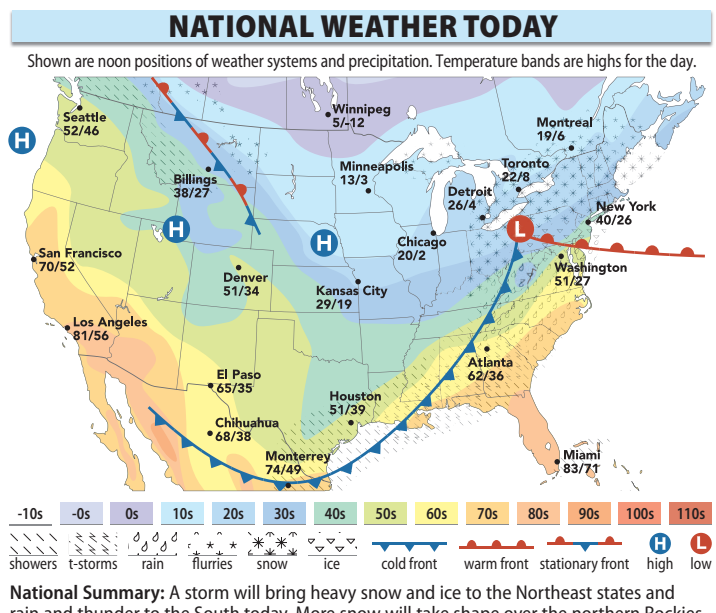
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	56	30	s	60	33	s
Atlanta	62	36	r	59	39	s
Atlanta City	51	29	r	36	25	pc
Baltimore	47	22	i	37	22	s
Billings	38	27	c	30	1	sn
Birmingham	63	30	r	58	39	s
Boise	57	38	pc	62	37	c
Boston	38	23	sn	33	19	pc
Charleston, SC	74	54	c	61	41	pc
Charleston, WV	44	22	r	37	21	pc
Chicago	20	2	pc	23	20	sn
Cleveland	28	16	sn	26	18	c
Dallas	47	29	pc	59	42	s
Denver	51	34	s	58	26	pc
Detroit	26	4	sn	22	13	pc
El Paso	65	35	s	68	41	s
Fairbanks	-10	-24	pc	-2	-17	s
Fargo	10	-11	pc	5	-15	c
Honolulu	80	67	sh	80	67	pc
Houston	51	39	r	62	48	pc
Indianapolis	28	10	pc	32	23	pc
Jacksonville	81	60	c	64	51	c
Kansas City	29	19	s	46	29	pc
Las Vegas	70	49	s	75	50	pc
Little Rock	45	22	c	52	29	s
Los Angeles	81	56	s	83	56	s
Louisville	38	20	c	41	31	s
Memphis	40	27	sh	52	36	s
Miami	83	71	pc	84	72	pc
Milwaukee	21	7	pc	22	18	sn
Minneapolis	13	3	pc	16	0	pc
Nashville	40	23	r	49	33	s
New Orleans	71	46	t	61	53	c
New York City	40	26	sn	33	24	pc
Oklahoma City	43	24	s	58	33	s
Omaha	18	14	pc	33	15	c
Philadelphia	47	26	sn	36	23	s
Phoenix	80	51	s	82	51	s
Portland, ME	30	17	sn	30	13	pc
Providence	46	25	sn	35	20	pc
Raleigh	64	35	r	51	28	s
Rapid City	34	18	pc	26	0	sn
Reno	61	32	s	66	33	c
Sacramento	72	43	s	73	43	s
St. Louis	30	17	pc	46	33	pc
Salt Lake City	57	40	pc	62	44	pc
San Diego	76	52	s	76	53	s
San Francisco	70	52	s	70	51	s
Seattle	52	46	c	52	41	sh
Tucson	78	48	s	82	48	s
Washington, DC	51	27	i	40	27	pc
Wichita	40	24	s	59	31	s

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Lawmakers wrangle DHS changes, improvements

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — While many lawmakers say they're heartened by recent leadership changes at the Department of Human Services, there are some differing opinions about how the Legislature can remedy the myriad problems in the state foster care system.

State auditors said Jan. 31 that DHS has failed to make progress on chronic problems in the Child Welfare program, including lack of available foster homes and high caseworker turnover.

The issues in the foster care program were raised on Monday, the first day of the short legislative session, after state Rep. Knute Buehler, a Bend Republican who is also a candidate for the GOP gubernatorial nomination, called for \$50 million in additional funding to implement the audit's two-dozen recommendations.

"As leaders and citizens we owe these kids, families and caseworkers so much more than what they're getting right now," Buehler told reporters Monday, Feb. 5.

However, other lawmakers say that the foster care audit identified longstanding problems at DHS, and that while more money could help, solving those problems also requires systemic changes at DHS that will take time as well as oversight from the Legislature.

For example, the audit found that the agency employs 769 fewer caseworkers than are needed to meet demand. But state Sen. Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis, said Feb. 5 that making an effective change means hiring the right people and training them well, both steps that take time.

could move money around in the budget, Gelsler said that putting more money into Child Welfare could mean cuts for other important programs.

Further, she says that reforming the state's tax system could, as other tax reform advocates have argued, help pay for the wide variety of state government services that Oregonians want, from public safety, to child welfare, to schools, to roads.

"It all comes back to how much money's in the bank to pay for these things," Gelsler said, noting that recent legislative efforts to reform the state's tax system to stabilize revenue moved forward in the last session, but still disintegrated. "... So now, I look to the people that will want to capitalize on some of these audits to come forward with us, and hold hands with us, to get the tax reform that we need to be able to pay for the services that Oregonians expect and need."

Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, was skeptical of Buehler's idea to infuse DHS with \$50 million in funding from an increased cigarette tax. Increasing the cigarette tax was unlikely to get political support, she said, and added that the problems at the agency required higher-level changes to the system or agency "infrastructure."

"We could throw, you know, another \$100 million at it tomorrow, and it wouldn't fix the problem overnight, by any means," Steiner Hayward said. "... that's been a long time in the making, but I think the path toward solving it, at least with the resources we currently have available, is much clearer than it's ever been."

In the 2017 session, when lawmakers hammered

out the two-year budget for the fiscal biennium that ends in June 2019, the budget included \$30 million more for the Child Welfare program than initially planned, Steiner Hayward said.

Lawmakers used that money to bring back a senior staff position to support caseworkers and upped payments to foster parents, among other things.

Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters, R-Salem, said in an interview last week that the Legislature should also look at how to prevent kids from going into foster care where possible.

Winters pointed to the state's relief nursery program as an example — more than 30 community-based relief nurseries in Oregon provide therapy and other supports to parents in need. About 11,000 Oregon kids enter foster care annually.

Many lawmakers have said they are confident in new leadership at the agency. Fariborz Pakseresh, the former Oregon Youth Authority director, has led the agency since September, and Marilyn Jones has been at the helm of the Child Welfare program since October.

"I think we need to give (Pakseresh) time to right-side the agency," Winters told the EO/Pamplin Capital Bureau last week.

Trump administration's oil drilling plan prompts protests at capitol

By ANDREW SELSKY
 Associated Press

SALEM — The Trump administration's plan to drill for oil and gas off the coast of the United States drew protests Tuesday in Congress and on the streets.

In Oregon, more than 100 protesters gathered outside the state capitol in Salem and planned to go to a hotel where the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management was holding a public meeting, one of a series of coastal states.

The protesters heard speakers on the steps of the Capitol denouncing the intent to allow companies to drill off the coast, including Elke Littleleaf, a member of the Warm Springs Indian tribe.

"We have to step up and let these people know we want to keep our coastline clean and pure as it should be," Littleleaf said.

A demonstration scheduled for Monday in Tacoma, Washington was postponed after the venue operator pulled out amid planned protests.

Some of the protesters in Salem wore black T-shirts that said "drilling is killing."

In the nation's capital, senators from coastal states on Tuesday strongly object to the plan, saying it endangers the environment and threatens jobs dependent on tourism, recreation and fishing.

"Oil and gas development



AP Photo/Andrew Selsky
People gather with signs on the Capitol steps in Salem on Tuesday, protesting against a federal proposal that would open up the nation's coastline, including all of Oregon's shores, to oil and gas drilling.

off the coast of the Northwest does not make sense for our communities," Sen. Maria Cantwell, a Democrat from Washington state, said on the Senate floor. She noted that the Pacific Northwest is due for a big earthquake at any time, and urged Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to drop "this foolish idea."

in the Senate to denounce the plan.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-Rhode Island, said he was working to ban drilling off his state's coast.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., cited the launch on Tuesday of SpaceX's big new rocket from Cape Canaveral, saying it underscores the danger of having drilling off a coast where rockets are launched.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Seth Wood

Senior - Pendleton High School

Seth Wood is a Senior at Pendleton High School. Is active in Leadership Class. Was a recipient of the PHS Citizenship Cup as a Freshman. ASTRA President this year. National Honor Society Club President this year. Is part of the Golf team for 4 years. Is active in many community service projects. Will be serving a two-year mission with his church next fall. Area of future study is medicine. Seth was chosen because of his leadership qualities, work ethics and desire to help others! He has a current GPA of 4.0 and a cumulative GPA of 3.97

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