

AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly sunny and chilly	A quick afternoon shower	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Clouds and sun with a shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 45° 30° 43° 27° 39° 24° 49° 36° 50° 36°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 48° 29° 47° 27° 44° 23° 49° 34° 54° 35°

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PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 47°	36°
Normals 45°	29°
Records 73° (1996)	-20° (1929)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.26"
 Normal month to date 0.40"
 Year to date 1.85"
 Last year to date 1.99"
 Normal year to date 1.78"

HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

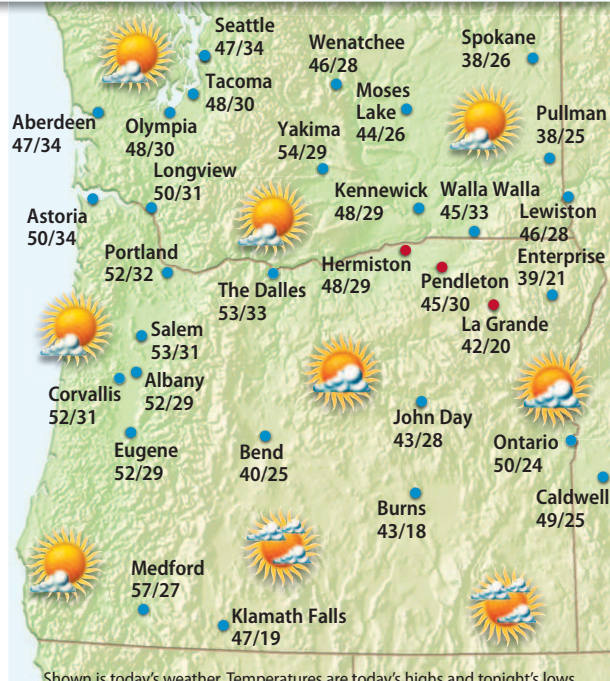
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 50°	35°
Normals 46°	29°
Records 70° (1996)	-24° (1929)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.14"
 Normal month to date 0.31"
 Year to date 1.24"
 Last year to date 1.91"
 Normal year to date 1.59"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:05 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:14 p.m.
 Moonrise today 3:26 a.m.
 Moonset today 12:55 p.m.

New First Full Last
 Feb 15 Feb 22 Mar 1 Mar 9



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. A shower tomorrow. Monday: clouds and sun.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today; cooler in the south and near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Increasing amounts of clouds tonight. A couple of showers tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight; however, some clouds toward the Cascades.

Cascades: Mostly sunny today; colder in the south. Partly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Partly sunny today; cooler. Mainly clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	50	34	s	48	34	sh
Baker City	45	19	pc	44	24	c
Bend	40	25	pc	46	24	c
Brookings	60	40	pc	55	40	pc
Burns	43	18	pc	41	20	c
Enterprise	39	21	s	41	25	c
Eugene	52	29	s	48	34	pc
Heppner	45	29	s	43	25	c
Hermiston	48	29	s	47	27	c
John Day	43	28	pc	45	30	c
Klamath Falls	47	19	pc	47	23	pc
La Grande	42	20	s	43	25	c
Meacham	39	19	s	40	23	c
Medford	57	27	pc	49	31	pc
Newport	51	36	s	48	36	pc
North Bend	54	36	s	51	39	pc
Ontario	50	24	pc	46	28	c
Pasco	48	30	s	46	28	c
Pendleton	45	30	s	43	27	c
Portland	52	32	s	48	33	pc
Redmond	44	22	s	48	23	c
Salem	53	31	s	49	33	pc
Spokane	38	26	s	38	21	c
Ukiah	38	22	s	40	21	c
Vancouver	51	32	s	47	33	pc
Walla Walla	45	33	s	44	28	c
Yakima	54	29	s	50	27	c

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	32	15	s	33	17	s
Hong Kong	70	54	pc	66	54	pc
Jerusalem	72	58	pc	67	54	c
London	48	39	r	45	32	pc
Mexico City	70	49	pc	70	47	pc
Moscow	22	20	c	26	17	sn
Paris	37	33	pc	43	29	c
Rome	57	36	s	54	38	s
Seoul	36	16	pc	28	15	sf
Sydney	84	72	s	88	69	pc
Tokyo	57	43	pc	54	37	sh

WINDS

(in mph)

City	Today	Sunday
Boardman	SSW 4-8	WSW 8-16
Pendleton	W 4-8	WSW 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

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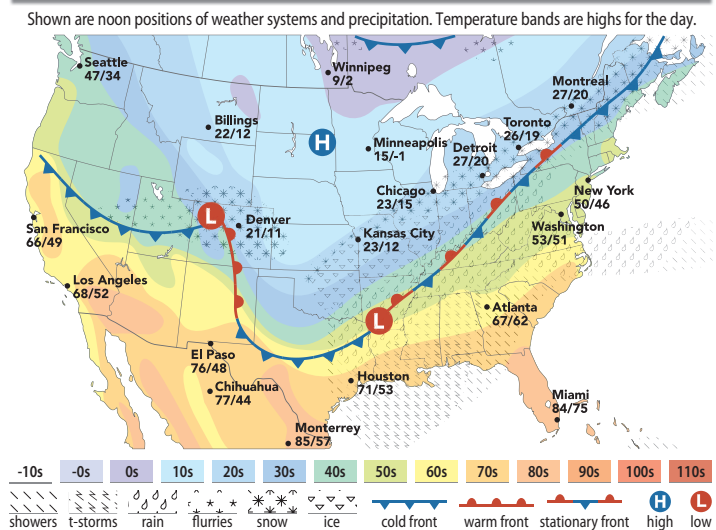
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain will spread from the South Central states to the Northeast today. A swath of snow and ice is forecast from the central Plains to part of northern New England. Snow will also fall on the central Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 88° in Thermal, Calif. Low -31° in Cotton, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	67	31	s	48	29	c
Atlanta	67	62	sh	70	57	r
Atlanta City	53	48	r	56	47	c
Baltimore	50	49	r	61	45	r
Billings	22	12	pc	18	2	c
Birmingham	68	62	r	68	47	c
Boise	47	28	pc	48	28	c
Boston	50	40	c	43	39	r
Charleston, SC	75	64	c	75	63	c
Charleston, WV	54	46	r	58	31	r
Chicago	23	15	sn	24	4	sn
Cleveland	33	26	r	32	20	sn
Dallas	54	28	c	45	29	c
Denver	21	11	sn	43	23	s
Detroit	27	20	sn	28	13	sn
El Paso	76	48	s	59	38	r
Fairbanks	-3	-14	pc	10	5	pc
Fargo	10	2	s	14	-11	pc
Honolulu	81	69	pc	82	69	pc
Houston	71	53	r	53	38	r
Indianapolis	35	25	i	31	13	i
Jacksonville	81	64	c	81	64	c
Kansas City	23	12	c	30	12	c
Las Vegas	77	43	pc	63	45	s
Little Rock	54	34	r	42	26	r
Los Angeles	68	52	pc	72	52	s
Louisville	49	36	r	49	36	r
Memphis	57	37	r	42	30	r
Miami	84	75	s	85	75	pc
Milwaukee	22	12	sn	26	9	s
Minneapolis	15	-1	s	19	2	s
Nashville	59	47	r	50	32	r
New Orleans	76	64	t	76	59	r
New York City	50	46	c	54	42	r
Oklahoma City	31	18	i	38	17	c
Omaha	14	2	c	24	4	s
Philadelphia	52	49	r	61	46	r
Phoenix	81	52	s	76	51	s
Portland, ME	44	37	sn	38	33	r
Providence	51	43	c	50	43	r
Raleigh	65	61	r	72	61	t
Rapid City	12	-5	pc	21	1	s
Reno	51	20	pc	60	28	s
Sacramento	69	38	s	64	39	s
St. Louis	31	19	i	30	14	sn
Salt Lake City	47	29	c	52	37	pc
San Diego	66	53	pc	69	57	pc
San Francisco	66	49	s	62	47	s
Seattle	47	34	s	45	34	sh
Tucson	81	50	s	75	47	s
Washington, DC	53	51	r	65	46	pc
Wichita	29	15	c	40	15	pc

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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Low snowfall creates bleak water supply outlook

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Warm weather and meager mountain snow could spell a difficult water year ahead for Oregon farms.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service released its monthly water supply outlook report for February, and overall conditions are not looking good in most basins across the state.

Of 137 monitoring stations, every single one recorded below-average snowpack as of Feb. 1. Most were less than 50 percent of normal, according to the NRCS.

Julie Koeberle, snow survey hydrologist, said the chances for a full snowpack recovery are low, but stressed there is still time for conditions to improve. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center is calling for cooler and wetter weather over the next three months, offering a glimmer of hope.

However, if Oregon expects to fully catch up on snowpack by April 1, the next two months

would have to deliver 125-225 percent of normal precipitation, with all of that falling as snow.

"Water managers will need to carefully evaluate water supplies this summer if snow and spring rains fail to bring relief," Koeberle said.

Northeast Oregon continues to boast the highest snowpack in the state, at 64 percent of normal in the Grande Ronde, Powder, Burnt and Imnaha basins, and 55 percent of normal in the Umatilla, Walla Walla and Willow basins.

Those averages drop as low as 38 percent in the Willamette Basin, 35 percent in the Owyhee Basin and 33 percent in the Klamath Basin in southern Oregon, where streamflow forecasts between April and September are all project to be less than 60 percent of normal.

John Wolf, manager of the Klamath Irrigation District, said his board met for more than four hours Thursday to discuss drought planning.

"It's pretty bleak down here right now," Wolf said. "We're all praying for a February or March miracle."

Bend doctor takes aim at Walden's seat in hopes of fixing health care system

By ANTONIO SIERRA
 East Oregonian

Jenni Neahring is hoping to make the transition from treating patients to helping solve the nation's health care problems.

A Bend doctor who formerly specialized in kidney treatment and palliative care, Neahring recently jumped into the seven-way Democratic primary for the right to mount a longshot challenge against Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River.

Neahring has practiced medicine in Oregon since 1998 but, concerned about Republican attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, she quit her job in April 2017 to look for a way to contribute to the national health care debate.

"For the last 10 or 15 years I've wanted to figure out how not just to practice medicine, but how to make a difference," she said.

While she originally thought she might join a panel or advocacy organization, she was eventually

convinced that running for Oregon Congressional District 2 was her best chance to create change.

Neahring, 51, said in an interview with the *East Oregonian* Thursday that people have asked her why she doesn't start with a more local position, like a seat on the Bend City Council or the state legislature, but said taking federal office is the best way to influence health care policy.

"You either go big or you go home," she said.

Neahring said she isn't a single-issue candidate, but her focus on health expands to other areas. She said it's difficult to lead a healthy life if the government doesn't address other important issues like transportation and affordable housing.

A modern health care system needs to address issues like high drug prices and providing the type of care people need, Neahring said. While she isn't locked into the idea of creating a single-payer health care system, she said it's an idea that could be looked into along with a

system that would require affordable prices for core health services.

Neahring said Congress could benefit by having a doctor who is familiar with the health care system and its shortcomings. If she is elected, she would join a small club.

Between the House of Representatives and Senate, only 14 physicians currently serve in Congress, or approximately 3 percent. Of those 14 members of Congress, only two are Democrats — Reps. Ami Bera and Raul Ruiz of California.

She said she's ramped up her campaign from "zero to 60" in recent weeks, hiring a campaign manager and a communications director and looking to do some campaign fundraising.

Despite the district's strong Republican lean, Neahring said her early campaign events have seen larger attendance than anticipated and many voters are becoming disenfranchised with Walden.

Regardless of some of these early indicators, Walden will be difficult to defeat in District 2, a nearly 70,000-square-mile district that encompasses all of Eastern Oregon and most of the central and southern parts of the state.

Originally elected in 1998, Walden often earns more than 70 percent of the vote and has amassed \$3.1 million for his 2018 re-election campaign.

Although the race isn't on the national radar, local Democrats are enthusiastic enough that seven candidates have already entered the race.

The field includes Neahring, Jim Cray of Ashland, the 2016 Democratic nominee, Eric Burnette of Hood River, Michael Byrne of Hood River, Raz Mason of The Dalles, Jamie McLeod-Skinner of Terrebonne, Steven Cody Reynolds of Portland and Tim White of Bend.

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Corrections

The Feb. 8, 2018 article "County plans to streamline path from jail to treatment" had an incorrect number for the contract approval. The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners on Wednesday voted 2-0 in favor of a contract to provide mental health and drug/alcohol assessments for inmates at the county jail, Pendleton. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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