

## AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny; breezy in the p.m.	Partly sunny and pleasant	Pleasant with clouds and sun	Mostly cloudy with a few showers	Mostly cloudy with a few showers
<b>78° 50°</b>	<b>74° 47°</b>	<b>78° 51°</b>	<b>77° 55°</b>	<b>68° 56°</b>

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

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#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	80°	39°
Normals	77°	52°
Records	99° (1940)	32° (1893)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.26"
Normal month to date	0.63"
Year to date	6.33"
Last year to date	10.10"
Normal year to date	7.14"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	47°
Normals	78°	53°
Records	104° (1940)	41° (1956)

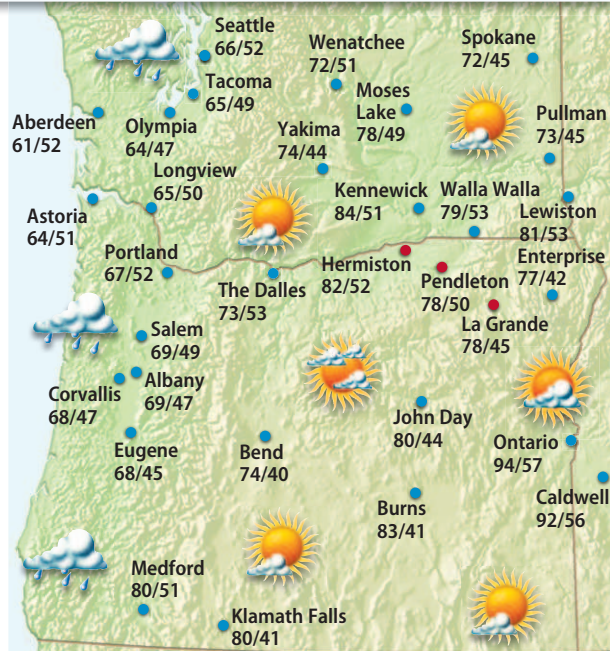
**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.29"
Year to date	5.00"
Last year to date	6.55"
Normal year to date	5.40"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:45 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:17 a.m.
Moonset today	8:44 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
June 13				
June 20				
June 27				
July 6				



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** A shower today. Areas of low clouds early; otherwise, mostly sunny in the south.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Sunny to partly cloudy today; however, some clouds in central parts; hot in the south.

**Western Washington:** Mostly cloudy today. A light rain; only in the morning across the south.

**Eastern Washington:** Showers near the Idaho border today; clouds and sun in north, central sections and mountains.

**Cascades:** Clouds breaking in central parts today; mostly cloudy across the north. Sunshine in the south.

**Northern California:** Partly sunny at the coast today; sunny elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	64	51	c	63	50	pc
Baker City	82	43	pc	71	41	pc
Bend	74	40	s	71	40	pc
Brookings	64	50	pc	69	52	pc
Burns	83	41	pc	72	43	s
Enterprise	77	42	pc	66	40	pc
Eugene	68	45	r	71	47	pc
Heppner	75	47	s	71	44	pc
Hermiston	82	52	s	80	52	pc
John Day	80	44	pc	69	41	pc
Klamath Falls	80	41	s	78	42	s
La Grande	78	45	pc	69	41	pc
Meacham	73	41	pc	66	37	pc
Medford	80	51	s	79	52	s
Newport	61	49	c	61	49	pc
North Bend	65	51	c	65	52	s
Ontario	94	57	pc	79	54	s
Pasco	83	50	s	78	47	pc
Pendleton	78	50	s	74	47	pc
Portland	67	52	sh	69	52	pc
Redmond	76	39	s	74	40	pc
Salem	69	49	r	70	50	pc
Spokane	72	45	sh	68	46	pc
Ukiah	73	39	s	65	35	pc
Vancouver	66	50	r	67	50	pc
Walla Walla	79	53	s	75	51	pc
Yakima	74	44	s	75	44	pc

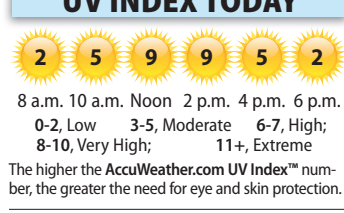
### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	82	62	t	90	67	s
Hong Kong	86	78	r	86	79	sh
Jerusalem	75	63	t	82	62	s
London	71	55	pc	71	52	sh
Mexico City	69	58	t	71	59	t
Moscow	67	46	pc	64	44	pc
Paris	64	51	pc	70	55	pc
Rome	76	61	t	76	61	t
Seoul	82	67	pc	83	62	pc
Sydney	66	51	c	67	53	s
Tokyo	76	66	c	74	67	pc

### WINDS

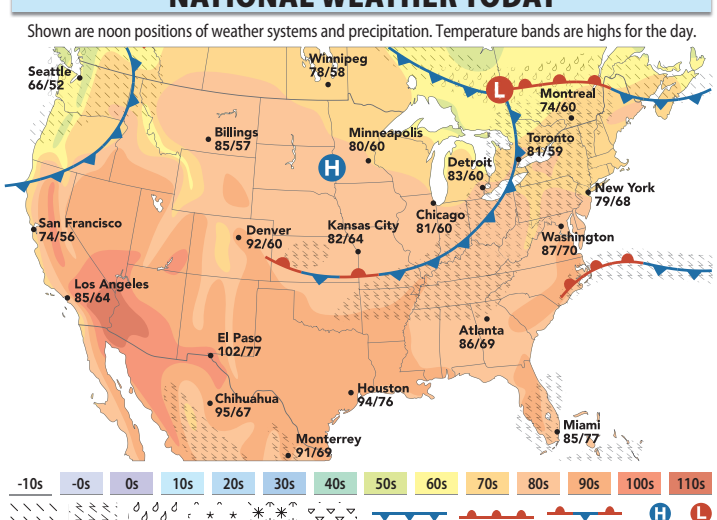
(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	SW 6-12
Pendleton	W 8-16	W 7-14

### UV INDEX TODAY



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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



**National Summary:** Showers, thunderstorms and locally severe weather will extend from the interior Northeast to the lower Mississippi Valley today. Showers and cool air will invade the Northwest, while storms dot the Southeast.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High** 111° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 21° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	96	72	pc	92	69	pc
Atlanta	86	69	t	88	72	pc
Atlantic City	77	67	pc	82	62	s
Baltimore	85	65	pc	83	60	s
Billings	85	57	pc	76	52	t
Birmingham	84	68	t	88	71	t
Boise	91	55	s	76	53	s
Boston	76	66	sh	80	57	s
Charleston, SC	86	75	t	90	77	pc
Charleston, WV	85	64	t	84	59	pc
Chicago	81	60	s	82	62	pc
Cleveland	82	61	pc	80	59	s
Dallas	95	77	pc	96	77	pc
Denver	92	60	pc	95	61	s
Detroit	83	60	pc	83	59	s
El Paso	102	77	s	98	79	s
Fargo	64	48	pc	64	46	c
Honolulu	79	59	s	84	68	pc
Houston	87	75	pc	88	75	pc
Indianapolis	94	76	s	91	76	pc
Jacksonville	86	58	pc	83	63	pc
Kansas City	90	71	sh	91	72	t
Las Vegas	82	64	pc	90	71	s
Las Vegas	107	82	s	106	81	s
Little Rock	90	70	t	90	73	pc
Los Angeles	85	64	s	82	63	s
Louisville	87	65	pc	85	66	c
Memphis	87	72	t	90	74	pc
Miami	85	77	pc	86	76	t
Milwaukee	78	59	s	77	61	pc
Minneapolis	80	60	s	82	67	pc
Nashville	88	71	t	90	70	c
New Orleans	90	73	pc	88	75	pc
New York City	79	68	c	82	61	s
Oklahoma City	88	69	pc	92	70	s
Omaha	84	67	pc	93	74	t
Philadelphia	83	66	pc	83	62	s
Phoenix	110	86	pc	107	83	s
Portland, ME	75	60	sh	75	52	pc
Providence	73	66	sh	79	57	s
Reno	95	59	s	92	59	s
Sacramento	98	56	s	92	54	s
St. Louis	86	66	t	88	71	pc
Salt Lake City	97	73	s	94	64	s
San Diego	77	64	pc	74	66	pc
San Francisco	74	56	pc	70	55	pc
Seattle	66	52	r	67	52	pc
Tucson	106	77	pc	102	77	s
Washington, DC	87	70	pc	84	64	s
Wichita	85	71	r	96	74	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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# DHS struggles to fill child welfare jobs

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SALEM — The state's Department of Human Services has made little progress on filling nearly 300 vacant positions in its child welfare division.

In the wake of a critical audit, Gov. Kate Brown asked lawmakers in February to fund 186 new jobs in the division in an ostensible effort to reduce employee workloads and burnout. The agency has filled just 18 of those new positions. Seven positions are in the interview process.

But as of June 1, DHS also had an additional 131 vacancies in the division from normal attrition. The agency was unable to provide a breakdown of that number by types of position on Tuesday, so it's unclear how many of those positions are caseworkers or other types of workers in the child welfare division.

DHS says the child welfare division has authorization for 2,922 positions. The number of vacancies "changes daily based on hiring and separations from the agency," spokeswoman Christy Sinatra wrote in an email to the EO/Pamplin Capital Bureau.

Agency officials say they plan to hire the new employ-

ees requested by the governor in stages through January of 2019.

Brown requested \$14.5 million in state funding after a secretary of state audit, released Jan. 31, found the child welfare division suffers from a severe staff shortage and high burnout and turnover among its workers.

The Legislature approved \$13.3 million from the state's general fund, and increased the amount of federal funds the state is allowed to spend for the purpose by \$4.5 million in order to fund the positions.

Brown, who is up for reelection in November, asked for the new positions Feb. 22, about two weeks after her GOP opponent, Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend, proposed \$50 million in new funding to "stabilize" the foster care system on the opening day of the short legislative session. That did not materialize.

The new positions created by the Legislature not only include caseworkers and aides, but also supervisors and human resources workers to speed up the hiring process.

Agency officials say it will take some time before new hires can relieve current workers' workload.



As it works to fill 186 new jobs created by the Legislature, the Department of Human Service's child welfare division has more than 100 vacancies due to normal attrition.

Even if all those vacant positions were filled tomorrow, it's possible that would not even be enough to meet the agency's needs.

The audit found that as of November 2017, the state would need to hire 769 more field workers to handle the workload.

The turnover rate has been high in the past 12 months for mid-level caseworkers, DHS records show.

Over the past year, an average of 26 mid-level caseworkers were hired every month, while 18 left the agency and six were pro-

moted to other positions — leaving an average net gain of two workers in that position every month.

State Sen. Sara Gelser, D-Corvallis, a vocal advocate for improving the state's child welfare system, says it's important for the agency to develop a culture of accountability as well as employee support.

"It's really hard work, and people burn out so quickly," Gelser said Monday, "And part of that culture change is really taking care of these people so they can do their job well."

# Nine charged for marijuana fraud scheme

GILLIAN FLACCUS  
 Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon's top federal prosecutor has charged nine people with financial and drug crimes in a scheme that involved defrauding banks and using the money to start illegal marijuana grow houses and fund an interstate pot distribution ring, according to court documents filed Tuesday.

The case is the first involving marijuana-related charges prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Billy Williams since he issued a memo criticizing Oregon's pot surplus and called on state regulators to get a better handle on the amount of the drug



A Corvallis Police Department vehicle at the Corvallis Cannabis Club on Tuesday in Corvallis.

flowing across state lines.

Williams was the first U.S. attorney to publicly outline his strategy for federal marijuana enforcement after Attorney General Jeff Sessions rolled back Obama-era protections

for states with legal pot. Oregon is one of about 30 states that have legalized marijuana in some form, creating a two-tier enforcement system at the state and federal levels.

The current case began as

a major fraud investigation and grew into a drug probe that stretched into California and Illinois, federal prosecutors said in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Eugene. Three of the defendants have been arrested and the rest are at large.

The money also funded a state-licensed marijuana store in Corvallis, where excess pot was surreptitiously packed, vacuum-sealed and shipped out of state in suitcases and by mail, prosecutors alleged. That store, Corvallis Cannabis Club, was raided by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency on Tuesday. No one answered the phone at the store on Tuesday.

# BRIEFLY

## Final defendant sentenced for refuge takeover

PORTLAND (AP) — An Arizona man has become the final person sentenced for participating in the armed takeover of a wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon.

Blaine Cooper of Humboldt was sentenced Tuesday to time already served in prison. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy nearly two years ago.

He was one of 26 people initially charged with conspiring to prevent federal employees from doing their jobs at the Malheur