

Judge allows pretrial release of one Klein brother

Matthew Klein to live with Baker County couple

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PORTLAND — Matthew Klein, one of two Oregon brothers accused in the Jan. 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol, was released from custody on Friday, May 14, to a third-party guardian in Baker County, where he will be on home detention and GPS monitoring pending his trial.

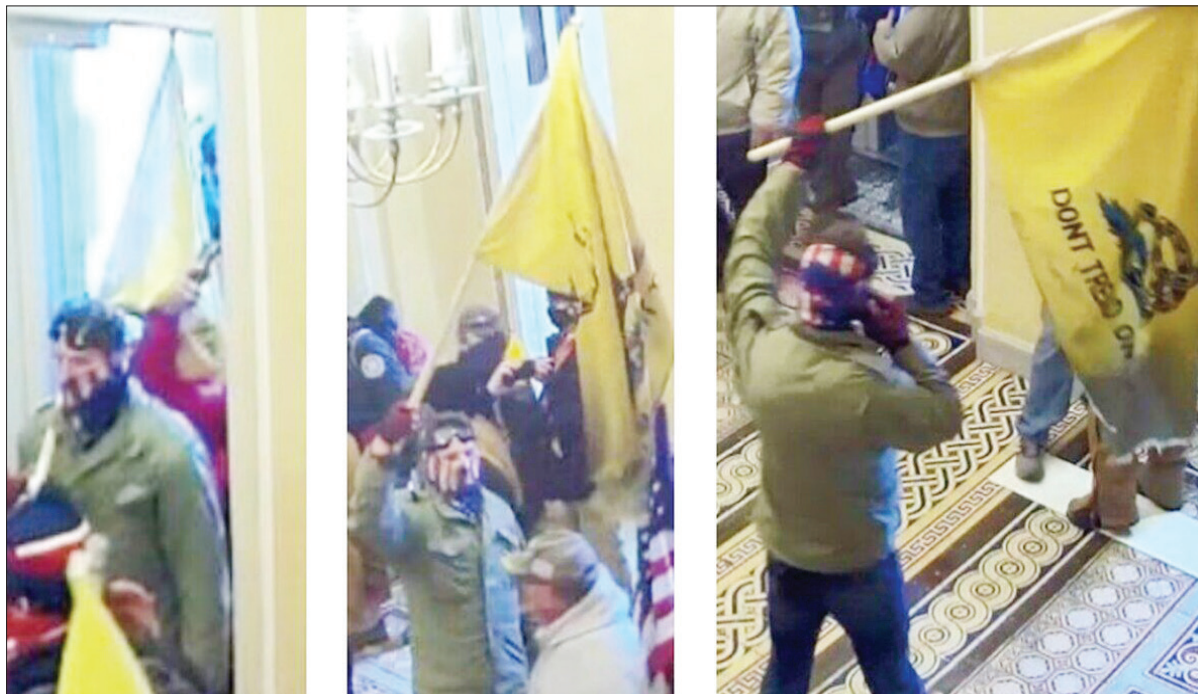
U.S. District Judge Randolph D. Moss of the District of Columbia granted Klein's pretrial release on Thursday, May 13, to a Baker County couple after refusing last week to allow him to live with his parents.

The judge had found his parents unsuitable to supervise him, based on text messages that showed his mother and father warning Matthew's younger brother and co-defendant Jonathanpeter Klein not to broadcast their roles and that "braggers get caught," according to court testimony and documents.

Matthew Klein, 24, and Jonathanpeter Klein, 21, both have pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States, aiding and abetting in the obstruction of an official proceeding, obstruction of law



M. Klein



Matthew Leland Klein was captured on video footage inside the U.S. Capitol, holding and waving a Gadsden flag, according to the FBI.

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enforcement during civil disorder, destruction of government property, entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds and disorderly conduct in a restricted building or grounds.

The judge ordered Matthew Klein to be released to a woman retired from Baker County government who lives with her husband, a prison guard at the Powder River Corrections Facility, according to court documents. He must first be fitted with a location monitoring device.

The couple must remove any

firearms from their residence before Matthew Klein's arrival and complete, sign and submit forms to the court each Monday attesting that Klein has complied with his release conditions, the judge ordered.

Matthew Klein also will be restricted to travel in Baker County and was ordered to stay out of Washington, D.C., except if required to appear in court or meet with his lawyer.

He also must not use any social media and his Internet access will be limited for educational purposes

"related to computer sciences self-study" or work, according to the judge.

Steven R. Kiersh, Matthew Klein's lawyer, had urged his client's release, arguing in part that Klein wanted to continue his education at George Fox University.

Matthew Klein enrolled at the Christian college in Newberg in fall 2017 and had been attending up until his arrest on March 23, according to the university.

"He was a senior, but he is no longer a student at George Fox,"

spokesman Rob Felton said last week.

Matthew Klein was a commuter student from Sherwood and "university staff were not aware of his presence at the Capitol or alleged participation in previous rallies associated with the Proud Boys, a group whose attitudes and commitments are antithetical to the values of our community," the university provost wrote to staff and faculty on April 23.

Matthew Klein was barred from the George Fox campus, the provost wrote last month.

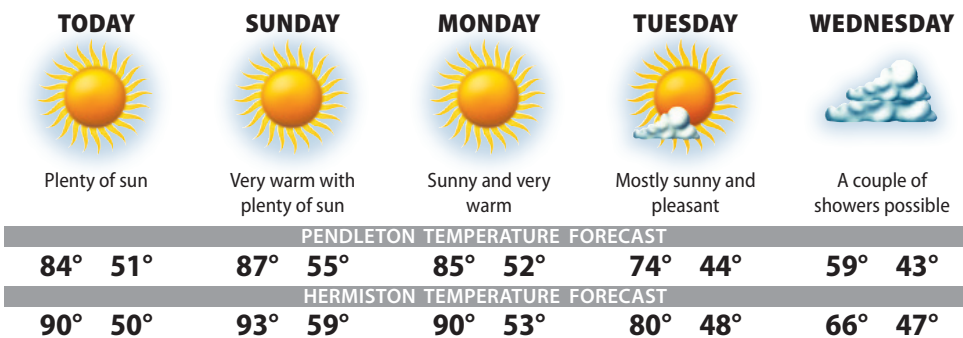
Felton said Matthew Klein has been dismissed from the school and won't be able to study at George Fox again, even remotely.

Federal prosecutor Christopher K. Veatch had argued that Matthew Klein played a larger role than his brother in the Capitol breach, noting Matthew Klein helped others scale a wall on the west side of the Capitol to allow them to get inside. After he and his brother entered the Capitol, and then left the building about 10 minutes later, the two wrenched open another door on the north side of the Capitol, Veatch said.

Jonathanpeter Klein also has asked for pretrial release to a third-party guardian, under home detention and GPS monitoring. Federal prosecutors don't object. His release hearing will be held in early June.

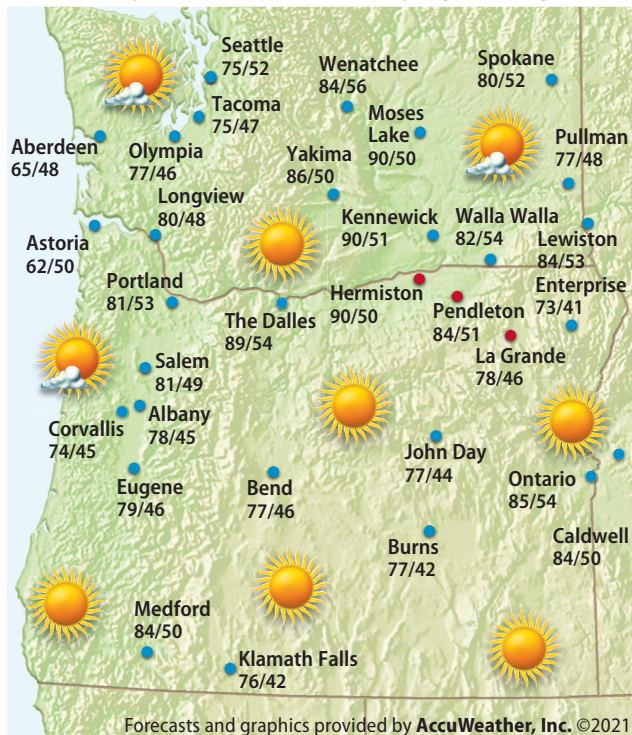
Jonathanpeter Klein was arrested March 23 at Ruggs Ranch, a 100,000-acre hunting preserve outside of Heppner in Morrow County.

Forecast for Pendleton Area



OREGON FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.			
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	80°	48°	
Normals	71°	46°	
Records	97° (1934)	31° (1916)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
Month to date	0.26"		
Normal month to date	0.53"		
Year to date	3.82"		
Last year to date	6.02"		
Normal year to date	5.64"		
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.			
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	84°	51°	
Normals	73°	46°	
Records	97° (1939)	30° (1964)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
Month to date	0.18"		
Normal month to date	0.53"		
Year to date	1.46"		
Last year to date	0.90"		
Normal year to date	4.52"		
WINDS (in mph)			
	Today	Sun.	
Boardman	N 4-8	SW 4-8	
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	NW 4-8	
SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise today	5:24 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	8:20 p.m.		
Moonrise today	7:54 a.m.		
Moonset today	none		
First	Full	Last	New
May 19	May 26	June 2	June 10

Oregonians who are fully vaccinated mostly do not need to wear masks

By RYAN HAAS
Oregon Public Broadcasting

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced on Thursday, May 13, she would immediately have the state follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance on mask requirements.

Prior to the announcement, the CDC issued new guidance stating that fully vaccinated adults can safely resume indoor and outdoor activities without masks or distancing, including large gatherings.

"Oregon will be following this guidance, which only applies to fully vaccinated individuals," Brown said in a recorded statement. "Immunocompromised people should continue to

follow the recommendations of their health care provider."

All people will still be required to wear masks on public transportation, inside airports and while in health care settings, according to the latest CDC guidance.

"Oregonians now have a choice on how to protect themselves and others from COVID-19," Brown said. "Either get vaccinated or continue wearing a mask and following physical distancing requirements."

Brown said youths and teachers in schools will still be required to wear masks for this school year. The governor also said businesses can continue to enforce mask requirements for the time being if they do not want to verify the vaccination

status of customers. Oregon is expected to issue more specific guidance in the coming days.

The governor described vaccines as the "fastest way to get back to doing the things we all love."

Oregon has vaccinated around half its population, with more than 2 million people already receiving at least one dose of vaccine. The state also began vaccinating 12- to 15-year-olds with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on May 13, following federal guidance.

"If you have questions about vaccines, that's totally normal," Brown said. "Call your health care provider to get your questions answered, or visit covidvaccine.oregon.gov for great resources."

IN BRIEF

AAA expects huge Memorial Day travel spike

PORTLAND — U.S. highways will be far busier over Memorial Day weekend than last year, but traffic still won't reach pre-pandemic levels, according to a forecast by the AAA auto club.

AAA officials say travel will rise because more Americans have been vaccinated against COVID-19 — about one-third of U.S. adults — and consumer confidence is growing.

The auto club and insurance company said on Tuesday, May 11, it expects more than 37 million people to travel at least 50 miles from home during the holiday weekend, up 60% from last year, which was the lowest since AAA began keeping records in 2000.

If the AAA forecast is right, it would still be 6 million people, or 13%, fewer than left home over Memorial Day 2019.

AAA said 34 million Americans plan driving trips between May 27 and May 31, a 52% increase over last year, and nearly 2.5 million will take plane trips, nearly six times more than the same period in 2020. A small number will take buses or trains.

So far in May, nearly 1.5 million people per day have gone through U.S. airport checkpoints, according to the Transportation Security Administration. AAA said its air-travel forecast seems low because it counts each traveler once, while TSA counts

somebody twice if they take a round-trip flight.

Most Oregon hospitals made a profit in 2020, thanks to federal help

SALEM — Oregon hospitals made it through the pandemic and turned a profit in 2020, but they would have lost money on day-to-day operations without federal aid from the CARES Act.

According to data released by the Oregon Health Authority this week, the state's 64 hospitals ended 2020 with a combined \$483 million surplus in operating revenue.

That includes money from providing patient care, cafeteria and gift sales, and federal aid. Hospitals received about \$620 million in CARES Act funds.

Two of Oregon's hospitals are for-profit: McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield and Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville. The remainder are nonprofits.

State regulators said the data shows a promising financial recovery for health systems, while a hospital representative said their margins remain narrow and their recovery is less than certain.

Hospital system revenues plummeted in April 2020, when fears of a surge in COVID-19 patients prompted a lockdown and statewide pause on elective health procedures.

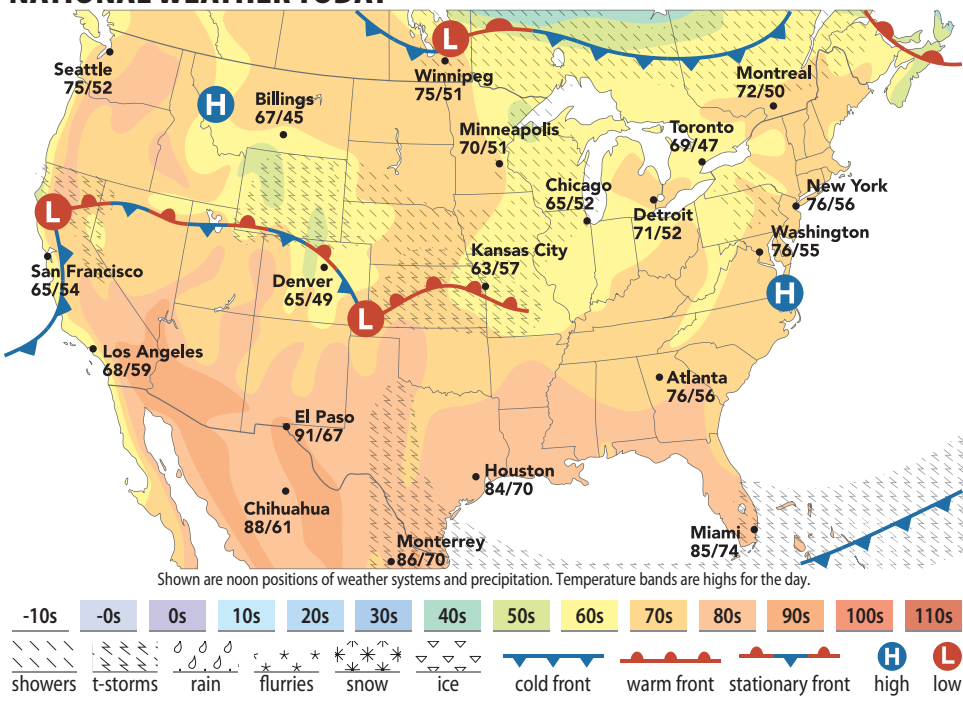
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