

OSU appoints new leader for statewide outreach, extension

By **GEORGE PLAVEN**
Capital Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State University has appointed a new leader to oversee statewide outreach and extension programs.

Ivory Lyles was named vice provost for University Extension and Engagement and director of OSU Extension Service, effective Sept. 30.

He takes over for Anita Azarenko, who served for more than two years in an interim role following the retirement of Scott Reed in 2019. Azarenko now is retiring after nearly 35 years at OSU.

"I am very pleased to join OSU and I look forward to helping support the needs of Oregonians and communities statewide by working with university colleagues, the Oregon Legislature,

local counties and community partners throughout the state," Lyles said in a statement.

OSU's Division of Extension and Engagement includes the Extension Service and Office of Professional and Continuing Education, serving all 36 Oregon counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation.

The division's programs are built around seven focus areas, including 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, including the Small Farms and Master Gardener programs, family and community health and Oregon Sea Grant.

The university also runs

11 agricultural research and experiment stations, strategically located in different growing regions around the state.

Lyles comes to OSU from the University of Nevada-Reno, where he had been the associate dean for engagement and director of extension since 2017. He oversaw about 300 employees and a budget of \$40 million.

Previously, Lyles was a professor, dean and director of land grant programs at Alcorn State University in Lorman, Mississippi, and led the cooperative extension program at Tennessee State University in Nashville — both of which are historically Black

colleges and universities. Lyles has also served as associate vice president for agriculture and director of the cooperative extension service at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and held extension leadership roles at Ohio State University and University of Tennessee.

He is a member of the National Association of County Agriculture Agents, National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and national 4-H Diversity Design team, and serves as program committee chairman for the national Extension Committee on Organization and Policy.

"Dr. Lyles has a long history of outstanding leadership in extension and engagement positions in universities in multiple states, and he is a national leader in this domain as well," said Edward Feser, OSU's provost and executive

vice president. "I'm delighted he is joining OSU's leadership team."

Lyles has a doctorate in agricultural education, community and rural development from Ohio State.

Rondon named interim HAREC director

OSU also appointed a new interim director at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Silvia Rondon, a longtime professor and entomologist at the station, will take over the position previously held by Clive Kaiser, who recently stepped down to join the faculty at Lincoln University in New Zealand.

Kaiser was named interim HAREC director in September 2019 after former director Phil Hamm retired. A national search will begin this fall to fill the

job permanently. HAREC serves 500,000 acres of irrigated agriculture in Oregon and Washington's Columbia Basin, where farmers produce more than 200 different crops.

The station's research primarily focuses on finding ways to make growers more efficient and profitable. This includes identifying new crops and growing practices tailored for the region; breeding and evaluating new plant varieties; management of pests and diseases; and other environmental issues, such as water quality.

For Rondon, it is her second promotion this year. She was appointed director of OSU's Integrated Pest Management Center in May.

Though the center is based in Corvallis, Rondon has remained in Hermiston and continues to oversee the entomology program at HAREC.

Sheriff: Hundreds of guns seized from home

Associated Press

OREGON CITY — Deputies seized 337 firearms from a Clackamas County home in late July and arrests in connection with the seizure are expected, authorities said.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office reported Tuesday, Aug. 10, that the

cache of illegal weapons seized in late July included machine guns, thousands of rounds of ammunition and high-capacity magazines, KGW reported.

Sheriff's officials said it's believed to be the largest weapons seizure in the agency's history. Clackamas County is on Portland's southeast border.

Law enforcement did not report the exact location of the home where deputies served a search warrant as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. Deputies also found meth during the raid, officials said.

The seizure comes after deputies recovered 44 firearms at a Gresham home in June.

U.S. labor secretary gets earful on Oregon farmworker conditions

Marty Walsh attends roundtable in Eugene

By **MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI**
Capital Press

EUGENE — As the former mayor of a major American city, U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh admits he faces a steep learning curve regarding farmworker regulations.

"This area is kind of new to me. They don't have farms in Boston," Walsh said Tuesday, Aug. 10, during a roundtable on farmworker protections in Eugene.

Walsh said he planned to look into several problems discussed at the roundtable, such as changing coronavirus restrictions and growing safety threats from heat and wildfire smoke.

"The last 18 months have been completely devastating," he said.

The lack of higher overtime wages and the powerful role of labor contractors are also unique to the farm industry, he said.

"Rules that apply to the 40-hour worker don't apply to the farmworker," Walsh said.

There are currently immigration proposals floating around Washington, D.C., that are specific to "essential workers" and people who arrived in the U.S. as children, but Walsh said he'd prefer more comprehensive legislation to be introduced.

"I think we actually need to go bigger than that," he said.

Roundtable panelists said the coronavirus pandemic has aggravated problems that existed before in the farm industry, such as workers

fearing to report labor violations due to potential retaliation.

The possibility of losing a job doesn't seem worthwhile when employers would only receive nominal fines for violating safety protocols, said Valentin Sanchez, senior community educator with the Oregon Law Center.

Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health administration is influenced by the federal OSHA, but that agency's standards are outdated, he said.

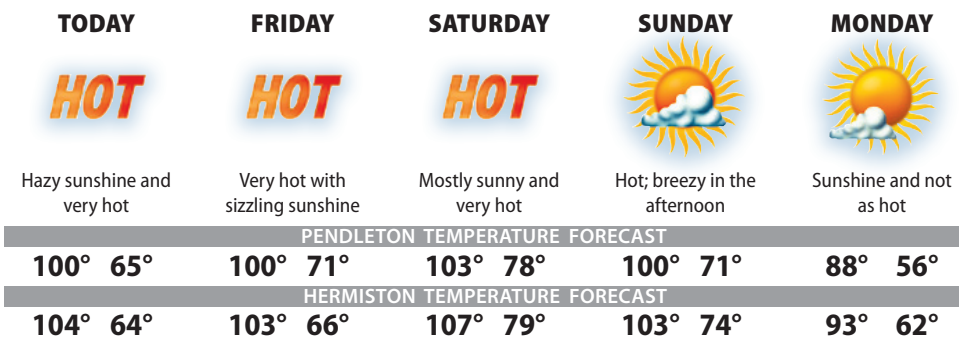
"We are setting the bar so low," Sanchez said.

Sanchez urged more funding for on-site inspections as well as recognition that many farmers speak indigenous languages, not Spanish.

"We need to develop educational materials in these different languages," he said.

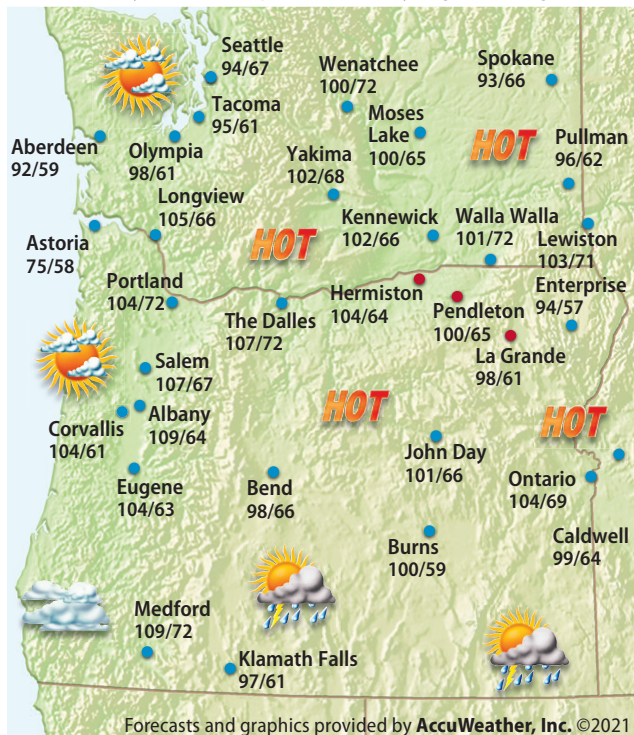
Farmers are increasingly reliant on labor contractors for hiring, which effectively makes them less responsible for worker safety, said Jennifer Martinez-Medina, a doctoral candidate at Portland State University who facilitated a study on coronavirus impacts.

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	98°	64°
Normals	90°	59°
Records	105° (1933)	38° (1896)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.11"
Year to date	4.37"
Last year to date	8.68"
Normal year to date	8.42"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	102°	63°
Normals	93°	58°
Records	105° (1971)	45° (2007)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.06"
Year to date	1.93"
Last year to date	1.66"
Normal year to date	5.20"

WINDS (in mph)

Today	Fri.	
Boardman	NNE 6-12	WNW 4-8
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	WNW 4-8

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:26 a.m.
Moonset today	10:27 p.m.

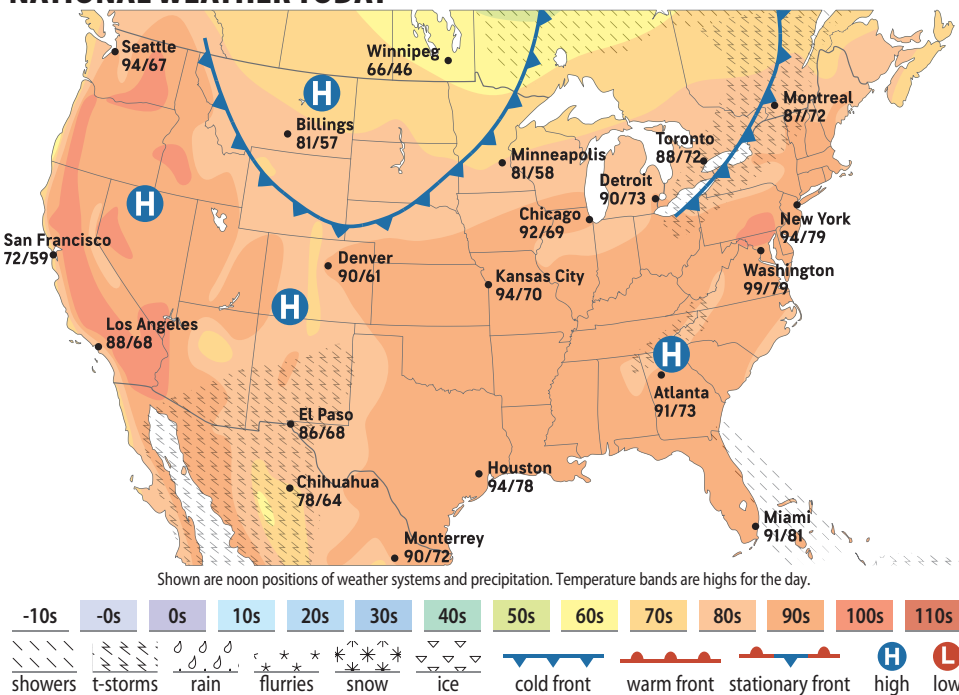
MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 15	Aug 22	Aug 29	Sep 6

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 107° in Ukiah, Calif. Low 30° in Yellowstone N.P., Wyo.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



IN BRIEF

Brown declares emergency due to forecasted heat

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown declared a state of emergency Tuesday, Aug. 10, in Oregon to ensure additional resources are available to respond to forecasted excessively high temperatures, according to a release from the governor's office.

The emergency declaration was triggered by the need for state agencies to assist local and tribal jurisdictions in providing for the health and safety of their residents, the release said. Multiple days of extreme heat with little or no cooling overnight may also impact critical infrastructure, causing utility outages and transportation disruptions.

"Oregon is facing yet another extreme heat wave, and it is critical that every level of government has the resources they need to help keep Oregonians safe and healthy," Brown said. "I encourage Oregonians to take proactive steps to keep themselves and their families safe, including drinking plenty of fluids, taking advantage of cooling centers, and checking in on neighbors, friends, and loved ones."

Brown has directed the Office of Emergency Management to activate the state's Emergency Coordination Center to coordinate essential protective measures, the release said. She also directed state agencies

to provide any assistance requested by OEM to support response efforts.

Officials: 10 fully vaccinated Oregonians died in July

SALEM — The Oregon Health Authority reported Monday, Aug. 9, that 10 of the 55 Oregonians who died from COVID-19 in July were fully vaccinated.

The report corrected information the agency previously issued, which originally reported only five fully vaccinated Oregonians died from COVID-19 last month.

Health officials said epidemiologists found that five deaths among fully vaccinated people had incorrectly been counted as deaths of unvaccinated individuals. The new data means 18% of the state's COVID-19 deaths in July were among fully vaccinated people.

Dr. Melissa Sutton, medical director for respiratory viral pathogens at the Oregon Health Authority, said it is too early to tell if the new information represents a trend.

"The overall numbers still show that people who are unvaccinated remain at far greater risk from COVID-19 illness," Sutton said, "especially from the delta variant that is now being found in most cases in Oregon."

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