

# November temps warmer than normal in Pendleton

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton area experienced warmer than normal temperatures during the month of November, according to preliminary data received by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service Office in Pendleton.

The average temperature during the month was 44.7 degrees, 3.4 degrees above normal. High tempera-

tures averaged 53.7 degrees, 4.5 degrees above normal, according to the monthly climate summary.

The highest temperature was 71 degrees recorded Nov. 15.

Low temperatures averaged 35.6 degrees, 2.2 degrees above normal. The lowest temperature for the month was 25 degrees, recorded Nov. 17. There were three days with the low temperature below 32 degrees.

There were nine days

during the month where the low temperature dipped below 32 degrees.

Precipitation for the month totaled 1.35 inches, 0.17 inches below average. Since January, precipitation totaled 7.37 inches, which was 3.82 inches below normal, the report said. Since October, the water year precipitation at the Pendleton airport has been 2.38 inches, which is 0.15 inches below normal.

The highest wind gust was 68 mph on Nov. 15, the report

said. There was one day when the wind exceeded 50 mph.

The outlook for December from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Normal highs for the Pendleton airport fall from 42 degrees at the start of December to 39 degrees at the end of the month. Normal lows fall from 29 degrees to 27 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.47 inches.



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Lineman Nathan Drushella hangs a holiday decoration Nov. 19, 2021, over South Main Street in downtown Pendleton. The National Weather Service in Pendleton reports the Pendleton area experienced warmer than normal temperatures during November.

## CTUIR swears in elected officials



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**▶ MORE COVERAGE** You can find more photos of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's ceremony to swear in officials at [www.eastoregonian.com](http://www.eastoregonian.com).

**▲ Kat Brigham, incumbent chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees, speaks Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, during a swearing-in ceremony in which she and other members of the board, the general council and youth council took oaths of office at the Nixyaawii Governance Center in Mission.**

**◀ Lindsey Watchman, incumbent chair of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation General Council, speaks Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021, after taking the oath of office at the Nixyaawii Governance Center in Mission.**

## Program at EOCI teaches adults inside about environment

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PENDLETON — Some adults in custody at the state prison in Pendleton have been learning more about the environment.

Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution in a press release reported it has implemented Roots of Success, an environmental literacy curriculum to educate youths and adults from marginalized communities about environmental problems and solutions, and even preparing them for environmental careers.

Raquel Pinderhughes, professor of urban studies and planning at San Francisco State University, founded Roots of Success based on her decades of experience working with at-risk populations.

Adults in custody at the prison facilitate the program in a classroom setting wear-

ing masks and observing social distancing, according to the press release.

AICs Phillip Luna, David Salsman and Patrick Gazeley-Romney received training to facilitate Roots of Success classes in December 2020.

"We get real world teaching experience," according to Salsman.

"Teaching this class allows me to connect with individuals I wouldn't normally connect with about a subject we all can relate to," Luna said in the press release.

The core curriculum consists of 10 modules: fundamentals of environmental literacy, water, waste, transportation, energy, building, health, food and agriculture, community organizing and leadership, financial literacy and social entrepreneurship.

Students who complete the program receive a certificate that employers and some educational institutions value. As of Aug. 21, 2021, EOCI graduated 21 students from all 10 modules of the curriculum and expected to graduate approximately 40 more students by the end of November.

Upon graduating, students are informed they have completed an introductory level college course.

"Hearing it boosts their confidence — many individuals never imagined they would complete a university-level course," facilitator Gazeley-Romney said in the release.

Roots of Success has given AICs at EOCI a much-needed respite from time in their cells or stuck on their housing units. The curriculum keeps students engaged

with real-world conversations about environmental issues and inspires them to think about where they fit into their communities upon release and how they can give back.

"There is so much relevant information about environmental issues and careers in this class," according to student Juan Sanchez.

"I didn't realize there are so many green employment opportunities for felons upon release," student Scott Steffler said.

EOCI in the press release also reported students can look forward to larger class sizes and more community engagement-oriented projects around the institution.

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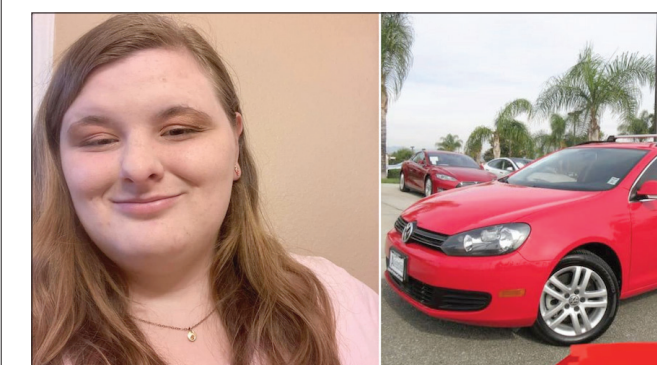
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## LOCAL BRIEFS



Frontier Regional 911/Contributed Image

Frontier Regional 911 in Condon reports Autumn Jones, 22, of Boardman, is missing. She drives a bright red 2014 Volkswagen Jetta Wagon TDI. The sheriff's offices of Wheeler, Morrow and Grant counties are looking for Jones.

### Authorities looking for missing woman

BOARDMAN — Multiple sheriff's offices in Eastern Oregon are on the lookout for a woman missing from Boardman.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office on its Facebook page reported it is working in conjunction with several agencies to locate 22-year-old Autumn Jones, who the sheriff's office described as an "at-risk individual."

Jones is 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighs 300 pounds and drives a bright red 2014 Volkswagen Jetta Wagon TDI with an expired Washington state temporary registration in the rear window, according to a press release from Frontier Regional 911, which serves Clatsop, Jefferson, Sherman and Wheeler counties. The vehicle also has dealer plates from "All-Star Cars" on the rear plate area, according to the notification.

Jones was wearing a black Riverside High School T-shirt, black sweatshirt, black tennis shoes and possibly wearing a black Carhartt coat. Her last known location was on Highway 19 east of Spray at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28.

The Wheeler County Sheriff's Office is the lead agency because Jones was last seen in that county.

If you have had contact with Jones or have seen the vehicle, call the non-emergency Frontier number, 541-384-2080, or contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Office at 541-676-5317.

### CDA digs into local road improvements

HERMISTON — The Columbia Development Authority is looking to get a better idea of road development on the former Umatilla Chemical Depot land.

The CDA in a press release Monday, Nov. 29, reported it wants the information before signing a memorandum of understanding with the Oregon Department of Transportation and committing to spending \$7 million on road projects.

In a previous meeting, the Columbia Development Authority Board voted to split the funds 50-50 between the two counties. Now, according to the press release, "it may be in the best interest of the CDA entities to prioritize spending based on the county and state plans."

Umatilla Commissioner John Shafer and Morrow County Commissioner Jim Doherty reported they have asked the planning directors of the two counties to give a short presentation on the plans each county has adopted for guidance on improvements to road projects on the land.

Shafer and Doherty also would like to hear from ODOT on whether the interchange plans affect internal road development. And the commissioners have asked Morrow County Planning Director Tamra Mabbott to work with the development authority staff to obtain ODOT's intergovernmental agreement on this before the meeting. The CDA also aims to find out about road improvements the Oregon National Guard is planning at the site.

The Columbia Development Authority Board's next meeting is Dec. 9, starting at 1:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. The board also might meet in a closed-door session to discuss property negotiations.

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