EAST: A mix of clouds

then mostly cloudy at

night with a few rain

and snow showers.

CENTRAL: Partly

sunny Thursday, then fair and chilly at night.

Mostly cloudy Friday;

WEST: Partly to mostly

cloudy Thursday, then

cloudy Thursday night

and Friday with a few

OREGON EXTREMES

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Hi/Lo/Prec

47/33/0.74

49/40/0.34

40/22/0.03

-10s -0s 0s

afternoon rain and

snow showers.

periods of rain

YESTERDAY

at North Bend

Low: 17

Astoria

NATIONAL

EXTREMES

YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)

National high: 88°

National low: -8

T-storms

80-88

at Land O' Lakes WI

Precipitation: 1.25

and sun Thursday

· 48/45

Seaside

47/45

48/43

48/46

47/43

49/41

Coos Bay

Port Orford

52/39

Hi/Lo/W

48/45/c

39/27/0

ther(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-sh

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WEDNESDAY

ALMANAC Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yest.

TEMPERATURE

High **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday 0.53" in 1925 Month to date (normal) Trace (0.12") Year to date (normal) 0.66" (1.65" Barometric pressure at 4 p.m. 30.16 SUN, MOON AND PLANETS 7:19am/5:20pm Moon

Rise/Set 7:18am/5:21pm 12:33am/11:08am 1:48am/11:40am Venus 6:49am/4:12pm 6:50am/4:15pm Jupiter 7:08am/4:49pm 7:05am/4:46pm Uranus 10:30am/12:23am 10:26am/12:19am Last New First Full

Tonight's sky: Last quarter moon (9:37 Source: Jim Todd, OMSI **UV INDEX TODAY** 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number

the greater the need for eve and skin protection, 0-2 Low.

Feb 19

Feb 27

Feb 11

Feb 4

3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme **ROAD CONDITONS** For web cameras of our passes, go to www.bendbulletin.com/webcams I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Cloudy today with a passing shower in the afternoon US 20 at Santiam Pass: Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Snow Friday afternoon. US 26 at Gov't Camp: Mostly cloudy today

ORE 58 at Willamette Pass: Mostly cloudy are likely Friday. ORE 138 at Diamond Lake: Mostly cloudy today into tonight. Snow showers late Friday.

US 26 at Ochoco Divide: Mostly cloudy today

SKI REPORT In inches as of 5 p.m. vesterday Base Ski resort New snow Anthony Lakes Mtn Hoodoo Ski Area 0-57 Mt. Ashland

Mt. Hood Ski Bowl Timberline Lodge Willamette Pass 42-80 28-42 Aspen / Snowmass, CO Mammoth Mtn. Ski. CA 95-135 Park City Mountain, U7 40-43 Sun Valley, ID

OREGON WEATHER

Hood

Camp Sherman

Sisters 48/33

Sunriver .

43/26

Hillsboro Portland

• 48/40

Eugene

La Grande

Medford

Salt Lake City 38/28

• 72/46

Flurries

Snow

Showers

Corvallis

Grove 51/37

Grants

49/29

Hi/Lo/W

49/42/r

55/42/pc

49/44/r

10s 20s

30°

A morning shower; otherwise, mostly sunny

Redmond

• La Pine 43/25

Silver Lake 44/27

Klamath

Hi/Lo/Prec

39/29/0.04

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Billings 40/27

•Prineville 49/30

Fort Rock

Hi/Lo/W

41/38/c

47/29/c

48/42/0

Kansas Cit 41/26

78/50

Cold Front

44/28

42/23

Hi/Lo/W

44/38/sr

41/30/sh

49/44/

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

Day 41/33

Frenchgler

39/26

Portland

Partly sunny

38/34

Ontario

37/28

43/32

Yesterday

Hi/Lo/Prec

48/39/0.50

49/39/1.21

60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

Warm Front

Burns Junction

McDermitt

Hi/Lo/W

47/43/c

47/28/c

Hi/Lo/W

51/44/r

49/34/pc

48/42/

50/43/r 46/38/s

More clouds than sun

City

Anchorage

Atlantic City

Bridgeport, CT

Burlington, VT

Caribou, ME

Cincinnat

Cleveland

Colorado Springs

Columbia, MO

Columbia, SC

Columbus, GA Columbus, OH

Des Moines

Green Bay

Harrisburg Hartford, CT

49/28/Tr

41/27/0.05

50/39/pc

75/61/pc 78/50/c

39/17/sn

Duluth

Austin

Periods of clouds and sunshine

TRAVEL WEATHER Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/Pred Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 51/28/pc 17/7/pc 16/8/0.04 39/22/0.00 43/24/r 35/25/c 52/32/c 46/33/i 36/31/0.13 77/34/0.00 Little Rock 82/47/pc 63/39/pd Los Angeles 67/50/0.00 68/49/s 49/27/r 36/5/sn 43/28/0.00 29/-1/0.00 52/25/0.00 67/50/0.00 40/33/0 03 34/7/ 35/18/0.00 34/16/0.00 Minneapolis 36/29/Ti 39/27/s 42/28/1 54/32/sh Newark, NJ 37/29/0.02 Norfolk, VA Oklahoma City 54/31/0.00 44/35/Tr 37/16/r Philadelphia 28/26/0.00 38/26/pc 28/14/sn 37/30/0.01 40/29/pc 44/27/1 64/33/0.00 Phoenix 82/64/0.00 36/20/sf 52/28/0.00 55/45/0 57/33/ Portland, ME 37/30/0.00 39/18/pc 38/24/s 32/18/0.00 40/23/pc Sacramento 62/36/s 39/17/0.00 Salt Lake City San Antonio 76/42/0.00 80/49/9 71/39/0 77/46/0.00 62/55/0.00 59/43/0.00 59/43/0.00 59/41/0.00 62/34/0.00 57/31/0.00 50/40/0.12 Sioux Falls

42/22/0.00

39/28/0.00

57/29/0.00

61/44/0.00

81/55/0.00

63/35/0.00

22/10/sn

47/24/r

66/52/s

71/41/pc

19/4/c

69/41/s

54/35/c 38/19/r 66/39/c 63/45/pc 50/32/Tr 81/59/0.00 62/26/0.00 55/30/0.00 49/36/c 73/48/s Jacksonville INTER <u>ATIONA</u> 47/45/1.19 66/46/0.00 74/63/0.00 91/64/0.00 77/40/0.00 36/27/0.37 25/12/0.32 48/41/pc 66/50/s Auckland 79/62/s 75/62/sh 34/20/sn Montreal Bangkok Nairobi 44/17/s 72/69/0.00 69/59/sh 67/58/pc New Delhi 77/55/0.00 69/52/t 67/50/pc 48/33/0.35 36/30/c 34/26/0 46/36/0.00 51/32/pc 51/39/s 72/43/0.00 81/58/0.00 68/58/sh 62/48/pc 72/56/pc Calgary 78/69/pc Sao Paulo Edinburah 37/35/0.68 40/38/r 34/11/0.13 53/42/c 55/44/s 53/42/c 78/63/t 73/63/s 57/46/pc 57/45/t 72/62/4 55/44/s 55/44/f 87/76/c 87/77/sh 22/11/sf 22/14/sf 80/72/pc 81/72/pc 75/61/s 81/57/s 68/54/sh 69/53/pc 57/36/s 51/42/s 77/64/0.09 Sydney Taipei City Tel Aviv 72/61/t Johannesburg 72/62/t 75/67/c 76/67/c Lisbon 35/15/sf Madrid 54/45/0.01 47/34/0.13 54/36/pc 47/40/c

OREGON

Mt Bachelor

Mt. Hood Meadows

Law enforcement could boost hemp inspections

BY MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI Capital Press

Law enforcement agencies could assist Oregon farm reghemp crops under a bill that's intended to thwart illegal marijuana operations.

Sheriffs from Jackson and Josephine counties in Southern Oregon are urging lawmakers to pass House Bill 2296, which would allow their agencies to cooperate with the Oregon Department of Agriculture on

hemp inspections. "Our illegal marijuana enforcement team has found that the ODA licensing has created a shield for those that are growing marijuana," said Sheriff Nathan Sickler of Jackson County during a recent legislative hearing.

Hemp contains less than 0.3% of the psychoactive compound THC, but it's indistinguishable in appearance from mind-altering marijuar lated cannabis plant.

Industrial hemp is regulated by the state agriculture de-partment while marijuana is overseen by the state's Liquor Control Commission for recreational purposes and the state's Health Authority for medical

Marijuana was legalized in Oregon but remains illegal under federal law, while hemp can be lawfully produced na-

Rep. Lily Morgan, R-Grants Pass, the bill's sponsor, said there's too little verification that cannabis plants grown under industrial hemp licenses



A field of hemp grows in Oregon, where lawmakers are considering a bill to allow law enforcement officers to assist farm regulators with inspecting the crop.

are not actually black market marijuana.

"The result of this lack of enforcement has been mass migration of licensed cannabis producers to the hemp system," Morgan said, adding that marijuana growers with hemp licenses can harvest and ship their crops with little accountability.

Inspectors from the agriculture department are "drinking keep up with the workload of overseeing hemp operations, said Sheriff Dave Daniel of Josephine County.

Local deputies can easily check whether a cannabis crop is hemp or marijuana with a one-hour test, but often cannot obtain probable cause for search warrants to analyze suspect crops, he said.

"What was once a clandestine industry is now being conducted in plain sight," Daniel said. "The hemp industry overseen by ODA is being manipulated and is free from law enforcement intervention even when we believe hemp is actually marijuana."

Half of the eight homicides committed in Josephine County in 2020 were directly related to black market mar iuana cultivation, Daniel said. Of the 41 illegal marijuana operations raided by law enforcement in the county last year, three were operating under the guise of hemp farms.

Morgan acknowledged the proposal has raised legal questions and she has agreed to participate in a work group to refine HB 2296. However, she said that Southern Oregon can't wait years for ODA regulators to ramp up enforcement on their own.

"We can't allow that in our area for community safety," she said. "We need something

Diesel

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Ruby, a Salem native, was hired in August after teaching automotive and agricultural mechanics for five years at Montana State University-Northern.

"My job was to basically find everything to make a program, and set it up in here," he said. "It's designed around my experience with this industry, and what I've taught in the past."

The program is divided into six courses, covering every system students would see

on a truck, tractor or combine, Ruby said — including engines, hydraulics, electrical wiring, clutches, brakes, wheels and onboard computers.

"This program is heavy on the hands-on side," Ruby said. "(Employers) wanted them to be able to start wrenching, and doing things that a mechanic

would see on a normal day." Skilled diesel technicians are in high demand, according to figures from the Oregon Employment Department, with 127 total annual job openings. The average annual salary is \$47,784, with wages typically

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— Holly Nelson, Chemeketa Community College executive dean

starting at \$16 to \$18 per hour. Chemeketa has leased and

retrofitted a 10,000-squarefoot building for the program at the south end of the Brooks campus. Marion County also contributed \$100,000 toward equipment and infrastructure, and the governor's Regional Solutions team committed \$200,000.

"The largest hurdle in making this project a reality was finding a suitable location and building," said Executive Dean Holly Nelson. "But we have

a beautiful location now that is situated right next to our Brooks Center. I couldn't be more excited for the college, the community and our stu-

Daimler Trucks donated two trucks to the program, along with a fire truck and ambulance from Chemeketa's **Emergency Medical Services** Program, for students to learn about different diesel systems.

While the operating systems of diesel rigs are similar, Ruby said more advanced courses will focus on specific industry standards and even allow stu-

dents to earn factory certifications from Daimler and John Deere.

The first group of nine students will graduate in spring 2022. Ruby said the college is now accepting applications for a second group of 24 students. Chemeketa anticipates hiring additional full-time staff for the program.

For Wilske, his dream job would be to travel and fix equipment for farms and companies around the country.

"I just want to get started as quickly as I can, and lead me wherever it leads me," he said.

Vaccines

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But she said the number of vaccine doses that the corporation receives could change.

Oregonians currently eligible to receive vaccines under state guidelines will be able to sign up for appointments online through the company once it has the vaccines, McGinnis said.

Health care workers, people living in nursing homes and other congregate care settings, childcare providers and teachers are currently eligible to receive vaccines in Oregon. Elderly Oregonians will begin to become eligible to receive vaccines next week, with those over 80 eligible as of Monday, according to guidance from the Oregon Health Authority.

Albertsons and Safeway posted information on vaccine availability and signups online at www.albertsons.com/ COVID-19 and www.safeway. com/COVID-19. Appointment slots are not yet available because the company doesn't have its vaccine allocation yet.

"Demand is high, and appointments are often claimed very quickly, and we ask the

public to remain patient," Mc-Ginnis said. "As dose allocations increase, so too will the opportunity to secure an appointment. The company is kindly asking the public to please check the website first for the most up-to-date information, before calling your local store or pharmacy."

Costco and Health Mart Pharmacies did not immediately respond to a request for comment on their plans. There are 13 Costco stores across Oregon. Health Mart's two locations are in Eugene and Creswell.

The White House said it chose pharmacies to receive the initial doses based on several factors, including their ability to reach populations most at risk for severe illness

from COVID-19.

Jeff Zients, the White House's COVID-19 response coordinator, told reporters Tuesday that the federal government viewed the first few weeks of the retail pharmacy program as a trial run. He said it could be scaled up over time, with doses eventually being shipped to roughly 40,000 pharmacies nationwide.