Clear and mild

LOW

**57°** 

**EAST:** Sunny to partly cloudy and very warm

Wednesday with an

in the southeast.

isolated shower or two

CENTRAL: Very warm

Wednesday with sunshine and a few

clouds. Also a brief

shower or two in the

WEST: Mostly sunny

Wednesday; a warm

afternoon. Clear and

comfortable at night.

**OREGON EXTREMES** 

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Yesterday

Hi/Lo/Prec

67/58/0.00

83/62/0.01

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

56/49/Tr

Sunny and warmer

Thursday.

**YESTERDAY** 

High: 102°

Low: 49°

NATIONAL

**EXTREMES** 

YESTERDAY (for the

48 contiguous states)

National high: 116°

National low: 30°

Precipitation: 4.22'

at Cadillac MI

at Opelousas, LA

T-storms

1120

1450

42 1 177 at Brookings

**OREGON WEATHER** 

Hood

74/53

Camp Sherman

Warm Springs 91/56

Sisters 87/55

Sunriver .

84/50

Klamath

Hi/Lo/Prec.

85/64/0.00

99/71/0.00

61/54/0.01

NATIONAL WEATHER

40s

Redmond

• La Pine 84/50

•Prineville 91/54

Fort Rock

Hi/Lo/W

90/59/s

93/62/s

60/51/p

97/65/pc 94/63/s

88/51

88/54

Hi/Lo/W

Christmas Valley

Hillsboro Portland 84/52 83/57

Day 91/56

88/57

Portland

ms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Tr-trace, Yesterday data as of 5 p.m. yesterday

60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110



Mostly sunny and hot

66/54

Corvallis 76/51

Grants

96/62

Hi/Lo/W

68/55/pc

66/53/s

91/56/s

Eugene

La Grande

Medford

30s

93/65

Seaside

Tillamook

Lincoln City

66/51

62/53

**Yachats** 

60/52

63/52

Coos Bay

**Port Orford** 

65/52

Hi/Lo/W

66/54/pc

63/52/pc

90/53/s

65/52

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

Hot with brilliant sunshine

Record-tying temperatures with sunshine

87/55

Baker City

Jordan Valley 86/53 •

86/53

89/59

Hi/Lo/Prec.

83/63/0.00

92/61/0.02

90/60/0.00

**Burns Junction** 

McDermitt

Hi/Lo/W

83/57/pc

91/53/s

85/54/s 87/55/s 93/63/s

Joseph

Ontario

temperatures with sunshine

**53°** A p.m. thunderstorm

possible; cooler

61°

**TUESDAY** 

#### TRAVEL WEATHER

INAVEL WEATHER							
	Ve etenden	Taday		IONAL	Vesterden	Taday	Thomasia
City	Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec.	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W	City	Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec.	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thursday Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	87/64/Tr	97/75/s	97/75/s	Juneau	63/51/0.07	62/53/r	59/54/r
Akron	67/54/0.04	75/58/s	84/66/s	Kansas City	87/53/0.00	87/74/pc	91/78/t
Albany	63/59/0.28	72/49/s	78/55/s	Lansing	69/42/0.08	71/63/pc	81/70/c
Albuquerque	97/67/0.00	96/69/pc	92/69/pc	Las Vegas	105/84/0.00	94/77/pc	97/78/s
Anchorage Atlanta	64/52/0.00 81/70/0.81	62/55/r 84/68/pc	61/53/r 82/67/pc	Lexington Lincoln	71/59/0.01 92/54/Tr	75/58/s 96/74/s	84/66/s 92/68/t
Atlantic City	78/71/1.73	71/61/s	74/65/pc	Little Rock	81/58/0.00	86/71/s	92/76/pc
Austin	87/72/0.02	93/76/pc	94/76/pc	Los Angeles	76/62/0.00	80/63/s	75/62/pc
Baltimore	74/70/0.37	77/56/s	80/60/s	Louisville	75/61/Tr	81/63/s	89/71/s
Billings	97/56/0.00	91/62/pc	86/55/pc	Madison, WI	72/46/0.00	76/66/c	80/69/t
Birmingham	81/70/0.08	85/69/pc	87/71/pc	Memphis	81/62/0.00	85/70/s	90/75/s
Bismarck	88/48/0.00	99/61/pc	89/61/pc	Miami	92/83/0.00	88/78/t	87/80/t
Boise Boston	98/71/0.00 87/72/0.95	92/65/pc	94/63/s	Milwaukee Minneapolis	75/54/0.00 76/51/0.00	77/68/c	80/71/t 90/68/t
Bridgeport, C		76/58/s 77/59/s	76/60/s 75/61/s	Nashville	81/63/0.01	89/74/pc 84/63/s	89/71/s
Buffalo	64/53/0.00	72/58/pc	83/65/s	New Orleans	87/75/0.26	88/78/t	90/77/t
Burlington, V		73/54/pc	82/61/s	New York City	78/73/0.25	76/61/s	78/63/s
Caribou, ME	78/68/0.18	67/45/c	78/52/s	Newark, NJ	80/73/0.17	79/59/s	79/63/s
Charleston, S	C 80/73/0.43	84/70/t	84/68/t	Norfolk, VA	88/79/0.49	75/65/pc	76/68/c
Charlotte	83/73/0.06	81/63/pc	83/58/s	Oklahoma City	83/54/0.00	91/74/c	94/75/s
Chattanooga		85/65/s	87/67/s	Omaha	93/58/0.00	95/74/s	89/68/t
Chicago	90/52/Tr	90/62/pc	78/54/t	Orlando	92/72/1.59	89/73/t	87/74/t
Chicago Cincinnati	73/54/0.00 71/57/0.01	80/65/pc 78/58/s	83/71/t 86/69/s	Palm Springs	102/83/0.00 76/49/0.00	101/76/pc	104/74/s
Cleveland	65/54/0.01	78/58/s 75/59/s	85/68/s	Peoria Philadelphia	76/49/0.00	81/65/pc 77/59/s	83/70/t 80/62/s
Colorado Spr		94/66/pc	86/58/t	Phoenix	110/87/0.00	101/86/pc	104/84/s
Columbia, M		85/69/s	88/75/t	Pittsburgh	66/56/0.03	74/55/s	82/61/s
Columbia, SC	83/74/0.32	84/66/pc	84/61/pc	Portland, ME	82/63/0.12	74/51/pc	74/54/s
Columbus, G	A 85/71/0.13	87/70/pc	85/69/t	Providence	84/69/1.10	77/53/s	77/58/pc
Columbus, O		78/58/s	87/67/s	Raleigh	78/76/1.03	80/58/c	81/61/pc
Concord, NH		75/45/s	79/51/s	Rapid City	88/46/0.00	95/62/s	78/57/sh
Corpus Chris		91/79/pc	94/79/s 96/78/s	Reno Richmond	92/69/0.00 82/76/0.64	88/61/s 78/55/s	88/61/s
Dallas Dayton	86/66/0.04 70/53/Tr	94/78/pc 77/59/s	96/78/S 86/69/S	Richmond Rochester, NY	64/55/0.00		81/60/c 83/61/s
Dayton Denver	94/52/Tr	96/66/pc	86/58/t	Sacramento	83/59/0.00	74/54/pc 86/57/s	86/58/s
Des Moines	81/51/1.09	87/73/pc	85/70/t	St. Louis	82/56/0.00	85/70/s	89/77/t
Detroit	69/45/0.00	72/61/pc	84/69/c	Salt Lake City	100/73/0.00	93/65/pc	83/65/t
Duluth	71/41/Tr	83/65/s	81/59/c	San Antonio	90/75/0.04	92/78/pc	94/77/pc
El Paso	100/73/0.00		101/78/pc	San Diego	72/67/0.00	73/64/pc	72/63/pc
Fairbanks	78/55/Tr	83/59/s	77/55/pc	San Francisco	76/64/0.00	75/59/pc	72/58/pc
Fargo	79/46/0.00	94/63/pc	85/59/pc	San Jose	78/60/0.00	75/57/pc	74/55/pc
Flagstaff Grand Rapids	85/60/0.00 69/41/Tr	72/47/t 71/63/c	73/45/pc	Santa Fe Savannah	95/60/0.00 77/72/0.57	94/62/s 88/72/t	90/61/pc 85/70/t
aranu Kapius Green Bay	71/47/Tr	71/63/C 78/66/C	79/70/pc 81/67/t	Seattle	76/58/0.00	77/59/pc	85/70/t 80/62/pc
Greensboro	78/72/0.46	77/58/pc	79/58/s	Sioux Falls	85/47/0.00	95/70/s	89/66/t
Harrisburg	70/65/0.61	77/55/s	81/56/s	Spokane	92/63/0.00	88/61/s	88/66/s
Hartford, CT	73/70/0.17	76/49/s	80/55/s	Springfield, MO	79/52/0.00	85/70/s	90/76/t
Helena	93/55/0.00	88/58/pc	83/56/c	Tampa	92/78/0.07	90/77/t	88/76/t
Honolulu	87/73/0.00	88/73/s	87/73/s	Tucson	98/80/0.00	96/77/s	101/75/s
Houston	93/76/0.32	92/79/t	94/79/pc	Tulsa	85/57/0.00	89/78/pc	96/80/pc
Huntsville	81/66/0.10	84/63/s	87/68/pc	Washington, DC	75/71/0.39	77/59/s	80/63/s
Indianapolis Jackson, MS	72/53/0.00 85/71/0.41	77/59/pc 90/73/pc	85/70/c 92/74/pc	Wichita Yakima	85/58/0.00 97/62/0.00	94/77/pc 96/62/s	98/77/c 96/68/s
Jackson, IVIS	85/71/0.41	90/73/pc 87/72/t	83/71/t	Yuma	107/79/0.00	101/76/pc	105/73/s
Jacksoniviile	05// 1/0.50	J1/12/1			101/13/0.00	101/70/pC	100/10/0
			INTERN	NATIONAL			
Amsterdam	63/55/0.00	64/51/pc	69/49/pc	Mecca	116/84/0.00	109/79/pc	108/80/pc
Athens	88/72/0.00	91/76/s	94/77/s	Mexico City	80/59/0.38	69/58/t	71/56/t
Auckland	58/51/0.00	58/40/s	59/50/s	Montreal	64/55/0.04	72/54/pc	83/61/pc
Baghdad	111/81/0.00			Moscow	91/64/0.00	93/71/pc	94/73/pc
Bangkok	97/82/0.06	93/80/t	95/80/c	Nairobi	73/55/0.00	71/54/r	72/53/pc
Beijing	94/66/0.00	87/65/c	75/64/t	Nassau Naw Dolbi	90/80/0.00	89/78/t	89/79/t
Beirut Berlin	82/73/0.00 71/66/0.40	82/72/s	84/73/s 75/61/t	New Delhi Osaka	104/85/0.00 84/70/0.14		
Bogota	66/48/0.01	73/60/pc 65/48/pc	65/49/pc	Oslo	61/54/0.34	86/67/pc 70/52/pc	83/69/pc 69/54/pc
Budapest	93/70/0.00	94/68/pc		Ottawa	61/52/0.00	72/52/pc	
Buenos Aires		60/55/sh		Paris	65/59/0.14	66/56/pc	69/53/pc
Cabo San Lu	icas 88/74/0.00	85/74/s	85/77/pc	Rio de Janeiro	72/66/0.02	74/64/sh	77/64/pc
Cairo	94/73/0.00	95/73/s	97/75/s	Rome	86/66/0.00	86/68/pc	85/67/pc
Calgary	88/57/Tr	70/53/r	69/51/pc	Santiago	63/37/0.00	54/38/c	56/41/pc
Cancun	90/80/0.00	89/79/sh		Sao Paulo	63/57/0.18	65/52/pc	77/59/pc
Dublin	64/43/0.12	61/54/sh	69/50/c	Sapporo	79/57/0.00	74/58/pc	73/58/s
Edinburgh Geneva	66/39/0.00	64/55/sh 77/57/t	68/51/c	Seoul Shanghai	82/65/0.01 89/71/0.00	79/65/pc	81/65/pc
Harare	77/61/0.48 67/49/0.00		71/55/t 71/49/pc		88/77/0.00	92/74/s 89/77/t	90/74/pc 87/76/t
Hong Kong	86/82/1.31	84/80/t	84/80/t	Stockholm	76/63/0.04	69/56/pc	72/56/pc
Istanbul	79/66/0.00	82/69/pc			62/49/0.00	67/58/c	66/53/sh
Jerusalem	83/63/0.00	79/67/s	82/70/s	Taipei City	87/79/1.57	82/78/t	88/80/t
Johannesbu	rg 60/42/0.00	62/44/s	64/45/s	Tel Aviv	84/71/0.00	83/76/s	83/75/s
Lima	68/62/0.00	67/63/pc		Tokyo	79/68/0.02	75/67/r	79/69/pc
Lisbon	72/59/0.00	78/59/s	86/62/s	Toronto	64/50/0.02	75/60/pc	83/65/pc
London Madrid	63/52/0.00	68/50/s 76/53/nc	70/58/pc	Vancouver Vienna	73/61/0.00	69/57/pc 87/68/pc	71/61/c

# **Entrepreneurs**

Deschutes R. below Crane Prairie

Crescent Ck. below Crescent Lake

**FIRE INDEX** 

Very high

High

High

Moderate

Source: USDA Forest Service

Crooked R. below Prineville Res Ochoco Ck. below Ochoco Res.

Bend

Sisters

Prineville

Redmond/Madras

La Pine/Gilchrist

Deschutes R. below Wickiup

Deschutes R. at Benham Falls

Deschutes R. below Bend

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Pandemic restrictions took their toll on OMG! Burgers in Pendleton like everywhere else, Burt said. The couple were planning to open a grilled cheese shop in Pendleton in 2020, but COVID-19 scrapped those plans.

said OMG! Burgers has had its busiest time ever in the restaurant's three-year history in Pendleton.

The Burts aren't the only ones opening new eateries in Hermiston. In late March, Daily Fix Nutrition opened, offering smoothies, teas and coffee.

Diana Pena, who opened the shop with her husband, Felipe Pena, said they were looking at the 11th Street location they settled in before the pandemic started, but the shutdowns and uncertainty caused them to pull back for a while before finally "taking a leap of faith" this spring.

"It's definitely scary, because you see so many businesses struggling," she said. Daily Fix Nutrition sells all Herbalife products, including

Rain

Showers

Snow

\* \* :

Flurries

meal replacement shakes. "We wanted to bring something healthy and new to the community," she said.

Hermiston has a few more new developments in the restaurant industry coming up, "new and exciting hanges" promised by Ye Olde Pizza Shoppe, a renovation of the city's food truck pod and a move by Delish Bistro from a space with outdoor dining only to a new, far larger location just south of its current spot.

A smoothie shop called Get Fit Nutrition will open soon in the former Yo Country Yogurt building . Owner Laura Davis said she wanted to open it not only to provide healthy options for the community, but also to provide a "cool place where people can hang out, get distracted and forget about this pandemic that it's

affecting all of us." She doesn't yet know exactly when she will be able to open, because she is waiting

on an inspection from the health department.

That's a common refrain from local restaurant owners who aren't ready to announce an opening date yet.

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

Burt said OMG! Burgers is hoping to open its Hermiston location in mid-July, but that will all depend on how quickly they are able to hire they can get the green light from Umatilla County Public Health. Every day they can't check off those items is revenue lost, he said.

### **Health inspections**

Umatilla County Public Health Director Joe Fiumara acknowledged that waits for food service plan reviews have been longer than usual

for the past year. That hasn't been because of more requests from restaurants than normal, he said, but rather that staff have been far more busy with other things, including vaccinations and reviewing plans for events to see if they meet the criteria for COVID-19 pro-

Warm Front

"A lot of that fell to the environmental health folks," Fiumara said.

While Umatilla County was in what was first known as baseline and later changed to extreme risk — for more days than any other county in the state, thanks to its high spread of COVID-19 — the health department wasn't allowed by the state to do on-site inspections at all unless responding to a complaint. That not only hindered inspections, but also made it difficult to get a new environmental health staff member trained.

"So many restaurants were forced into new methods of operation, but at the same time, we were not allowed to

do inspections," Fiumara said. Requests for site plan reviews for restaurants, bars, food trucks and other eating establishments actually stayed fairly steady year over year, Fiumara said. In the first half of 2019, there were 21 requests. In the first half of 2020, there were 20. This year so far there have been 22.

## **Cars**

Madrid

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"The market is very strange right now," said Yurchenko. "Dealers need the inventory, so they are paying lots of money for their vehicles on the wholesale market."

Yurchenko has found 73 models of 1- to 3-year-old vewhere dealers buy their vehicles for prices above their original sticker, which is called the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

Used vehicle price increases accounted for one-third of the large rise in inflation last month, according to the Labor Department. Prices shot up a record 10% in April and another 7.3% in May, as inflation spiked 5%, the biggest 12-month increase since 2008. The average used vehicle cost \$26,457 this month, according to Edmunds.com.

Many of the models Yurchenko found were high-priced trucks and SUVs or highly sought-after loaded-out vehicles, including the high-performance Ford F-150 Raptor pickup, the 2019 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon SUV and the boxy Mercedes G-Class AMG63 high performance SUV.

But the two-wheel-drive Tacoma SR is the lowest-priced model of Toyota's top-selling small pickup. To be sure, higher end versions of the Tacoma also were on the list, but even more mainstream vehicles are selling for more than their original prices. For instance, the 2020 Kia Telluride and Hyundai Palisade made the list even though both are considered good values compared with more expensive

87/68/pc

SUVs with three rows of seats. Yurchenko says the crazy rices are moving further into more ordinary vehicles. "Before we get through this, prices for many mainstream vehicles will get closer to their manufacturer's suggested retail price," he said.

It all started in April and May of last year, when U.S. automakers were forced to close factories for eight weeks to help stop the novel coronavirus from spreading. That cut production, limiting inventory even as demand remained surprisingly strong.

The factories came back faster than expected, and in the meantime, computer chipmakers had switched to manufacturing semiconductors for phones, laptops, gaming systems and other consumer electronics. That created a shortage of automotive chips, which is forcing car companies to temporarily close factories, leaving some dealers with few new vehicles.

The lack of new vehicles and higher prices have sent more people into the used vehicle market, so demand is high there, too.

## **Prescriptions**

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But after Senate Bill 844 sat for two months in the Ways and Means Committee without any public meetings on it, lawmakers on the budget committee last week stripped out the potential power of the proposed Prescription Drug Affordability Board to limit prices for any prescription drugs. The proposal, absent that power, is now headed to the Senate for a full vote after emerging from the committee Monday evening and must also pass the House in the final six or fewer days of the session if it is to become law.

The proposal faced intense opposition from the drug industry trade group PhRMA, which spent more than \$790,000 on lobbying in Oregon in the first three months of the year, The Oregonian reported. Total lobbying expenditures for this year's legislative session will not be available until after the session must wrap

up June 27. PhRMA has argued that limiting the price that purchasers can pay for the costliest drugs would cause manufacturers to delay introducing innovative treatments in Oregon and would cut into the drug industry's spending on research and

development. Democratic chief co-sponsors of the proposal said it's nonetheless a step in the right direction, since the bill would still create the board to make recommendations by the end of 2022 to make prescription drug prices more affordable for Oregonians. Lawmakers could then consider passing a bill to implement the recommendations in 2023. Rep. Kim Wallan, a Republican from Medford, was originally a chief sponsor of the plan but quietly dropped her support.

Deb Patterson, a Democrat from Salem and a chief sponsor of the bill, told The Oregonian on Monday, "It's a comprise that I wasn't thrilled about because I really thought we needed a

solution right away ... This is an interim step at this point, but I still think it's a step absolutely in the right direction."

Rep. Rachel Prusak, a Democrat from West Linn, wrote in an email that she heard objections to the bill from independent pharmacists and chains including Fred Meyer, Safeway and Rite Aid, plus an association that represents hospitals around the state and Oregon Health & Science University. Pharmacists and hospitals told lawmakers it would be unfair if they ended up as the only health system players that have to follow payment caps on the highest priced drugs, since insurers and middlemen known as pharmacy benefit managers had the opportunity to opt out, Prusak wrote.

Under the new version of Senate Bill 844, the affordability board will coming up with a system for setting upper payment limits on drugs "that . apply to the entire supply chain" and recommending

"legislation to achieve lower costs for all Oregonians," Pru-

Oregon has been tracking drug price increases under 2018 and 2019 laws that require pharmaceutical companies to report to the state any price increases above specific thresholds. As a result, the state learned that drug makers increased prices in 2020 on drugs that had been profitable in 2019 and there was an average profit margin of 19% in 2019 for drugs with 2020 price increases high enough to trigger reporting requirements. Six of those drugs had profit margins of more than 80%, "meaning they make 80 cents of pure profit for every dollar of revenue from the drug," state regulators wrote.

In testimony in March, lobbyists for groups that represent pharmacists warned that pharmacists and pharmacies would take a financial hit if the state were to limit the highest drug prices.

## **Employment**

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He points to other indicators that suggest Deschutes County's still seeing more jobs: Demand for labor, measured by help wanted ads, is at record-high levels, and unemployment insurance claims in the county are less than half of what they were in January.

"To me, that should equate to job growth, not job losses," the economist said.

According to Runberg, the disputed job losses in Deschutes County would be worse than any month during the Great Recession — and

would mark the only time in decades the county has posted job losses in the hospitality industry during May.

The county's economic picture should become clearer over the next several months, as state and federal agencies revise the data using payroll tax records, Runberg said.

In all three counties, unemployment rates largely remained steady between April and May. Deschutes County reported a 6.2% unemployment rate in May, Crook County a 7.5% unemployment rate and Jefferson County a 6.9% rate.

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