

# Renewable biofuels plant to be built in Lakeview

LAKEVIEW (AP) — A company has received final approval to start building a renewable-biofuels plant in south-central Oregon.

The *(Klamath Falls) Herald and News* reports the facility in Lakeview is expected to convert forestry waste into renewable fuels for the aviation industry. The firm has contracts with FedEx, Southwest Airlines and the U.S. military.

Red Rock Biofuels identified Lakeview as a target location in 2013 because of its proximity to rail, highways, the Ruby natural gas pipeline and an abundance of forest debris to be collected and converted to jet fuel.

Construction is estimated to take 18 months, with operations planned to start in 2020.

"This is the culmination of many years of work," Lake County Commissioner Dan Shoun told the newspaper. "There is a great sense of satisfaction for all involved to know that our strong belief in this project is finally coming to be."

The project got a major boost in January when

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown approved \$245 million in bonds for Red Rock Biofuels.

In addition to hundreds of construction jobs, the facility is expected to create 30 jobs within the plant and up to another 100 positions for materials gathering and transport.

Lakeview has a population of about 2,000 people, so the city may see in an influx of new residents.

"I hope that everyone who is employable can get a job of their choosing, but the reality is the demand will be higher than the supply," Shoun said. "That will put a demand on housing and every service we have — these are all positive things, but they're real."

While agriculture and ranching remain prominent in Lake County, geothermal and solar projects along with development of commercial marijuana grow facilities shows a drastic shift in the area's economic base from its roots in the timber and cattle industries.

At its peak Lakeview had seven full-time sawmills. Only one remains active.

# Buehler? Buehler?

## GOP candidate in hot seat for skipping debates, wins weekend straw poll by narrow margin

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Knute Buehler's absence at county-level gubernatorial candidates forums and debates for the GOP nomination for governor has alienated some of the most politically active members his party, some Republicans say.

The Bend orthopedic surgeon and state representative must edge out nine opponents in the May 15 primary to win the nomination. The winner will challenge Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat.

Yet he has largely declined to face off in public with the frontrunners in the race, including retired Naval aviator Greg Wooldrige of Portland and Bend businessman Sam Carpenter.

"We believe Knute considers himself the presumed nominee, therefore he does not feel the need to meet with his Republican Party voters. I guess we'll see how that strategy works out for him in a month," said David Gulliver, campaign manager for Carpenter.

Rebecca Tweed, Buehler's campaign manager, said Friday that Buehler is "focused on defeating Gov. Brown and is meeting voters every day all across Oregon at community, business and political party events. ... He will continue this schedule now through November and after the election, as governor, when he defeats Kate Brown."

Buehler attended a candidates forum with Washington County Republicans Saturday, in which he beat out Wooldrige by one vote in a straw poll, according to Oregon Public Broadcasting. Carpenter finished in third.

As an editorial endorsement forum, the event was closed to the public, said Tracy Honl, chair of Wash-



State Rep. Knute Buehler has declined invitations for most county-level public forums and debates for the GOP nomination for governor.

ington County Republicans.

Meanwhile, Buehler declined an invitation to attend a public gubernatorial forum organized by the Hood River Republicans later that day, said Lauren Ales, a forum organizer.

Susan Dawson, past president of Yamhill County Republican Women, said she was disappointed that both Buehler and Wooldrige missed that organization's public candidate forum in McMinnville Thursday, April 12. Both candidates sent stand-ins from their campaign to answer questions, Dawson said. Wooldrige has attended several other public forums and debates with his opponents in March and April.

"I understand you can't go to everything, but it really does help to see the candidates in person answering questions and being able to talk," Dawson said. "I think it makes a big difference."

Buehler's television ads also address only why he is a better choice than Brown, the sitting governor. He makes no mention of his opponents, including Wooldrige, who won a Republican straw poll for governor at the Dorchester Conference in March.

"He is ignoring his opponents in the ad in the way he is ignoring voters in the primary," said Jonathan Lockwood, a communications consultant for Wooldrige.

While Buehler has declined most public face-offs with his opponents, he does meet with voters in more intimate settings.

For instance, Buehler attended a Washington County Republicans meet-up in February where he introduced himself, met face-to-face with participants and answered questions, Honl said.

"We see quite a bit of him in Washington County," she said.

Political consultant Russ Walker, who also works for Wooldrige, said avoiding debates is an old strategy.

"If your candidate doesn't look good at forums and

debates, you avoid them at all costs," unless the host of the forum or debate plans to issue an endorsement at the end of the event, Walker said.

"I think it is big mistake: If you can't go take public questions in a public environment, then you are not prepared to run for governor against a Democrat in fall," he said.

Jim Moore, political science professor at Pacific University and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation, said Buehler is using a strategy that worked for Kate Brown when Buehler attempted to unseat her as secretary of state six years ago.

"It's an incumbent strategy: I am the strong frontrunner so I will go to closed meetings, but I am not going to go to ones that are open and give free advertising or coverage to my opponents to advance themselves at my expense," Moore said. "It's a strategy that works if you make the assumption that you are so far ahead that you don't want to give your opponents any facetime so they appear equal to you in the public's eye. It's better if the opponents wouldn't come here and talk to us, because it looks like little kids who are not allowed at the big people's table."

There haven't been any publicly released scientific polls since the March 6 primary election filing deadline that show whether Buehler is safe to make that assumption, Moore said.

# State Parks may allow e-bikes on state beaches

EUGENE (AP) — A proposal would allow electric bicycles on Oregon beaches as soon as this summer.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's rule changes would permit e-bikes on the sand between the low-tide waterline and vegetation line along portions of the coast, said Katie Gauthier, legislative and policy coordinator of Oregon State Parks.

"This would be to allow electric bicycles in the same places (on the beaches) where we allow regular bicycles," she said.

Current rules allow bicycles, but not e-bikes, on about 130 miles of trails and roads on state parks around Oregon. The agency allows

bikes, but not e-bikes, on many of Oregon's beaches.

Under its proposal, Oregon State Parks would allow e-bikes on trails and roads 8 feet wide and wider in public parks the agency oversees, *The (Eugene) Register-Guard* reported.

Oregon law classifies electric-assisted bicycles as bikes with electric motors under 1,000 watts and incapable of speeds faster than 20 mph on flat ground. The law stipulates that the rider must be 16 or older.

The deadline for public comments on the plan is 5 p.m. May 18.

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission likely will vote on the proposal at its June meeting.

## Corrections

The April 13 story "Candidates discuss housing and economic development" misidentified candidate Michael Engelbrecht as running for Ward 1. He was running for Ward 4 before dropping out of the race. The *East Oregonian* sincerely regrets the error. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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**TODAY** Breezy with clouds and sun  
**WEDNESDAY** Mostly cloudy  
**THURSDAY** Clouds giving way to some sun  
**FRIDAY** Increasing cloudiness  
**SATURDAY** Decreasing clouds

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
54° 35° 56° 36° 60° 38° 66° 43° 61° 36°

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
58° 36° 61° 38° 66° 40° 71° 47° 66° 37°

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#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	56°	41°
Normals	62°	39°
Records	88° (1923)	24° (2013)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.25"
Month to date	1.28"
Normal month to date	0.66"
Year to date	4.99"
Last year to date	6.99"
Normal year to date	4.62"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
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Normals	65°	39°
Records	88° (1936)	26° (2013)

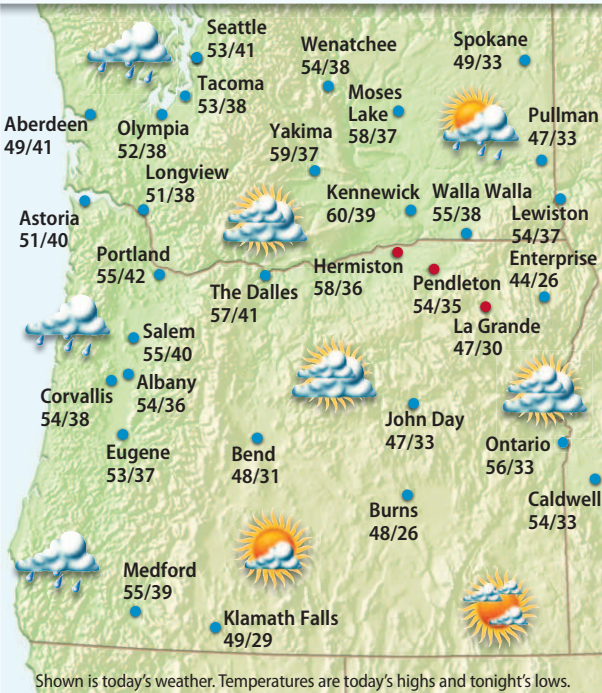
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24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.28"
Month to date	1.55"
Normal month to date	0.41"
Year to date	3.93"
Last year to date	5.27"
Normal year to date	3.52"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:28 a.m.
Moonset today	9:50 p.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
	Apr 22	Apr 29	May 7	May 15



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Cloudy today; a little rain, except dry in the south.

**Eastern Washington:** Partly sunny today with a shower, but a snow shower in the mountains.

**Cascades:** Cloudy today; a bit of snow with little or no accumulation across the north.

**Northern California:** Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy and cool tonight; a shower in spots in central parts.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Cloudy most of the time today. Cloudy tonight. Cold; a flurry near the Cascades.

**Western Washington:** Considerable cloudiness today with a bit of rain. A brief shower or two tonight.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	51	40	r	58	38	c
Baker City	50	29	pc	54	33	c
Bend	48	31	c	46	32	c
Brookings	53	42	c	56	41	c
Burns	48	26	c	46	30	c
Enterprise	44	26	c	49	32	c
Eugene	53	37	r	59	36	c
Heppner	52	35	pc	52	33	c
Hermiston	58	36	pc	61	38	c
John Day	47	23	pc	50	35	c
Klamath Falls	49	29	pc	48	26	c
La Grande	47	30	pc	52	35	c
Meacham	45	29	c	50	33	c
Medford	55	39	pc	58	37	c
Newport	51	41	r	55	40	c
North Bend	53	40	r	57	39	c
Ontario	56	33	c	61	43	c
Pasco	60	39	pc	61	39	c
Pendleton	54	35	pc	56	36	c
Portland	55	42	r	62	42	c
Redmond	51	29	c	49	29	c
Salem	55	40	r	61	38	c
Spokane	49	33	pc	51	34	c
Ukiah	44	28	c	48	30	c
Vancouver	53	39	r	60	38	c
Walla Walla	55	38	pc	58	39	c
Yakima	59	37	pc	60	35	c

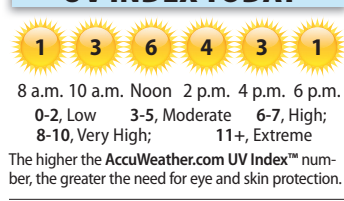
### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	78	56	s	85	60	s
Hong Kong	76	68	c	78	72	c
Jerusalem	79	57	s	83	58	s
London	63	50	pc	72	52	s
Mexico City	80	55	pc	82	54	pc
Moscow	68	52	r	55	42	c
Paris	68	49	s	75	53	pc
Rome	68	54	t	72	55	t
Seoul	65	42	s	64	43	s
Sydney	70	64	c	73	63	pc
Tokyo	62	56	r	63	56	r

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 12-25	ENE 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 15-25	NE 6-12

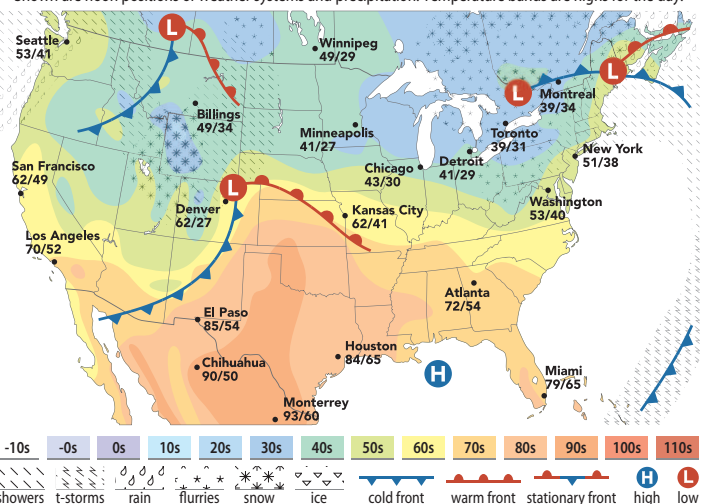
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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



**National Summary:** Windy and cold conditions with rain and snow showers are in store for the Northeast today. Rain and snow will fall on the Rockies and northern High Plains. Rain will dampen the coastal Northwest.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 93° in Wink, Texas Low 6° in Springview, Neb.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	72	34	s	68	45	s	Louisville	60	47	s	74	41	pc
Atlanta	72	54	s	79	55	s	Memphis	75	58	s	75	48	pc
Atlanta City	51	38	pc	57	48	pc	Miami	79	65	s	83	70	pc
Baltimore	50	35	pc	63	51	pc	Millwaukee	38	28	s	39	33	r
Billing	49	34	c	54	34	pc	Minneapolis	41	27	s	37	29	sn
Birmingham	76	53	s	78	51	pc	Nashville	72	54	s	73	45	pc
Boise	52	35	pc	60	40	c	New Orleans	79	62	s	80	63	s
Boston	51	37	c	54	39	c	New York City	51	38	c	57	45	pc
Charleston, SC	71	56	s	84	63	s	Oklahoma City	85	51	pc	72	44	s
Chicago, IL	5												