

Weather forecast grid for Today through Tuesday. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and rain, along with high/low temperatures and descriptive text like 'Mostly sunny' and 'A couple of showers possible'.

ALMANAC section containing temperature records for Bend Municipal Airport, precipitation data for the last 24 hours, and a sun/moon/planet chart for the week of March 5-28.

OREGON WEATHER map showing today's weather conditions across the state. Includes a legend for weather types (sunny, cloudy, rain, etc.) and a table of high/low temperatures for various cities.

TRAVEL WEATHER NATIONAL table listing high/low temperatures for major cities across the United States for the previous day, today, and Thursday.

UV INDEX TODAY and ROAD CONDITIONS sections. Includes UV index scale (3-5) and a list of road conditions for various passes and hills in Oregon.

NATIONAL WEATHER map showing weather systems and precipitation across the United States. Includes a legend for weather types and a table of high/low temperatures for major cities.

INTERNATIONAL table listing high/low temperatures for major cities worldwide for the previous day, today, and Thursday.

SKI REPORT table listing new snow and base conditions for various ski resorts in Oregon and California.

Bend Continued from A11. 'Clearly our ranking slipped due to short-term job growth, high-tech GDP growth and housing affordability,' said Damon Runberg, regional economist for the Oregon Employment Department.

on Bend's economy, which makes up 16% of local employment. But Lee admits that rank drop in high-tech GDP growth is 'perplexing' as the number of companies continued to grow during the year.

Pendleton Continued from A11. 'The community has been really supportive,' said Joe Meda, the owner of Joe's Fiesta Mexican Restaurant. 'Saying anything less than that would be ungrateful on my part.'



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian Joe Meda, owner of Joe's Fiesta Mexican Restaurant in Pendleton, explains the challenges of opening a new business venture in the midst of a pandemic during a Feb. 26 tour of his new cantina.

see about opening this when we're at least 50 or 75%,' Meda said, simultaneously reaching above him to knock on a wooden frame overhead. 'It feels really good to feel a little more stable than we did before'

homes, mortuaries and cemeteries. It allows indoor and outdoor visitation at long-term care facilities and only recommends, rather than requires, that office work be done remotely.

find seven full tables, a sight he described as both "scary" and "exciting." After three months of solely takeout orders, he and his co-workers were rusty, but over a 2½-hour rush, they got back in the swing of things. 'It was nice to see familiar faces, too,' said Taber, a student at Mount Hood Community College.

Energy Continued from A11. 'It's huge. It's the first license of its type to be issued in the United States,' said OSU's Burke Hales, chief scientist on the project.

cables to carry energy produced back to shore south-east of Seal Rock. The energy developers would pay Oregon State University for use of the testing facility. 'We hope to be moving this summer with groundbreaking for building our shoreside facility,' Burke said, adding that the underground and under-ocean boring work needed to run the transmission lines offshore would start this year as well.

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required to limit operations multiple times throughout the pandemic as the state has announced revolving coronavirus restrictions. The state has loosened those restrictions recently in many Oregon counties due to declining COVID-19 cases, but businesses that are open are still operating with enhanced safety requirements and limited capacity rules.

government has offered some relief through the Paycheck Protection Program and other Small Business Administration grants and loans. Oregon's emergency small-business grant program helped 7,500 small businesses last year with \$43 million in grants.

fers rent relief to small-business owners and their landlords. Business Oregon will keep the application process open for two weeks. The agency will distribute \$50 million during the first round of funding before opening the application process for a second round in late April.

Rent Continued from A11. 'This new funding comes at a critical time to bring small businesses out of accumulated debt caused by the pandemic,' said Chris Cummings, Business Oregon interim director, in a statement. 'With improving COVID-19 numbers and us all doing our part to curb the spread, we can get businesses operating again. This program lets them get going with a little less weight on their shoulders.'

time, Business Oregon hoped to launch the program in February, but it took the agency longer than anticipated to work out the details of the new fund. That has left small-business owners who have struggled to keep up on their rent payments in a state of uncertainty.

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