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## 'Perfect storm' of mosquitoes likely

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Time to stock up on mosquito repellent.

A "perfect storm" of wet conditions and hot summer temperatures could mean a big year for mosquitoes in Oregon, officials said.

Multiple counties have already reported substantial mosquito activity, and that could continue late into the summer, said Emilio DeBess, state public health veterinarian.

"Will it be a big bug year? At this point, I'd say probably so," DeBess said. "They're certainly active already, and it's pretty early."

The two conditions that drive mosquito populations are the amount of water and temperature, DeBess said.

Oregon's wet winter and spring — plus a robust snowpack — mean the state is overflowing with H<sub>2</sub>O. That's a good thing for mosquitoes.

"The more standing water — and running water to an extent — the easier it is for the female to lay eggs, hatch them and move on to get another blood meal and lay more eggs," DeBess said. "So, based on the amount of water available, there is higher probability that there would be a lot of mosquitoes."

The big question is how warm the summer will be. Hot temperatures could mean what DeBess called a "perfect

storm" of conditions for mosquitoes.

And that's exactly what long-term forecasts are predicting.

Oregon has a 60 to 70 percent chance of a hotter-than-normal July, August, and September, according to the National Weather Service's climate prediction service.

"Warmer temperatures — especially above 80 degrees — basically allows the female to be more active in biting to get a blood meal, which helps them lay eggs," DeBess said. "They don't just get blood by biting humans, they get it by biting dogs, cats, deer, mice, birds, really any animal."

The last time Oregon had a "big bug year" was 2013, DeBess said. Lots of rain

plus a hot summer led to high mosquito activity. The last two summers have been hot but fairly dry, he said, leading to more normal mosquito populations.

The Oregon Health Authority does testing each year for diseases such as West Nile Virus, carried by mosquitoes, DeBess said. He said most West Nile cases occur in eastern and southern Oregon.

"But obviously, if there's more mosquitoes there's a higher likelihood of more West Nile infections," he said. "That's why we always encourage people to protect themselves. Most mosquito and tick-borne illnesses are preventable."

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## Brewfest taps into Pacific Northwest's love of beer



Morry Jones serves up a pint at the Oregon Garden Brewfest on Saturday in Silverton.

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## Hundreds attend 13th annual event at Oregon Garden



Courtney Christensen, left, and Stephanie Llewellyn decide which beer tastes to choose at the Oregon Garden Brewfest on Saturday.

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Hundreds of people sipped from perspiring glasses under a towering canopy of trees in the Rediscovery Forest as part of the 13th Annual Oregon Garden Brewfest Saturday.

The Father's Day weekend event brought 120 beers, ciders and mead from 60 different vendors from the Pacific Northwest for a celebration of brew in the outdoors.

"One of the main reasons we moved it to the forest from the pavilion is because we wanted people to take their beer explore all of the beautiful garden," said Sara Hammond, the regional marketing manager at the Oregon Garden and Resort.

Hammond said more activities were added to the Brewfest program this year including an artisan vendor market selling handmade goods and opened 150 campsites for visitors eager to experience the garden under the stars.

Charlotte Soulds, of Bend, returned to Brewfest for the third time in the past few years with her husband Morgan and her daughter Savannah, 2 and a half, to celebrate Father's Day.

"This year we decided to camp instead of just getting a

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## Ninja Turtles heading to Mt. Angel

DirectLink announces plans for 'Summer Celebration'

JUSTIN MUCH  
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Communication services customers in the Mt. Angel area will be appreciated a couple of months early this year.

Moreover, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles will help with that appreciation.

DirectLink announced that "Summer Celebration" will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 23, as a two-part festivity. DirectLink Marketing Manager Amy Russ said this festivity will be held in lieu of the Mt. Angel Telephone Customer Appreciation Day, traditionally held in August, as well as the Community Concert and Root Beer Float evening that normally occurs in July.

Activities normally connected with the former event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. at the DirectLink office, intersection of Garfield and College streets, followed by free floats and music at Saalfeld Park from 6 to 7 p.m. Russ said Marion County Citizen's Band will "perform an enchanting selection of Americana big band sounds," and she recommends that people bring their lawn chairs.

Russ noted that the traditional Customer Appreciation Day was held the 3rd Friday in August for the past 19 years (1998), and the traditional Root Beer Float and Community Concert

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Leonardo and Donatello.

## Detroit Lake health advisory lifted

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State health officials have lifted a health advisory on Detroit Lake as levels of blue-green algae toxins have decreased.

Still, officials from the Oregon Health Authority recommend that visitors to the lake be cautious with pets, because they are susceptible to much lower levels of the toxin

than humans.

The toxic bloom was located in the Heater Creek arm of the reservoir when testing was conducted on May 31. Exposure to toxins can produce a variety of symptoms including numbness, tingling and dizziness that can lead to difficulty breathing or heart problems, and require immediate medical attention, OHA said.



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Detroit Lake, seen from the North Santiam Highway bridge in Detroit, tested for high levels of blue-green algae toxins on May 31.

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