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## New mothers face extra challenges during pandemic



Jennifer Kelley with her daughter Clara in Albany. Clara was born during the COVID-19 pandemic. ABIGAIL DOLLINS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

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Becoming a mom is always difficult, but many Oregon mothers who had a child during the pandemic have found the stresses of raising an infant are compounded by the changes to society.

Whether it's a feeling of isolation from the pandemic's limits on social interaction or challenges with finding child care, new parents are finding a variety of difficulties that come with parenting during the pandemic.

According to the State of Babies Yearbook 2021 report — an annual snapshot of how infants, toddlers and their families are faring by the national nonprofit Zero to Three — families of young children were one of the groups hardest-hit by COVID-19 across the nation. The report looked at how each state's parents of infants have fared during the pan-

demic, considering criteria such as how many were low income, child care services and the percent that had health care.

Nationally, more than half of families who reported having low income before COVID-19 lost income during the pandemic, and the U.S. ranked 33 out of 38 countries when it came to childhood poverty, according to the report.

Some mothers in Oregon said while they didn't struggle with poverty because of the pandemic, it has made it harder to maintain a reasonable work schedule and to connect with and get support from family and friends.

"It's been a lot different than we expected," said Albany resident Jennifer Kelley, who had her first child, Clara, in May. "Other than maybe through phone calls and text messages and occasional video calls, we haven't really had a lot of

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## 40 years later, scars linger from shooting

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The indentation on his forehead, left behind when the front of his skull was rebuilt with fiberglass, is no longer camouflaged by side-swept bangs.

The bullet wound is obscured by a scar that arches from temple to temple, revealed now only because of a receding hairline.

Both are physical reminders of what happened to Tony Young 40 years ago. He has no recollection of being shot in the head while having a beer with friends.

But the memories are still fresh and painful for his family — the Tony they knew died that night — and for others who survived the Oregon Museum Tavern shooting.

"May 7, 1981, you just don't forget that date," said Darrel Miotke, who took a bullet in the arm while diving to the floor to protect a couple of women when a gunman opened fire in the popular Salem bar on Ladies Night.

Four people died. Twenty were wounded.

Some of the survivors, like Young, never fully recovered.

Others faced years of rehabilitation, like Miotke, who suffered both physical wounds and addiction problems exacerbated by the incident.

The Museum Tavern shooting happened long before mass shootings were commonplace and the term became part of our vernacular in America.

"I'm just saddened that society

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Southshore and other campgrounds around Detroit Lake are gradually reopening. ZACH URNESS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

## Back into the great outdoors

Eight campgrounds at Detroit open this month, six to stay closed

**Zach Urness** Salem Statesman Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Detroit area is taking another small step toward normalcy this month with the reopening of six campgrounds around the popular reservoir east of Salem that burned in last September's Labor Day fires. The largest campground in the area, Detroit Lake State Park, reopened last month. The Forest Service has added to the overnight options by gradually reopening its collection of smaller sites around the lake and on the upper North Santiam River including:

- Santiam Flats Campground, on the southeast side of

Detroit Lake, open now

- Cove Creek Campground, on the south side of Detroit Lake, open now

- Hoover Campground, on the south side of Detroit Lake, open now

- Southshore Campground, on the south side of Detroit Lake, opens May 21

- Whispering Falls, eight miles east of Detroit off Highway 22, opens May 14

- Riverside Campground, 14 miles east of Detroit off Highway 22, open now

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## Forestry department accepting public input on projects

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The Oregon Department of Forestry opened public comment on planned projects, timber sales and other management activities in state-owned forests for fiscal year 2022.

The plans lay out activities expected to take place in the coming year, such as timber harvests, reforestation and trail improvements. The public comment closes June 21.

Oregonians can weigh in on the draft annual operations plans for state forests in Astoria, Forest Grove, Klamath-Lake, Tillamook, West Oregon and Western Lane Districts, which includes

the Tillamook, Clatsop, Sun Pass and Gilchrist state forests. Draft plans can be found at:

[oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/StateForests.aspx](https://oregon.gov/ODF/Working/Pages/StateForests.aspx).

Those who want to offer input on the plans can:

- Take an online survey: <https://forms.gle/TEqVxgGJ7HkutRSb9>

- Send comments online: [oregon.gov/odf/recreation/pages/comment.aspx](https://oregon.gov/odf/recreation/pages/comment.aspx)

- Email comments: [odf.sfcomments@oregon.gov](mailto:odf.sfcomments@oregon.gov)

- Mail comments to: ODF Public Affairs, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310.

The most useful input relates to common activities found in the operat-

ing plan, including timber harvest operations, habitat improvement for native species, forest road construction and invasive species management, ODF said in a news release.

ODF is asking for solution-oriented input that offers information, corrects errors and improves efficiency.

A public comment process on planned projects, timber sales, and other management activities on the North Cascades District for fiscal year 2022, including extensive restoration efforts on the Santiam State Forest, will be conducted separately.

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The Oregon Museum Tavern was the scene of a tragic mass shooting on May 7, 1981 in Salem. STATESMAN JOURNAL ARCHIVES

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