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Clayton Kellogg, a paddle sports ambassador at Tumalo Creek Kayak & Canoe, wipes down a display of kayaks while working a shift at the store.

Central Oregon set for robust summer season

By SUZANNE ROIG
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Money in the bank, rising vaccination rates and tempting outdoors are all working together to lure visitors for summer travel to central Oregon.

Already resorts and hotels are filling up as travelers plan their summer travel. Most of these travelers are coming by car, according to the American Automobile Association. There is pent-up demand, AAA says, for road trips, either to get away or simply to see loved ones.

But the picture is not all rosy for businesses seeking to re-staff after a year of closures and reopenings. There's a labor shortage in the hospitality industry, and businesses are juggling their needs against the flip-flopping government requirements to contain the spread of COVID-19 as Deschutes County moves from one risk level to another.

On Friday, Deschutes County moved from moderate to high risk, which limits the number of people indoors to 25% capacity.

Still, Bend is among the more popular driving destinations in Oregon, Marie Dodds, AAA director of Government and Public Affairs, said in an email. Travel will be spurred on, too, by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recent announcement that fully vaccinated people can visit others who are fully vaccinated without a mask or maintaining a 6-foot distance.

"Members of the AAA Oregon/Idaho are making plans to take family road trips, and we're also seeing a return to the skies as air travel rebounds," Dodds said. "Others are planning bucket-list trips. And many just want to travel to see loved ones and friends

they haven't been able to see during the pandemic."

Central Oregon is perfect for a physically distanced get away with its hiking, mountain biking and water sports, said Tony DeBene, Deschutes County Commission chairman.

With about 500 accommodations to book, the Sunriver Resort says there's been a noticeable uptick in booking inquiries from family travelers. Summer traditionally is the busiest time of the year for the resort; there were numerous activities that had to be halted early in the pandemic.

"While summer is looking to be very busy we are seeing much shorter-term demand at this time," said Lindsay Borkowski, Sunriver Resort director of sales and marketing. "We believe that this will continue through summer as our guests are anxious to travel again."

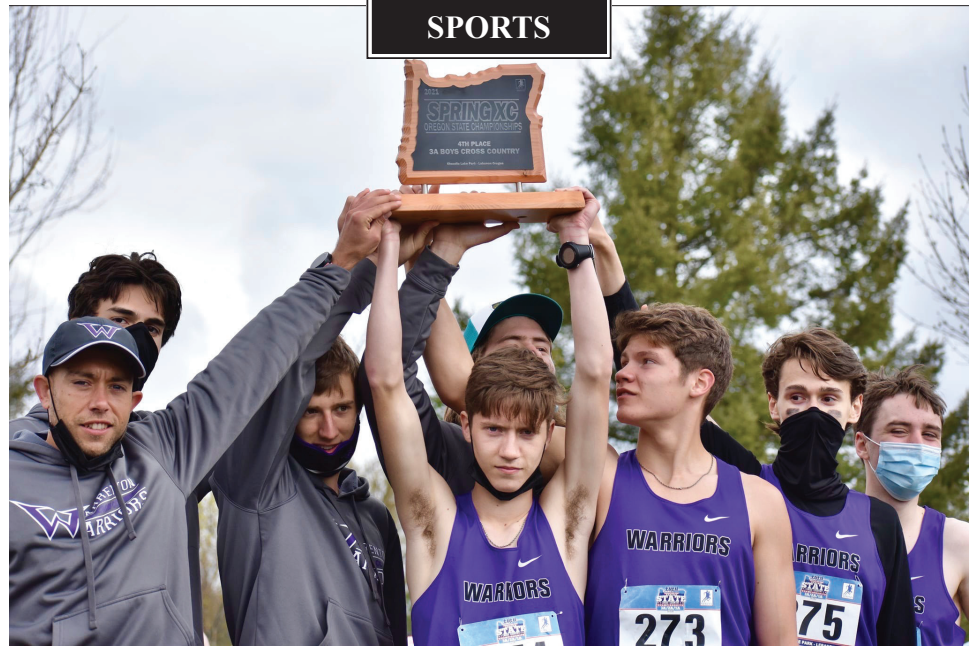
With more money in the pockets of travelers, more people will hit the roads, said Damon Runberg, Oregon Employment Department regional economist. This is particularly acute now when more vaccines are being rolled out to prevent the spread of COVID-19, making people feel more comfortable traveling.

"Travel spending is a popular form of discretionary spending," Runberg said. "Travel and tourism destinations that can be reached by car and provide more dispersed forms of recreation will likely be more attractive to many this summer."

During the height of the pandemic, a little more than a year ago, Bend issued travel restrictions that ran from mid-March through mid-October. Despite those restrictions, hearty travelers did come to Bend last summer, said Kevney Dugan, CEO of Visit Bend.

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Warrenton Cross-Country

The Warrenton boys cross-country team celebrates a fourth-place finish in the season finale meet.

Rodriguez third in 2A race; Warrenton team fourth in 3A

By GARY HENLEY
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In the closest thing to a state cross-country championship meet for this school year, Knappa's Isaiah Rodriguez was the top local runner Saturday, when the top runners and teams from the 1A to 4A levels gathered for the season-ending showcase meets.

One year after former Knappa teammate Robert Piña-Morton took second in the boys' 2A/1A state championship meet in 16:00, Rodriguez placed third overall out of 111 runners in the 2A/1A season-ending meet Saturday at Cheadle Lake Park in Lebanon.

Union (48 points) topped Bandon (50) in the chase for the team title, while Vernonia was fifth in the team standings.

Knappa did not have enough runners to field a complete team, but Rodriguez finished the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 45 seconds to finish behind seniors Sisay Hurty (16:25) of Stanfield/Echo and Brandon Williams (16:27) of East Linn Christian.

Knappa sophomore Clay Keyser placed 28th overall (18:29) in Saturday's meet.

In the girls' 3A/2A/1A meet, Warrenton junior Abigail Miller was 35th (22:43).

The top team finish from Clatsop County belonged to the Warrenton boys, who scored 95 points to finish fourth behind Enterprise (34), La Pine (68) and Westside Christian (74) in the 10-team field.

Warrenton senior Forrest Cooley was 12th in 17:38, while junior Jake Sorani of Cascade Christian was the individual winner in 15:58.

Warrenton's Zander Moha (16th) and freshman Indy Freyer (19th) were the other top 20 finishers for the Warriors, who were competing in their first state-level meet. Juniors Doc Freyer and Nathan Streibeck-Peterson (34th and 36th) rounded out Warrenton's top five.

Knappa sophomore Emily Larsen was 49th in a personal best 23:12 in the girls' 3A/2A/1A race.

In the 4A showcase meet at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, Cowapa League champion Tillamook placed fifth out of 12 scoring teams on both the boys' and girls' side. The Astoria boys finished 12th and the Lady Fishermen placed 11th.

The top Astoria finisher was sophomore Ella Zilli, who took 20th overall (20:58) in the girls' race. Sophomore John Clement was 41st (18:20) for the Astoria boys.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
Baseball — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 4:30 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 4:30 p.m.
Softball — Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Willamina at Warrenton, 4:30 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Girls Golf — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 11 a.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Banks, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.
Softball — Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5 p.m.
Boys Golf — Seaside at Astoria, (Astoria Golf & Country Club) 2 p.m.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
64 41 Breezy in the p.m.	61 39 Partly sunny	64 44 Mostly sunny and nice	70 46 Sunny and mild	67 44 Showers possible	63 45 Showers possible	65 45 Showers possible

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday
Temperatures
High/low 53/30
Normal high/low 56/41
Record high 80 in 1904
Record low 30 in 2021
Precipitation
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 0.34"
Normal month to date 2.16"
Year to date 33.15"
Normal year to date 27.00"

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Auriga, the charioteer, drives across the western evening sky this month.

SUN AND MOON

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI
Sunrise today 6:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:00 p.m.
Moonrise today 7:30 a.m.
Moonset today 9:52 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 19	Apr 26	May 3	May 11

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
2:35 a.m.	8.1	9:17 a.m.	0.0	
3:21 p.m.	7.0	9:08 p.m.	1.8	
Cape Disappointment				
2:12 a.m.	8.0	8:23 a.m.	0.1	
2:53 p.m.	7.0	8:21 p.m.	2.1	
Hammond				
3:12 a.m.	8.4	8:44 a.m.	-0.1	
3:07 p.m.	7.3	8:39 p.m.	1.9	
Warrenton				
2:30 a.m.	8.6	9:01 a.m.	0.1	
3:16 p.m.	7.4	8:52 p.m.	1.9	
Knappa				
3:12 a.m.	8.4	10:18 a.m.	0.0	
3:58 p.m.	7.3	10:09 p.m.	1.6	
Depoe Bay				
1:23 a.m.	8.2	7:53 a.m.	0.1	
2:10 p.m.	7.2	7:48 p.m.	2.2	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	82/62/pc	75/52/r
Boston	55/46/pc	54/44/pc
Chicago	58/40/pc	49/39/pc
Dallas	75/56/t	66/54/c
Denver	48/31/c	51/36/c
Honolulu	82/69/pc	82/69/pc
Houston	85/69/t	79/61/t
Los Angeles	67/55/sh	64/53/pc
Miami	84/68/s	82/68/s
New York City	63/50/pc	67/49/sh
Phoenix	89/63/s	87/63/s
San Francisco	61/50/pc	65/49/s
Wash., DC	65/52/c	63/50/r

REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	64/41	65/34	Wenatchee	61/39	60/36
Spokane	53/35	53/31	Moses Lake	62/40	62/38
Aberdeen	62/37	62/38	Kennewick	65/43	60/35
Olympia	65/39	67/36	Walla Walla	60/35	60/36
Tacoma	65/34	67/36	Lewiston	60/36	60/36
Longview	67/36	67/36	Enterprise	60/36	60/36
Portland	69/42	66/38	Hermiston	65/39	62/31
Corvallis	66/39	66/40	Pendleton	62/31	51/20
Eugene	67/37	66/40	La Grande	56/28	56/28
Bend	55/32	56/30	John Day	56/26	65/37
Medford	69/37	69/37	Burns	54/27	65/37
Klamath Falls	56/30	56/30	Ontario	65/37	65/37
Baker City	57/26/pc	56/25/pc	Caldwell	62/35	62/35
Brookings	63/47/s	63/45/s			
Ilwaco	60/47/s	59/44/pc			
Newberg	66/44/s	68/39/s			
Newport	61/43/s	58/41/s			