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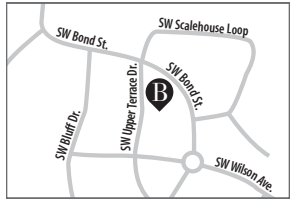
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DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

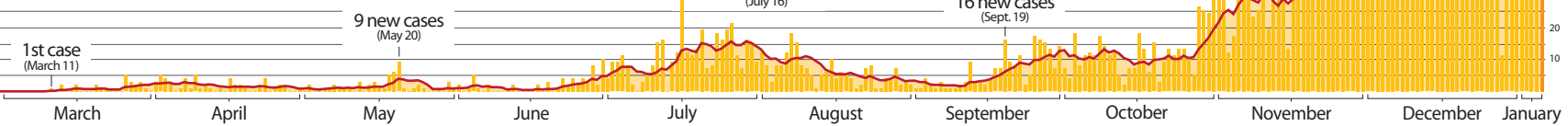
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Total COVID-19 cases as of Tuesday, Jan. 5:

Deschutes County cases: 4,276 (69 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 24 (2 new deaths*)
Crook County cases: 493 (22 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 7 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,550 (10 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 20 (2 new deaths*)
Oregon cases: 119,488 (1,059 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 1,550 (44 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 34 (8 in ICU)

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause a range of symptoms. Some usually cause mild illness. Some, like this one, can cause more severe symptoms and can be fatal. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath.

7 ways to help limit its spread: 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay home. 5. In public, stay 6 feet from others and wear a cloth face covering or mask. 6. Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



*Oregon's 1,512nd COVID-19 death is an 83-year-old man in Deschutes County who tested positive Dec. 4 and died Dec. 23 at St. Charles Bend. He had underlying conditions. The 1,513rd death is an 87-year-old man in Deschutes County who tested positive Dec. 21 and died Dec. 28. Location of death and presence of underlying conditions are being confirmed. The 1,521st death is a 76-year-old man in Jefferson County who tested positive Dec. 16 and died Dec. 22 at St. Charles Bend. He had underlying conditions. The 1,522nd death is an 84-year-old man in Jefferson County who tested positive Dec. 26 and died Jan. 1 at St. Charles Bend. He had underlying conditions.

Oregon presents plan to up vaccinations

Governor sets goal of 12,000 shots per day within 2 weeks

BY SARA CLINE
Associated Press/Report for America
PORTLAND — Oregon health officials had a goal of administering 100,000 coronavirus vaccines by the end of 2020, but as of Tuesday had only administered 51,283.
Now, Gov. Kate Brown has set a new goal of 12,000 vaccinations per day within the next two weeks. Health authority officials said Tuesday if they expand the number of administration

sites and adjust prioritization requirements, they are confident they will reach that goal.
“In the first 19 days of COVID-19 vaccinations, we’ve learned some key lessons we’ll use to speed our vaccination efforts,” Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen said.
The first phase of vaccination focused on health care workers and residents and staff in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
Effective this week, Oregon Health Authority will expand vaccinations to hospice programs, mobile crisis care, outpatient settings serving specific

high-risk groups, in-home care services, nonemergency medical transport, health care providers in other outpatient settings, and public health workers.
“So far, Oregon has been good at getting vaccinations into the arms of people assigned to a specific location — like a hospital worker or a resident at a skilled nursing facility,” Allen said. “Now we need to up our game for people outside those locations.”
In addition, people eligible for the vaccine will be able to receive it at retail pharmacies, and the federal pharmacy partnership to vaccinate more nursing

home staff and residents is being expanded.
“Oregon, like most of the country, is not moving fast enough,” Gov. Brown said in a news release Monday. “All states are grappling with the same logistical challenges, and while we are making steady progress, we must move even more quickly when every vaccination has the potential to save someone’s life.”
According to data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oregon currently ranks 36th in the nation in vaccine distribution, with 1.2% of the state’s population having been vaccinated.



Police: Tualatin chase ends with car inside convenience store

BY JIM RYAN
The Oregonian
A driver was arrested Tuesday after allegedly leading police on a chase and driving into a Tualatin convenience store — his car coming to a stop among the shelves inside the business.
James Powell, 30, is accused of eluding authorities, criminal mischief, reckless driving and other charges, according to Tualatin police. He’s being held in the Washington County Jail.
Police said they tried to pull over Powell on Tuesday morning after he was seen driving without headlights or license plates. He didn’t comply, and a pursuit ensued.
The chase spanned about seven minutes and covered surface streets and a stretch of Interstate 5, according to police. An officer deployed spike strips at one point, and Powell allegedly swerved toward the of-

ficer — nearly hitting him.
The spike strips flattened one of Powell’s tires, but he continued on, entering the parking lot of a Shell gas station and Jacksons Food Stores location on SW Nyberg Street near I-5, police said.
Powell drove through the lot and directly into the convenience store, nearly hitting a pair of workers who were standing in the doorway, according to police. His car came to a stop completely inside the store. No injuries were reported.
Police said law enforcement officers from the Tualatin and Tigard police agencies, as well as the Oregon State Police and Washington County Sheriff’s Office, contacted Powell, who stood outside his car but inside the store.
Officers negotiated with him for about 24 minutes before he peacefully surrendered, according to police.

◀ Tualatin Police Department via The Oregonian
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Baker City native studies treatment for Parkinson’s

BY LISA BRITTON
For the Baker City Herald
Tanya Denne, a Baker City native who has been studying a plant that could help combat Parkinson’s disease, will graduate in 2021 from Bastyr University with a degree in naturopathic medicine.
While working on her doctorate, she’s continued to analyze the use of Mucuna pruriens and its potential in treating Parkinson’s disease, a disorder of the central nervous system that affects movement.
According to Oregon Health & Science University, for unknown reasons Parkinson’s causes brain cells that make a chemical called dopamine to die. This leaves the brain with not enough dopamine — a “neurotransmitter,” or chemical messenger — to signal nerves to trigger movement.
Parkinson’s worsens over time. There is no cure.
Drug treatments of levodopa/cabidopa focus on the dopamine system in the brain. According to Denne, research has determined

Mucuna seeds contain 3% to 7% levodopa.
Denne’s interest in Mucuna stems from a personal story — her grandmother died of Alzheimer’s disease, and that inspired her to study neuroscience.
After graduating from the University of Portland, she volunteered at OHSU in Portland to study Mucuna and Parkinson’s.
In early 2016, she traveled to India for three months to study Mucuna in its native environment, and collect seeds to study.
That same year she started attending Bastyr University in Seattle to pursue a doctorate in chemical called dopamine.
Now, near the end of her academic journey, Denne credits fundraising events in Baker City for supporting her project.
“It’s taken a whole community and over a decade, and a huge majority of the original funding and support started in Baker City,” she said.
Her research paired well with Baker City’s Great Salt Lick Contest and Auction, a



Submitted Photo
Tanya Denne has been studying the potential benefits of Mucuna, a type of plant, in treating the effects of Parkinson’s disease.

fundraiser founded by Whit Deschner to raise money for Parkinson’s disease research.
“I’d like to express my gratitude to all the wonderful people and organizations in Baker City that helped facilitate the ethnobotanical research trip to India,” Denne said. “Through Whit Deschner’s generous Salt Lick Auction, the Lions Club and many supportive individuals we were able to launch a

successful research project that is still continuing and expanding to this day.”
Mucuna progress
During her studies at Bastyr, Denne has worked on the Mucuna project by finding a farmer in Hawaii who could grow the seeds she brought from India. She’s also experimented with seed extracts and worked with colleagues from

Bastyr and OHSU who have used the extracts in animal model studies.
“It’s this really cool, multifaceted project,” Denne said.
The research is fueling other projects.
“Our research team is now collaborating with a field research project in Africa, where it is estimated that only 9% of the population has access to conventional Parkinson’s medication,” she said. “We’re working with The Parkinson’s Institute in Italy, drafting and implementing sites to grow Mucuna as a source of levodopa for Parkinson’s treatment as a public health effort.”
After graduating with her doctorate this year, Denne plans to complete a residency and wants to specialize in neuro-focused care, such as Parkinson’s disease.
She’d like to eventually return to practice in Baker City.
“It really does take a village, and I am grateful to be from one that embodies core values of generosity, positive change, and compassion,” she said.