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PROJECT HOPES TO HOUSE HOMELESS VETS BY FEBRUARY



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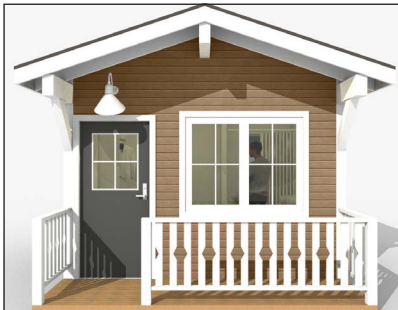
Employees with York Bros. Excavation level an area of soil Thursday at the Central Oregon Veterans Village project currently under construction in Bend.

BY BRENN A VISSER • The Bulletin

The dream to house homeless veterans in a project known as the Central Oregon Veterans Village is close to becoming a reality in Bend. This week, the Bend Heroes Foundation broke ground on the project, which when completed will include individual tiny houses and a community building to house and support 15 veterans on a plot of Deschutes County-owned land next to the public safety campus off U.S. Highway 20 in north Bend.

A rendering of the small homes veterans will be given at the Central Oregon Veterans Village project in north Bend.

Courtesy of Amanda Lenke



The foundation, which raises money and awareness for veterans' issues, and Central Oregon Veterans Outreach, a nonprofit that serves homeless veterans, hope to have their first residents moving in by mid-February, said Erik Tobiason, the president of the Bend Heroes

Foundation. After fundraising and working to make this happen for the past two years, Tobiason said it "feels extraordinary" to be roughly 30 days away from being able to move a veteran out of the woods and into shelter.

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Coronavirus pandemic

Wyden: New political era will speed aid

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

With Democrats in control of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House, and with Democrat Joe Biden's Jan. 20 inauguration approaching, Americans can expect a large, long-term package of aid to help get through the COVID-19 pandemic that will likely last well into the year, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said in a Friday interview.

Wyden said he was supporting efforts to get President Donald Trump to resign or be removed from office after Wednesday's riot at the U.S. Capitol, sparked by Trump's speech to protesters. On Friday he called for the resignations of Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Tex., and Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., for their roles in the Electoral College challenge that set off riots culminating in a siege of the Capitol.



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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., speaks at a town hall meeting in Bend in 2018.

"Any senator exhorting such an assault violates their sworn oath and is unworthy of holding federal office," Wyden said. "There must be consequences for senators who would foment a violent mob for personal gain."

But focus also has to be sharp on what to do after Trump is gone.

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Redmond schools

All K-12 students return to in-person class Feb. 2

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin

Nearly 7,500 K-12 students in Redmond, Tumalo and Terrebonne will return to classrooms for the first time in more than nine months on Feb. 2, Redmond School District officials announced Friday.

Superintendent Charan Cline hopes this will help those students who struggled with online distance learning throughout 2020, he told The Bulletin.

"They haven't progressed in their academic work, and we're a little concerned about their social-emotional state as well," he said. "We're absolutely thrilled to get them back in the building."

Elementary students' first week of in-person learning will be in a hybrid, part-online style, according to a district press release. The next week, they'll return to a five-day-a-week schedule.

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Jefferson County seeks developers for gateway

Possibilities include a retail, dining or office space

BY KYLE SPURR

The Bulletin

One of the most visible properties in Madras is available for development.

City and county officials are inviting developers to submit ideas for the vacant "South Y" gateway, where vehicles traveling north on U.S. Highway 97 enter a split into a one-way street

through downtown Madras, the largest city in Jefferson County with nearly 6,470 residents.

The 38,000-square-foot property, including a 2,000-square-foot building, is the first sight of the downtown from the south for more than 15,000 travelers each day, according to the city.

The site at 813 SW Highway 97 sat vacant for five years since the Oregon Department of Transportation used the property for a highway realignment project.

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The "South Y" or the South Madras Gateway in Madras, shown in January, sat vacant for five years.

Bend teen was stabbed 'to teach him a lesson'

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin

A group of Bend teenagers plotted to take a classmate to the badlands and "teach him a lesson," beating him up and filming it because they thought he assaulted a girl.

But the plan went awry last month when one of the alleged

co-conspirators pulled out a knife and stabbed the victim, causing the group to panic and flee, according to court records.

The victim, James Kaleb Peter Duvall, 18, suffered a life-threatening injury and was rushed to St. Charles Bend.

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