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Health care providers inundated by queries

BY SUZANNE ROIG

The Bulletin
 Phones are ringing off the hook at Central Oregon health care providers' offices since the COVID-19 vaccines began arriving three weeks ago. The phones have been so busy at some clinics that patients with immediate medical issues have experienced long hold times.

"Calling with vaccine questions right now is impeding our ability to provide care to patients in immediate need," said Elaine Knobbs-Seasholtz, director of strategy and development for Mosaic Medical in Central Oregon. "We're calling it vaccine excitement. People are curious."
 Make no mistake, health care centers have a plan on how to reach their

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patients once their groups are up for vaccine distribution. The vaccine is being distributed in Central Oregon according to a prescribed plan by Oregon Health Authority. First up are health

care workers, long term care providers and residents and first responders. At St. Charles Health System, the first doses went to health care professionals. By the end of the week, more than 3,000 health care providers will have received their first dose, Lisa Goodman, St. Charles Health System spokeswoman, said in an email. Goodman also said the health sys-

tem has received more calls than normal from patients asking when they can receive the vaccine. State and county health departments are responsible for getting the vaccine to the general public. "St. Charles stands ready to partner with them to help expedite the process," Goodman said.
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'BEYOND ITS ORIGINAL GLORY'

Historic Bend home to be restored back to 1900s design



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Mark Skinner walks around the Putnam house that he is renovating in Bend.

New owner wants to use only original materials, such as vintage windows and light fixtures

BY KYLE SPURR • The Bulletin

A historic Craftsman-style house in downtown Bend is being renovated to its original early 1900s design when it was the home to one of city's most influential couples. George Palmer Putnam, an early owner and publisher of The Bulletin and Bend mayor, built the home in 1911 for his bride, Dorothy Binney Putnam, heiress to the Crayola crayon fortune who spent her time in Bend leading efforts in the suffrage movement.

The couple lived in the home at 606 Congress St. until 1919, when they left Bend for New York. Putnam later divorced Binney Putnam and married famed aviator Amelia Earhart, who never came to Bend. "George was the one who put his heart and soul into it, and our goal is to get it back to the way that he would have seen it when he and his wife were there," said Dan Winey, a California architect, who bought the home in 2019 and is overseeing the renovation. Winey, 68, a partner at the San Francisco-based architecture firm Gensler, plans to invest \$2 million in the renovation, after buying the 3,000-square-foot home for \$1.15 million. He wants to use only original materials, such as vintage windows and light fixtures. Winey said he has a passion



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In a photo from 1913, George Palmer Putnam poses with the family dog in a wheelbarrow while his wife, Dorothy Binney Putnam, pushes their infant son, David, in a baby carriage in front of their home at 606 Congress St. in Bend.

for restoring old buildings and sees the historical value in the Putnam house, which has sat mostly vacant for several years. Recently, the house was used for visitors through the vacation

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rental service Airbnb, Winey said. "The idea is to bring it back to beyond its original glory," Winey said. "At the time, it was an expensive home, but by today's standards it needs a lot of structural upgrades and a lot of other improvements."
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Bend Tech continues hands-on learning

Students say they're grateful, hope for more class time

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin
 While the vast majority of Bend high school students attended school at home Wednesday morning, a small group of students from Bend Tech Academy at Marshall High School were doing career-focused hands-on learning inside their school. A health class learned about phlebotomy by pumping fake blood out of a mannequin. In a technology class, students were using the computer program Tinkercad to 3D-print items like chess pieces. And students in a business class were learning how to design, print and sell T-shirts. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, students at Bend Tech Academy — a magnet school focused on career and technical education — are still able to participate this fall in the hands-on education the school specializes in giving. But they can only do so for two hours a day, one day a week, due to state rules on limited in-person instruction. That is likely to change soon: Bend-La Pine Schools announced Thursday that high schoolers will return to school in a hybrid fashion starting Feb. 8. That means Bend Tech students will go from two hours to two days per week of in-person learning. Many students and staff at Bend Tech Academy said they were grateful for at least a little hands-on learning this fall and January. But they look forward to when they can spend more time in the classroom.
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Bend Tech Academy ninth grader Ella Hewlett, 14, draws blood from the arm of a mannequin during a limited in-person instruction health class.