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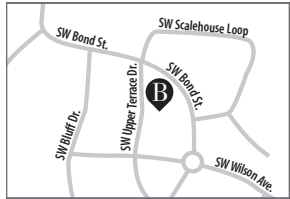
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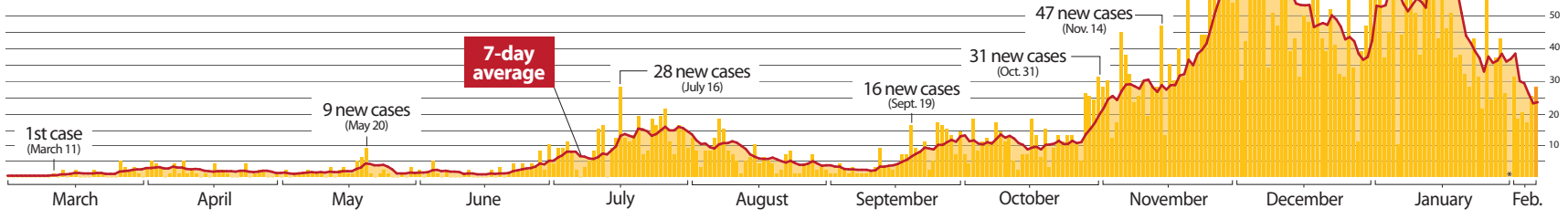
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

COVID-19 data for Saturday, Feb. 6:
Deschutes County cases: 5,538 (28 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 47 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 715 (5 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 16 (1 new death)
Jefferson County cases: 1,824 (8 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 25 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 146,741 (624 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,019 (17 new deaths)

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.



COVID-19 vaccine equity

'Hateful' emails prompted end of meetings

BY FEDOR ZARKHIN

The Oregonian
Two members of an Oregon group charged with deciding who gets coronavirus vaccines next received racist, hateful and upsetting messages, prompting state officials to close public access to the group's last two meetings, state officials revealed Friday.

The Vaccine Advisory Committee's explicit focus has been to bring equity to the vaccine equation, speaking for underserved communities and helping combat the racism ingrained in Oregon's health care system.

But the group appeared to

be the victim of some of what it was fighting, with one member receiving "multiple hateful, racist emails" and another getting "upsetting communications," a spokesman for the Oregon Health Authority said.

"It was just so disheartening. These are folks who volunteered their time," Rachael Banks, the public health director, told The Oregonian. "They're there advocating on behalf of their communities."

The 27-member committee made its final recommendations Jan. 28 as part of its eighth meeting open to the public. State officials said they learned about the emails the

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following day, prompting them to close access to meetings Tuesday and Thursday in the interests of the members' comfort and safety, and because the formal recommendations had already been finalized.

Banks said she believes members were more comfort-

able speaking openly during the closed meetings. But the lack of transparency prevented the public from hearing members' concerns about the process, including the little time they had to come up with recommendations and what one member said was a desire for some form of oversight of how vaccines are allocated locally.

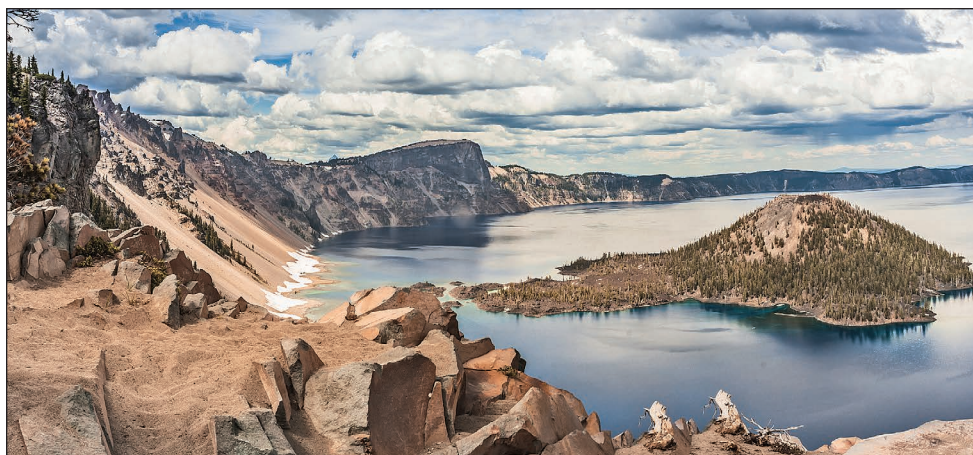
Members did not ask the health authority to close the meeting to the public, Banks said, but multiple people on the committee were concerned when they learned about the racist emails.

The agency acknowledged the fine line it has to walk

when choosing to close public access to meetings, which previously had been live streamed or recorded for online viewing.

State officials opted not to even take notes from Thursday's meeting.

"There is a transparency and community impact when that kind of violent and intimidating speech makes it difficult for volunteers to serve and advocate for the broader community," spokesman Robb Cowie said. "We're always navigating these kinds of tensions and dilemmas about, 'How do we protect volunteers?' 'How do we also ensure an open forum and a transparent forum?'"



Makenzie Whittle/The Bulletin file

A view of Wizard Island at Crater Lake National Park in July 2020.

Oregon man banned from Crater Lake after years of poaching elk

BY KALE WILLIAMS

The Oregonian
An Oregon man was banned from Crater Lake National Park, ordered to pay tens of thousands in restitution and sentenced to three years' probation after he pleaded guilty to poaching a trophy bull elk in the park several years ago, prosecutors said Friday.

The guilty plea and sentence came as the result of a yearslong investigation into the activities of Adrian Wood, a 44-year-old White City resident whom the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began tracking after they received reports he was illegally hunting in the park in 2014.

"Our nation's environmental laws are in place to protect vulnerable wildlife populations and ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to enjoy these animals as we do today. Mr. Wood preyed on elk and deer who were unaccustomed to being hunted and thus uniquely vulnerable to poaching," U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy Williams said in a statement.

Two people told officials that Wood had been illegally hunting in the park in July 2014, and, over the next two years, investigators obtained text messages in which he told his wife he was trying to find a bleeding elk he had shot. In another text message, Wood texted another person that he was "pretty good at finding elk around here."

"I've killed 24 and get one every year," the text read, according to court documents.

In 2016, Wood was stopped by an Oregon State Police trooper near the park's boundary with blood on his hands and clothing. The next day, the trooper returned to the area and found a partially butchered elk carcass.

"The trooper noted that the elk's head was sawed off and some meat was removed," prosecutors said in a statement. "Shortly thereafter, Wood texted photos of himself posing with the elk. (Oregon State Police) obtained the photos and matched them to the carcass."

Soon after, federal agents searched Wood's residence and found several guns, ammunition and various specimens of hunted animals. A DNA analysis showed that several of the samples matched at least 12 deer, a black bear and 13 elk, including the one discovered by the trooper inside the park boundary.

Wood was indicted by a grand jury in 2019 on charges of violating the Lacey Act, which forbids hunting in national parks.

He pleaded guilty last year and was sentenced to a lifetime ban from the park, three years of probation and ordered to pay \$42,500 in restitution.

"The defendant's blatant disregard for the law caused great harm to the elk herd in

the park," James Ashburner, an agent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said in a statement. "Our public lands are special places for both people and wildlife."

WASHINGTON

Woman dies after jump from moving car on I-5

The Associated Press
LA CENTER, Wash. — A woman has been arrested on suspicion of leaving a passenger who jumped to her death from the woman's car while they were traveling on a southwest Washington freeway.

The Washington State Patrol arrested Lacey Cabrera on Thursday on suspicion of hit and run resulting in death, The Oregonian reported.

Investigators say she and Kendra Fain were arguing on Jan. 31 while driving on Interstate 5 and that Fain of Sutherlin, Oregon, jumped out of the car while the vehicle was moving at highway speeds.

Cabrera drove away without calling 911, according to

the state patrol. State troopers said Fain was discovered Sunday on Interstate 5 north of La Center, Washington. Emergency crews pronounced her dead at the scene.

Investigators went to Cabrera's boyfriend's apartment where the boyfriend said Cabrera had told him that Fain jumped from the moving vehicle and was dead, according to a probable cause affidavit obtained by The Columbian.

Cabrera said she kept driving after Fain jumped and that she started to slow down until she saw another driver pull onto the shoulder near Fain's body.

Cabrera was arrested at the apartment and booked into the Clark County Jail.

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