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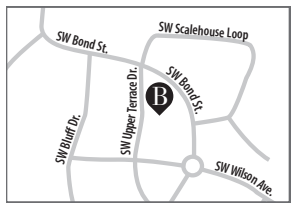
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

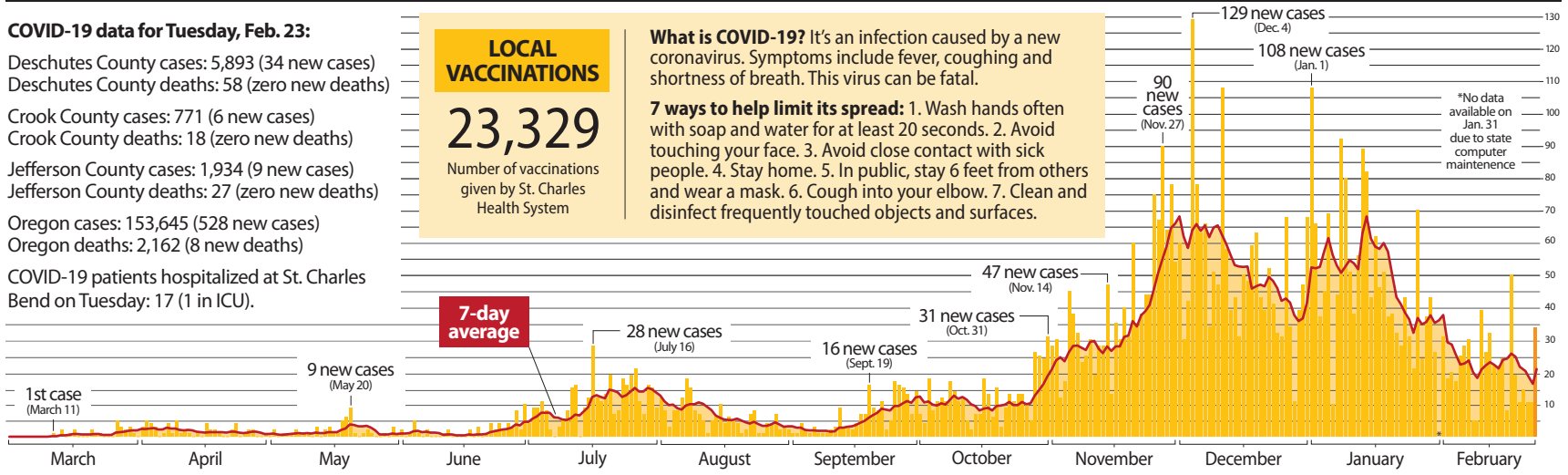
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COVID-19 data for Tuesday, Feb. 23:
Deschutes County cases: 5,893 (34 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 58 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 771 (6 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,934 (9 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 27 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 153,645 (528 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,162 (8 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 17 (1 in ICU).

LOCAL VACCINATIONS

23,329
Number of vaccinations given by St. Charles Health System

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms include fever, coughing and shortness of breath. This virus can be fatal.
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 mask. 6. Cough into your elbow. 7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Portland to pay \$2M to settle fatal police shooting of teen

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The city of Portland is poised to pay \$2 million to the family of a teen suspected in an armed robbery and attempted carjacking who was shot and killed by police four years ago.

Deputy City Attorney Daniel Simon, in a signed statement to a federal judge this month, acknowledged the parties in the civil rights lawsuit had reached a settlement.

Lawyers for Quance Hayes' family argued that Hayes, 17, was not a threat when killed on Feb. 9, 2017, while on his knees unarmed and moving forward in an effort to lie prone on the ground in response to officer commands.

The lawsuit contends police acted unreasonably with excessive force when Officer Andrew Hearst shot Hayes three times with an AR-15 rifle after police confronted Hayes outside a Portland home.

"This case was always about getting answers," said attorneys J. Ashlee Albies and Jesse Merrithew, who represented Hayes' family, in a statement.

"We know that Quance Hayes was shot while he was surrendering to the police. We also know that the City of Portland will never admit their fault, and we know that Andrew Hearst will never be punished for his conduct. ... We remain hopeful that the protests in the streets will force this city to enact a meaningful system of accountability."



Mark Graves/Oregonian file

Friends and family gathered for a candlelight vigil in memory of Quance Hayes, 17, on Feb. 12, 2017. The event was held in the parking lot of the Banfield Pet Hospital, near where Hayes was shot by police.

Officers had discovered Hayes and ordered him to keep his hands up and crawl toward officers on the driveway. When Hayes appeared to reach toward his waistband, Hearst said he fired, killing Hayes.

The plaintiff's expert, forensic biomechanical engineer Jesse L. Wobrock would have testified that Hayes was on his knees, his head and neck bent forward, and his torso leaning slightly forward to comply with officers' orders to "go down to his face," when Hearst fired, according to case documents.

Hayes likely moved his hand to the ground to help him lie prone, Wobrock's written opinion said.

The city's expert, Matthew Noedel, in written documents claimed Wobrock's theory that Hayes was complying with police orders to move prone on the ground went beyond what data could show.

Although Hearst never saw that Hayes had a gun, he testified before a county grand jury that he was convinced that Hayes had one because a witness described a gun used in the robbery and because

Hearst had heard that the suspect had run, holding his waistband, from another officer earlier.

A replica air pistol was found in a flower bed about 2 feet from Hayes' body, a lead detective testified.

The teen's death increased tensions between police and members of the African American community after the grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by officers.

The negotiated settlement must be approved by the City Council.

Oregon man sues Mormon church

Lawsuit accuses church of not protecting him from sexual abuse

BY BRADY MCCOMBS

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — David Hiser felt sick to his stomach when he learned that a man he says sexually abused him in his childhood had been convicted of molesting someone else before him and was still allowed to be a youth leader in his church where the abuse occurred.

The revelation came during a recent period of awakening during which Hiser confronted the impact the sexual abuse he alleges happened in the 1980s had on his life — all of it at the hands of a youth leader in an Oregon congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Hiser, 51, filed a lawsuit Tuesday against the religion to which he still belongs, alleging the Utah-based faith failed to

protect him despite warning signs.

He said he has struggled with years of shame, guilt, depression and suicidal thoughts as a result of the abuse at the Corvallis congregation. Hiser is seeking \$5.5 million in damages.

He and his wife remain members of the faith known widely as the Mormon church and said they didn't take it lightly to sue their own faith but felt they had no choice.

"I'm not looking to take the church now. I'm not looking to take any individual down, except for the perpetrator," Hiser said in a telephone interview. "I would just like to see some changes that would help protect the potential victims. I wouldn't want to wish this on anybody."

The church "condemns all

forms of abuse" and "is committed to a thorough review of these allegations as they are filed in court," spokesman Sam Penrod said in a statement.

No listed phone number could immediately be found for the alleged abuser, Ron Kerlee, who isn't named in the lawsuit. It's unknown if he has an attorney.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Oregon, is the latest in a string of sexual abuse suits brought against the faith related to incidents that allegedly took place decades ago. The church reports more than 15 million members worldwide.

When Kerlee was convicted in Oregon of sodomy in 1983, church officials sent a letter to the court in support of Kerlee, who was given five years of supervised release, according to court documents.

Kerlee was also a licensed counselor in Oregon until his license was revoked in 2014 after he allegedly engaged in sexual activities with a male client, according to a copy of the revoking decision by Oregon state officials provided by Hiser's attorney.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Crook County Health grows its interpretation services

The Crook County Health Department is offering live video interpretation services for clients who don't speak English and those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Providing services in a client's primary language is important for increasing access to care for all, according to the health department.

The video interpreting service will allow the client and staff to see the interpreter over the video screen.

Services now available through interpretation include Women, Infants and Children services; reproductive health services; and childhood and adult vaccinations.

— Bulletin staff report

About 10K still without power in northwest counties

Associated Press

PORTLAND — About 10,000 customers in northwest Oregon remained without power Tuesday morning almost two weeks after a strong winter storm knocked out electricity to more than 400,000.

The majority of outages, about 5,000, remained in the hardest hit areas of Clackamas County centered around Canby and Oregon City. On Monday, Portland General Electric President Maria Pope said she couldn't provide an exact date that power would be completely restored to those areas.

Pope said the last stretch of restorations were the most difficult for crews, because they were working on outages that bring back power to only a few customers at a time, making the process slower. Some of those customers could be waiting up to six more days for power to come back on, according to the utility.

Marion County still had around 4,500 customers without power with the most stubborn outages in and around Silverton and Woodburn. The remaining outages were spread across Multnomah, Polk, Yamhill, Washington and Hood River counties.

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