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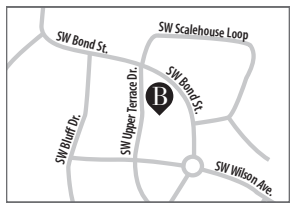
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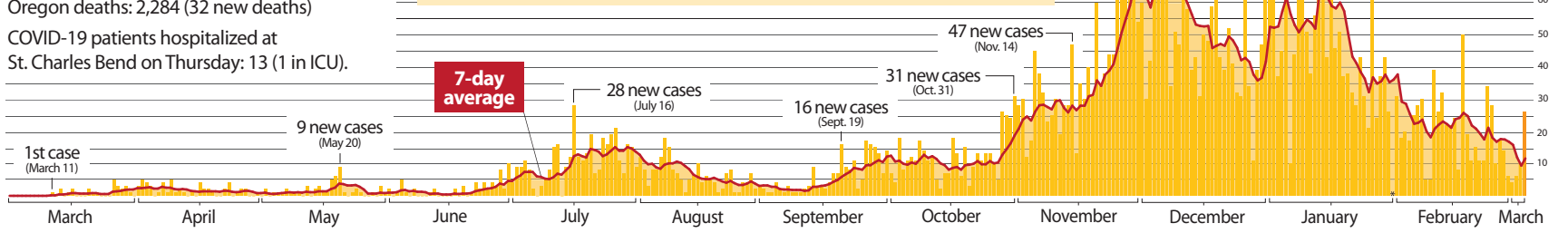
### DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

**COVID-19 data for Thursday, March 4:**  
Deschutes County cases: 6,001 (26 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 63 (2 new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 780 (4 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 1,976 (10 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 30 (2 new deaths)  
Oregon cases: 156,653 (392 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 2,284 (32 new deaths)  
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 13 (1 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.



## Prineville man, 72, gets 25 years for sex abuse

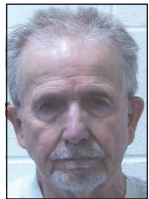
BY GARRETT ANDREWS  
The Bulletin

A Prineville man was sentenced to 25 years in prison for sexually abusing three girls between 2005 and 2012.

Zane William Carpenter, 72, appeared at a packed hearing Thursday morning in Crook County Circuit Court to answer for his crimes.

Carpenter pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree sexual abuse and one of first-degree sodomy — a charge for each victim. Thirteen additional felony counts were dismissed as a condition of a plea deal.

Two of the victims are now adults. It's alleged Carpenter manipulated his victims into keeping quiet for years. The abuse ultimately came to light when the victims reconnected for a sleepover in 2020 and discussed, for the first time, being abused at Carpenter's hands.



Carpenter

Carpenter was served an indictment in September. Eight counts were added to his indictment as the investigation proceeded. He was accused of subjecting the girls to various forms of sexual contact, including rape and sodomy. The three victims each ad-

ressed Judge Daina Vitolins and provided powerful and moving statements, according to District Attorney Wade Whiting, who prosecuted the case on behalf of the state.

Carpenter is a former conductor of the City of Prineville Railway, an 18-mile short-line railroad connecting Prineville and Redmond.

"I do accept responsibility for all I have done," Carpenter told the court. "None of the girls are responsible. I am guilty for what I have done. All I can do is ask for forgiveness. I hope and pray there will be healing someday."

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## Oregon fines Eugene wood treatment facility \$223K over violations

The Associated Press

EUGENE — The state has fined a Eugene wood treatment plant more than \$200,000 for hazardous waste and water quality violations that regulators say occurred over the last five years.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued J.H. Baxter & Co. \$223,440 in fines Wednesday for violations that included the illegal treatment of 1.7 million gallons of hazardous waste between 2015-19 and two unpermitted discharges of untreated stormwater in 2019, The Register-Guard reported.

DEQ also is ordering the company to create plans for investigating and sampling to better understand and mitigate the environmental impacts of the violations.

"J.H. Baxter & Co. has always done our best to comply with regulatory requirements," company

President Georgia Baxter, said in a statement. "To that end we continue to work with the DEQ site clean-up program and the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency's Cleaner Air Oregon program. We care about the health and well being of our neighbors and employees and will continue to work diligently to protect human health and the environment."

J.H. Baxter & Co. can request a hearing to dispute DEQ's claims, but it wasn't clear if the company plans to do so.

The plant has operated since the 1940s and has a history of environmental problems. Most recently, DEQ and the Oregon Health Authority began investigating elevated levels of dioxins, a group of toxic chemical compounds, in soil samples taken as part of a 2019 cleanup mandate at the plant.

### LOCAL BRIEFING

#### Small plane crashes near Sisters

A small plane crashed while attempting to land at Sisters Eagle Airport on Wednesday evening.

Both occupants of the 1972 Cessna 172G survived with injuries, according to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

The plane is owned by Outlaw Aviation of Sisters.

The crash was reported to 911 at 5:43 p.m. Sheriff's deputies determined there were two occupants in the plane at the time of the crash. The pilot, Madison Stieber, 23, received injuries not considered life threatening and was taken by private vehicle to St. Charles Bend. The passenger, Connor Schaab, 24, received minor injuries and was evaluated by medics from the Sisters-Camp Sherman Rural Fire Protection District at the scene.

Schaab was not taken to the hospital. According to Sgt. Jayson Janes, spokesman for Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, the initial investigation determined Stieber was attempting to land at the Sisters Eagle Airport, 15820 Barclay Drive, in Sisters when she made contact with the landing strip and then went

airborne again. The plane then flew southwest, over Camp Polk Road and struck the top of a tree before hitting the ground and coming to rest in a dry pond on private property in the 69000 block of Camp Polk Road.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were contacted and will be conducting a follow-up investigation regarding the crash, Janes said in a statement.

#### Person dies in Culver house fire

One person died in a house fire near Culver on Wednesday night.

Authorities are still working to identify the body found inside the home on SW Meadow Lane, Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins said.

"It was a very intense fire, and we believe it was the homeowner was the one inside," he said.

A call to emergency services was recorded Wednesday night in the Three Rivers Recreation Area near Lake Billy Chinook.

Firefighters with Lake Chinook Fire & Rescue responded, but there was little they could do to save the home or its occupant,

Adkins said. An arson investigator with the Oregon State Police was called to the scene, as was a representative of the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

But at the moment, nothing indicates foul play was involved, Adkins said.

"My deputies tell me it doesn't look suspicious," he said.

Lake Chinook Chief Don Colfels said the cause of the fire was found to be inconclusive.

The bodies of two dogs were also found in the home. A third was found alive in an outbuilding on the property.

#### Kropf, Chang to host town hall

Two newly elected Deschutes County Democrats will host a virtual town hall event Saturday to update constituents and discuss plans in Oregon and Deschutes County.

State Rep. Jason Kropf, D-Bend, and Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang will present at 11 a.m. Saturday. Registration is required.

Spanish language interpretation will be provided.

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