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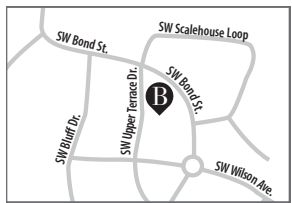
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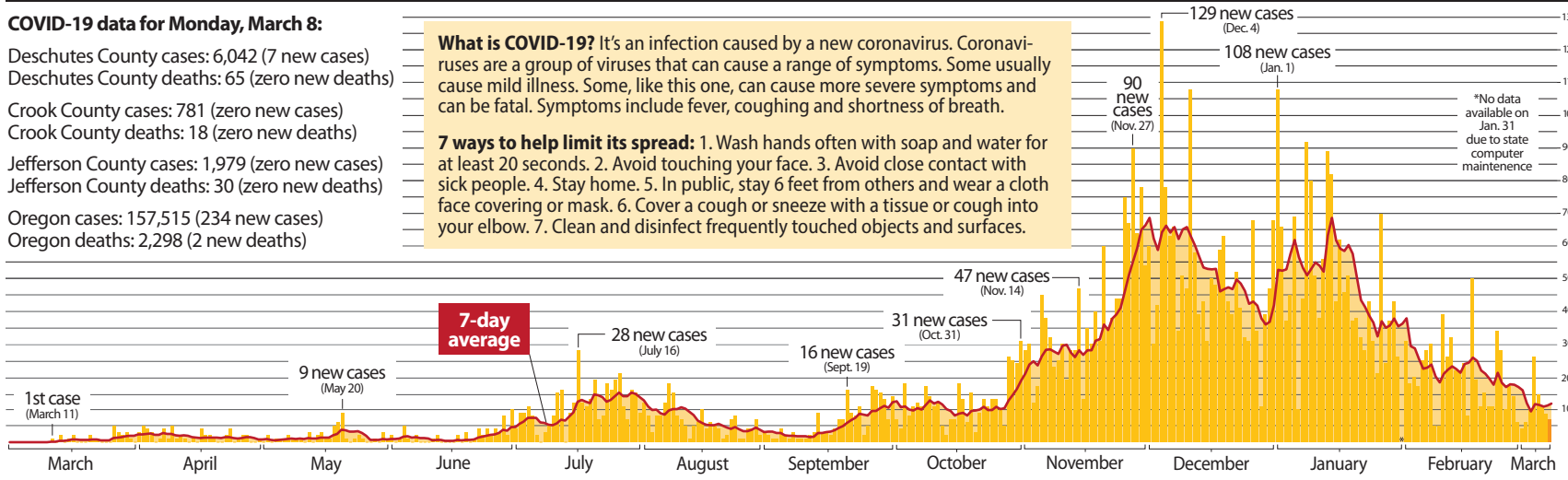
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Monday, March 8:
Deschutes County cases: 6,042 (7 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 65 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 781 (zero new cases)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 1,979 (zero new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 30 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 157,515 (234 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,298 (2 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.



Week in jail given for hit-and-run with severely injured victim

Driver Stuart Adam Keyte was towing heavy equipment for irrigation district at the time

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin
A Redmond man received a week in jail for fleeing the scene of a serious injury accident on U.S. Highway 97 in April.

Stuart Adam Keyte, 56, was already fired for the incident by the Central Oregon Irrigation District, and on Monday in Deschutes County Circuit Court, he learned his fate in his criminal case.

Judge Alycia Sykora questioned the sentence for being too light but ultimately agreed to go along with the recommendation of seven days jail to be followed by 12 months probation and a 90-day driver's license suspension.

On April 22, Keyte finished using an excavator at a COID work site and again loaded the machine onto a flatbed trailer without lowering the boom, and started driving north on Highway 97 back to COID's utility yard in Redmond.

The boom struck an overhead telephone wire spanning the highway, snapping it and bringing down the two supporting telephone poles on either side of the highway.

At the same moment, Joseph Zimmer, 64, was driving an Audi A6 in the opposite direction.

"All of a sudden I had a power line coming right at me and heard the loud bang of it hitting my car," Zimmer told the court Monday.

The cable shattered Zimmer's windshield and entered his car, flaying the back of his left hand. He steered to a stop and noticed he couldn't move his hand.

"All the bones and tendons were exposed," he said. "I was worried I was going to lose my hand. It scared me to death."

Keyte continued driving until a motorist flagged him down less than a mile

away, and police pulled him over after he returned to the highway. He didn't deny causing the accident. Police found no indication that Keyte was impaired at the time.

Keyte was initially charged with two counts of felony hit-and-run, one of misdemeanor hit-and-run and one of misdemeanor criminal mischief.

The case resolved Monday with Keyte being sentenced for one count of misdemeanor hit-and-run.

Zimmer told the judge his life is drastically different now. He requires help with tasks he once considered basic, like buttoning his pants, tying his shoes and cutting his meat. The injury ended Zimmer's career as a professional driver and forced him to find other work, he said.

"Your honor, I've been a CDL driver for 20-plus years and when you hit something substantial, you stop, secure



Deschutes County Sheriff's Office/Submitted

The Audi A6 driven by Joseph Zimmer shows damage from when a truck struck a utility pole, bringing power lines and guy wires onto the car on April 22.

the scene to prevent further damage, call your dispatch and call 911. Folks with a CDL know that better than anyone."

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Two dead, three injured in crash near Warm Springs

Two people died in a car accident on U.S. Highway 26 near Warm Springs on Sunday.

Around 3 p.m., Warm Springs Police Department responded to a three-vehicle crash near milepost 81.

Officers found a silver Chevrolet pickup truck and a black Dodge pickup truck with significant damage on their front ends, according to Warm Springs Police Lt. Ron Gregory. About 100 feet away, a third vehicle was on its side with air bags deployed.

The silver Chevrolet pickup was going east on Highway 26 toward Warm Springs and crossed over the center line into oncoming traffic, according to a statement from Gregory. The silver Chevrolet hit the green Chevrolet Silverado in the westbound lane, which caused the Silverado to roll onto its side. The silver Chevrolet then crashed head-on into a black Dodge pickup.

The driver of the Chevrolet died at the scene, which was several miles north of Simnasho Road. The driver of the Dodge also died from his injuries, according to Gregory.

Police have yet to inform the next of kin of both drivers and will release their names once that happens, according to Gregory.

Three passengers in the Dodge pickup were transported to St. Charles Bend for injuries. Warm Springs Police Department had no updated information about the status of the passengers.

Passengers in the third vehicle were uninjured and were

driven to Portland by the Warm Springs Police Department.

Springfield man arraigned for attempted murder

A Springfield man was arraigned Monday in Deschutes County Circuit Court on charges that include attempted murder and strangulation involving a member of his household.

Cristian Samuel Jensen, 39, has been charged with second-degree attempted murder, second-degree assault, strangulation, coercion, fourth-degree assault and menacing.

The state alleges the charges against Jensen constitute domestic violence. The alleged victim in all six counts is the same woman, and all alleged crimes took place on the same day, Feb. 27, in Deschutes County.

Jensen is represented by attorney Andrew Ince. His next scheduled court appearance is a plea hearing March 29.

Central Oregon charities receive \$400K from 2 firms

Central Oregon nonprofits will receive \$400,000 in donations from the Bend Foundation, a philanthropic organization, and real estate developer Brooks Resources. About

\$200,000 of the donation is going to Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity.

The \$200,000 donation will go toward providing decent and affordable housing to Central Oregonians, according to an announcement from the two organizations. The rest of the donation was given to organizations in Bend that are "addressing pandemic-related food, clothing, shelter, support and economic issues."

Robin Cooper Engle, vice president of resource development for Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity, said most of the \$200,000 grant will directly support building costs for future single-family and cottage homes.

Other recipients of grant money include Bethlehem Inn, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend, Family Kitchen, Family Access Network, Giving Plate, Hunger Prevention Coalition, KIDS Center, MountainStar Family Relief Nursery, Saving Grace, Central Oregon FUSE, Latino Community Foundation and the National Alliance

of Mental Health. The grant also encompassed donations to the Tower Theatre and High Desert Museum.

Editor's note: Mike Hollen, chairman of the board of Brooks Resources, which funds the Bend Foundation, is an investor in The Bulletin.

Bend-La Pine School Board to vote on land purchase

The Bend-La Pine School Board will vote Tuesday on whether to spend nearly \$2.9 million on land for a new elementary school.

The 10-acre parcel is located on the northern edge of the new Petrosa housing development, off of a soon-to-be extended Yeoman Road, according to school district documents. Petrosa — which will have 1,260 homes — will be located just northeast of Bend city limits, off of Deschutes Market and Butler Market roads.

The land is currently owned by local builder Pahlisch Homes, which is constructing the Petrosa development, documents state.

To watch Tuesday night's

Bend-La Pine School Board meeting virtually at 5:30 p.m., visit the school board's YouTube page.

Hayden Homes donates to Redmond schools projects

Redmond-based Hayden Homes has given \$60,000 to various projects within the Redmond School District over the past few months.

The biggest donation was \$50,000 in December towards outdoor lighting at the Rotary Fields at David M. Jaqua Complex, near Redmond High School, according to a school district press release.

In March, Hayden gave away \$10,000 worth of "mini grants," as the school district calls them. Examples include \$1,400 for physical education equipment at Hugh Hartman Elementary School, and \$500 to buy books representing more diverse viewpoints at Elton Gregory Middle School, the release stated.

These smaller grants range from \$1,400 to \$75, the release stated.

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