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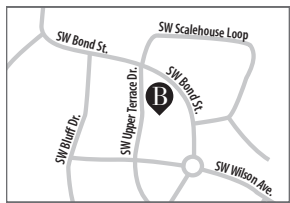
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Lottery results can now be found on the second page of Sports.

LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Tuesday, March 9:

Deschutes County cases: 6,053 (14 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 65 (zero new deaths)

Crook County cases: 782 (1 new case)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)

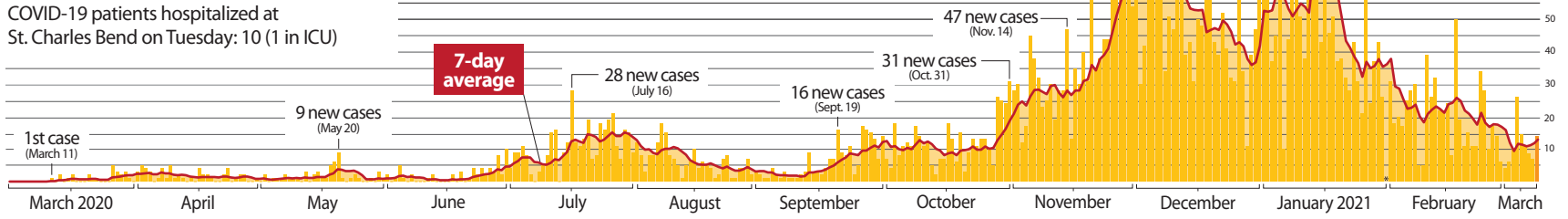
Jefferson County cases: 1,983 (4 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 30 (zero new deaths)

Oregon cases: 158,007 (517 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,303 (5 new deaths)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 10 (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.



LOCAL & STATE BRIEFING

2nd Congressional District redistricting hearing set for Wednesday

The House and Senate committee for the 2022 redistricting of legislative and congressional districts is holding a virtual hearing on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. for residents who live in the 2nd Congressional district.

The Legislature is moving ahead with the legal requirement to hold two hearings for each congressional district despite a six-month delay in receiving data to draw new political district lines.

The 2nd Congressional District includes all of Oregon east of the Cascades, as well as portions of southwest Oregon. Though the hearing is directed toward the counties in the congressional district, discussion will also include legislative districts in the region.

To access the hearing online, go to <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Committees/SRED/Overview> and click on the icon with a camera on the right side of the screen for 3/10/21.

Registration is required to testify by phone or video link. You will receive a confirmation email. Use the online form at bit.ly/bbtestify or call 833-588-4500.

The window for submitting written testimony for Wednesday's hearing has passed. Written testimony can be submitted for consideration during the second hearing for residents of the 2nd Congressional District on March 20 at 1 p.m.

Submit written comments online via the Oregon Legislative Information System testimony portal. It will be included in the public records at bit.ly/bbpubliccomment.

Submit comments via email to oregon.redistricting@oregonlegislature.gov or via U.S. mail to Oregon Redistricting Committees, 900 Court Street NE, Room 453, Salem, OR 97301.

Police: 2 drug trafficking suspects found with pounds of meth, opioids

Two men were arrested in Southern Oregon after they were allegedly found with more than 10 pounds of methamphetamine and thou-

sands of opioid pills.

The Grants Pass Department of Public Safety said detectives were watching Jonathan James Lawson and Jesus Rubio for trafficking narcotics.

On Sunday, Lawson was driving a Volkswagen SUV with Rubio as his passenger on Interstate 5. Police stopped them south of Azalea.

A law enforcement dog reportedly alerted to the possible presence of narcotics in the SUV, so police said Lawson and Rubio were detained while the vehicle was searched.

According to police, more than 11 pounds of methamphetamine was found along with over 10,000 oxycodone pills that may have been laced with fentanyl. Two guns and two bullet-resistant vests also were found, police said.

Lawson and Rubio were arrested and lodged in the Josephine County Jail for charges including delivery and possession of methamphetamine and oxycodone. Lawson was also held on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and body armor. It wasn't immediately known if they have attorneys.

University of Oregon board approves tuition increases for new students

University of Oregon's new incoming undergraduate students will see a tuition increase next year between 3% and 4.5%, with no additional increases for the rest of their undergraduate career.

The university's board of trustees approved increases to tuition and fees on day two of its meeting Tuesday. New undergraduate students who are Oregon residents will see an increase of 4.5% and new out-of-state undergraduate students a 3% increase.

However, under the UO's guaranteed tuition model adopted by the board in March 2020, this group of students won't see any additional tuition increases for the following four years.

Students who were already enrolled in 2020, when the board adopted the guaranteed model, will continue to see tuition and fee increases each year of 3%, which was decided in March 2020.

— Bulletin staff and wire reports

Oregon Symphony prepares to welcome live audiences this fall for 125th season

BY ROSEMARIE STEIN

The Oregonian

The Oregon Symphony on Tuesday announced its plans for returning to the stage to celebrate its 125th season in the fall of 2021 with a full slate of concerts and a significant sound upgrade.

The symphony has been shuttered since coronavirus restrictions went into effect in March 2020. Under the direction of new music director David Danzmayr, most recently conductor of the Zagreb Philharmonic Orchestra in Croatia, the symphony's 2021-22 season will bring a new concert-going experience for audiences at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. During the performance break, the venue has been equipped with a new Meyer Constellation Acoustic System, which allows designers to adjust the sonic clarity, warmth and resonance of music within the space.

The Oregon Symphony is the first major orchestra in the United States to install the constellation acoustic system in its primary performance venue, according to a recent symphony news release, and the change is the biggest upgrade to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall since it became the symphony's permanent home 40 years ago.

Danzmayr's first season also brings the formation of a Creative Alliance, which Danzmayr described as "musical innovators, who will harness their own unique perspectives throughout this historic season."

"In planning the concerts



Beth Nakamura/The Oregonian file

The Oregon Symphony, shown in 2011 at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, will return to live performances in October.

for the Oregon Symphony's 2021-2022 season, we've designed a musical experience for Oregon audiences that reflect a fundamental belief of mine: A composer's musical expression is greatly shaped by their environment, culture, and heritage," Danzmayr was quoted as saying.

The symphony has sched-

uled its opening performances for Oct. 2-4.

Season subscriptions, available now, will allow access to priority seats. Individual tickets to all concerts will go on sale in August 2021.

Full season details, ticket information and pricing are available at orsymphony.org or 503-228-1353.



The Bulletin file

Tumalo State Park can be seen in this 2018 photo. The state parks department will be increasing fees for RV hookups at Tumalo and other park campgrounds this year.

RV campers will pay a little more at some state parks this year

BY JAMIE HALE

The Oregonian

It will get a little more expensive to hook up your RV at Oregon's busiest campgrounds this year.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department announced a \$3 increase for electric and full hookup campsites at select state parks, in effect during the busy camping season from May 28 to Sept. 6.

The fee increase comes as the parks department continues to anticipate big revenue losses due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Last year, the department laid off 47 full-time and 338 seasonal employees as officials estimated a \$22 million budget shortfall by June 2021. Park officials now estimate the budget shortfall will total \$20 million.

Monday's announcement comes just before the one-year anniversary of the closure of all Oregon state parks at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss of revenue as parks remained closed in the spring, coupled with losses of Oregon State Lottery funds — which in large part fund the parks department — led to the shortfall.

"Our visitors and staff have weathered a rough 12 months," parks Director Lisa Sumption said in a news release Monday. "Our park staff, operating with fewer employees because of a revenue shortfall that prevented us from hiring our usual seasonal staff, have rallied and are looking forward to the coming months."

Aside from the pandemic, Oregon's state parks system suffered from devastating wildfires that swept across the state last summer, as well as brutal wind, rain and ice storms this winter. As the state's busy camping season approaches, a few popular campgrounds remain closed.

Most campsites across the state have either reopened or are scheduled to reopen following closures caused by the pandemic, including Devils Lake and Cape Blanco state parks on the Oregon Coast, which recently announced their reopenings.

An out-of-state camping surcharge, implemented during the pandemic, ended on March 1 and will not be in effect this year.

Public health precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 remain in place at state park campgrounds.



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