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COVID-19 at the Capitol

Oregon House shuts down for up to 2 weeks

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The Oregon House will shut down for up to two weeks after reports of a positive COVID-19 case involving someone on the House floor last week.

The Legislature shut down activity in the Capitol on Monday following a report of a positive case of COVID-19 tied to an earlier floor session.

"The House will not return to floor session until Monday, March 29, at the earliest," said Danny Moran, spokesman for House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland. "Committee work, which is being done remotely, will continue as planned."

Kotek confirmed the positive case during an afternoon press call. She said it involved someone who worked on the House floor during a session last week. She said she could not yet say whether it was a lawmaker or staffer.

Kotek had abruptly adjourned Monday's session at 1 p.m. without comment. During the press call she said she shut down the House after learning of the COVID-19 case.

"We want to keep members safe," Kotek said.

During the press call, Kotek said she planned to bring the 60 House members back to the Capitol on Wednesday after a review of public health protocols.

House Minority Leader Christin Drazan, R-Canby, issued a statement saying she recommended lawmakers go home and quarantine for up to two weeks.

"Out of an abundance of caution, my immediate recommendation is for legislators and staff to minimize the risk of an outbreak in Oregon's Capitol by returning home," Drazan said.

Drazan said returning Wednesday would put the health of lawmakers and staff at jeopardy.

"There are several elected members from the House with underlying conditions who have not had the opportunity to vaccinate yet," Drazan said.

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RANDALL KILBY CASE

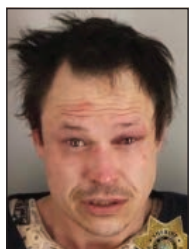
Suspect in previous death now faces murder charges

Bend man jailed after 2 bodies found Sunday; Kilby was linked to attack on woman Christmas Day; all 3 deaths are now suspected homicides



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A murder investigation continues Monday in Bend at SW Lynx Lane and Granite Drive, where two bodies were discovered on Sunday.



Randall Kilby, 35, of Bend, was already a suspect in an assault case but was not being held in jail before Sunday.

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
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The man Bend Police arrested Sunday in connection with a suspected double homicide is the same man alleged to have killed a woman who died after an attack Christmas Day. He now faces murder charges in all three deaths.

Randall Richard Kilby, 35, was arrested Sunday on suspicion of three counts of murder, Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel confirmed Monday.

At least one of the victims discovered Sunday died of hatchet blows.

Hummel said in a news conference

Monday he couldn't comment on the manner of death in the other case because only the hatchet death was witnessed by another party.

According to Hummel, around 12:30 p.m. Sunday, a woman named Darlene Allen was walking with Kilby in the Romaine Village neighborhood in southwest Bend. As she passed another person, Allen mouthed the words "help me" and the other person called 911, Hummel said. Later in the walk, she broke free of Kilby and ran to another neighbor and told them someone had been murdered in the house where she was living and that her son was involved.

Police arrived and Allen allowed them into her home at 60971 Granite Drive. Inside the manufactured home, officers found the bodies of Jeffrey Allen Taylor, 66, and his brother, Benjamin Harlin Taylor, 69.

Allen told police that on Saturday, she'd been an eyewitness to the death of Jeffrey Taylor, who died of hatchet blows.

After the alleged murders on Saturday, Kilby forced his mother, Allen, into his car and drove around town for several hours, Hummel said Monday. Kilby ended the car ride back at her house in Romaine Village, where he watched over her overnight.

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Baker Technical Institute expanding to Prineville

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

Only seven years after its founding, a Baker City-based technical college will start holding regular classes in Prineville next month.

Baker Technical Institute planting its flag in Prineville, starting with truck-driving courses on April 19, will train highly skilled workers for Central Oregon businesses that desperately need them, said college President Doug Dalton.

And, he said, Crook County's blue-collar culture is a perfect fit for the school, which he referred to as BTI.

"The culture of the city of Prineville really fit well with the BTI culture," Dalton told The Bulletin. "It's really rooted in the tradition of work, a job well done, the old-school work ethic."

Baker Technical Institute was founded in 2014, and officially licensed by the state as a higher-education institution in February, according to the school's website. It isn't a public university that receives taxpayer funding, Dalton said.

The school's specialty is training students for careers like trucking, construction equipment operation, welding and more.

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CENTRAL OREGON | MAY BALLOT

Lots of interest in board seats for area's smaller school districts

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

Four of Central Oregon's smaller school districts will see at least one contested school board race in the May 18 special election.

The most heated competition is in the Redmond School District, with nine candidates — only one of which is an incumbent — running for three seats.

The four incumbents for the Central Oregon Community College board of directors are all running unopposed. And due to a Crook

County School District board member abruptly resigning last week, the deadline to apply for that seat was extended to Wednesday.

Redmond School Board

With Redmond School Board members Rick Bailey and Travis Bennett choosing to not seek reelection, Central Oregon's second-largest school district will see at least two new faces come July 1. Bailey and Bennett served eight and five years on the board, respectively.

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