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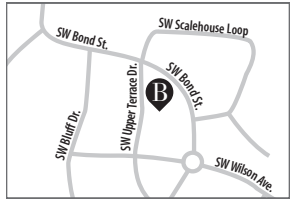
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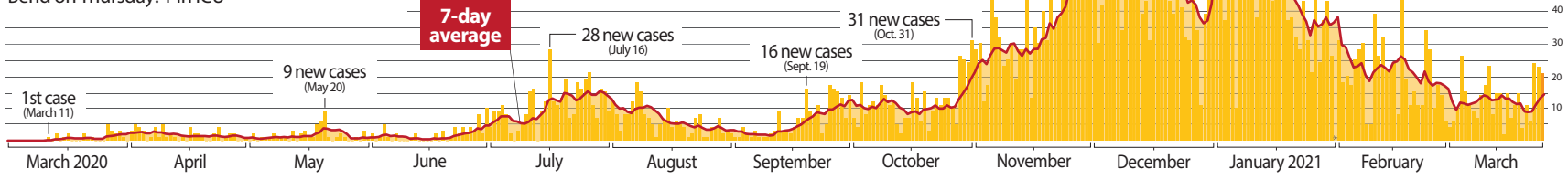
LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Thursday, March 25:
Deschutes County cases: 6,244 (21 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 70 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 799 (1 new case)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,005 (zero new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 31 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 162,806 (422 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,370 (2 new death)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 1 in ICU

What is COVID-19? It's an infection caused by a new coronavirus. Symptoms (including fever, coughing and shortness of breath) can be severe. While some cases are mild, the disease 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 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.



California condor could return to Northwest



A California condor takes flight in 2017 in the Ventana Wilderness east of Big Sur, California.
Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

San Francisco Chronicle
SAN FRANCISCO — The endangered California condor could return to the Pacific Northwest for the first time in 100 years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to allow the release of captive-bred giant vultures into Redwood National Park as early as this fall to create a “nonessential experimental population” for California’s far north, Oregon and northwestern Nevada, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday.

The project will be headed by the Yurok Tribe, which traditionally has considered the California condor a sacred animal and has been working for years to return the species to the tribe’s ancestral territory. “Certainly within a year, we hope to have birds in the sky,” Tiana Williams-Claussen, director of the wildlife department of the Yurok Tribe, told the Chronicle.

The California condor is the largest native North American bird, with a wingspan of nearly 10 feet. The scavenger was

once widespread but had virtually disappeared by the 1970s because of poaching, lead poisoning from eating animals killed by hunters and destruction of its habitat.

The Oregon Zoo operates a California condor breeding program at the Jonsson Center for Wildlife Conservation in rural Clackamas County.

The new initiative calls for releasing four or six juvenile condors each year for 20 years throughout Redwood National Park, which is about an hour’s drive from the Oregon border.

Oregon Health Authority is monitoring 4 for Ebola

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau
Four people in Oregon are being monitored by the Oregon Health Authority for possible exposure to the deadly Ebola virus, state officials said Thursday morning.

The four — whose identities, nationalities or current locations have not been disclosed — have not tested positive for the virus or shown symptoms, said Dr. Richard Leman, an infectious disease expert with the Oregon Health Authority.

“There is low risk for people in Oregon,” OHA said in a statement.

OHA said it is following a public health protocol to inform state residents when someone who has been in an area with an outbreak of a major virus comes to or returns to Oregon.

While Ebola and COVID-19 are viral infections, they differ in how they spread and their deadliness.

COVID-19 can spread rapidly through droplets in the breath of an infected person. The World Health Organization reports COVID-19 has a worldwide mortality rate of about 3.4% of all those infected. The nearly 2.75 million COVID-19 deaths worldwide are because of the rapid spread that has caused 125 million infections.

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Ebola can be spread through sex with an infected person. Infections have also been reported during the handling of Ebola victims’ corpses for burial and transmission through the breast milk of infected mothers.

Unlike COVID-19, someone who is asymptomatic of Ebola cannot spread the Ebola virus.

Leman said health authorities need to balance the level of possible threat to the general public vs. the privacy of the individual who has been in an outbreak zone but not shown any symptoms.

Releasing more information could generate unfounded fears about the person or their location, which Leman said would keep people from self-reporting their presence in the regions and staying in touch with public health authorities.

“It’s really a double-edged sword,” Leman said.

Oregon has gone through the Ebola reporting protocols in 2014, 2015 and 2019, Leman said.

No one in Oregon has become infected with Ebola during the prior periods.

The current alert came after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced a new outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Guinea.

Leman said people who travel between Oregon and the two countries could include medical teams going to Africa to aid in disease prevention, religious missionaries, visitors from the countries or residents of Oregon who are from the countries and are returning home.

Though OHA would not say where in Oregon the people are located, their whereabouts are known and local public health officials are being included in potential response or care.

Leman said Ebola usually has an incubation period of between two and 21 days and that the four being monitored are believed to be near the end of that period.

When symptoms do arise, they come on rapidly.

“It hits you like a ton of bricks,” Leman said. “A fever, very high, muscle aches, and chills.”

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Boys & Girls Clubs plan '90s-themed fundraiser

Cue up your Smashing Pumpkins CD and pull your old flannel and Doc Martens out of the closet: Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend are holding a '90s fundraising party.

On May 8, the Bend branch of the national youth-focused nonprofit will host “House Party,” a virtual fundraiser themed around the '90s, according to a Boys & Girls Clubs press release. Activities include an online auction, a raffle, trivia, a throwback photo contest and gift bags with '90s gear, the release stated.

Register for the event at bgcbend.org/houseparty.

More than \$13,000 worth of tools stolen in Sisters

More than \$13,000 in equipment was stolen from

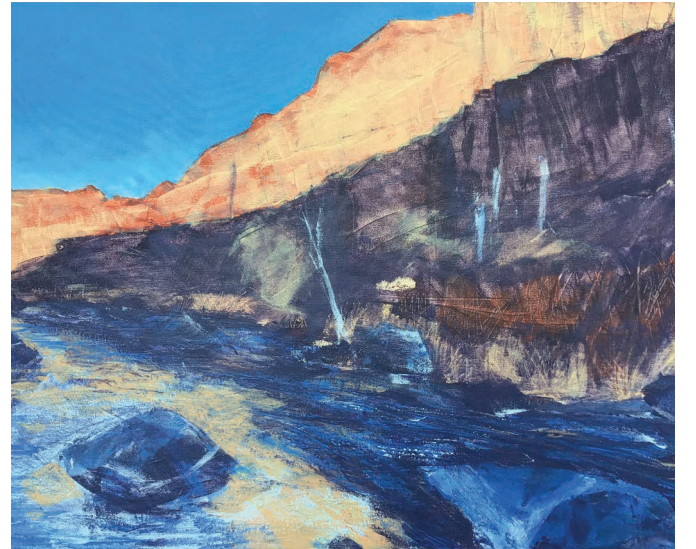
the Sisters Rental equipment store Wednesday night, and Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office deputies are searching for two men.

Deputies went to the site of the burglary Thursday morning and were told two men broke through the store’s glass door and stole chain saws and a concrete saw, according to a sheriff’s office news release.

The news release said authorities are looking for two Latino men in their late 20s to early 30s, and states that the pair allegedly drove a newer white Honda Civic with unknown license plates to the scene. The two men wore masks during the burglary, the release states.

If you have information about the burglary, deputies are encouraging the public to call the sheriff’s office at 541-693-6911.

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