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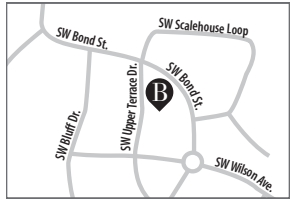
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Friday, March 26:

Deschutes County cases: 6,249 (26 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 70 (zero new deaths)

Crook County cases: 801 (2 new case)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)

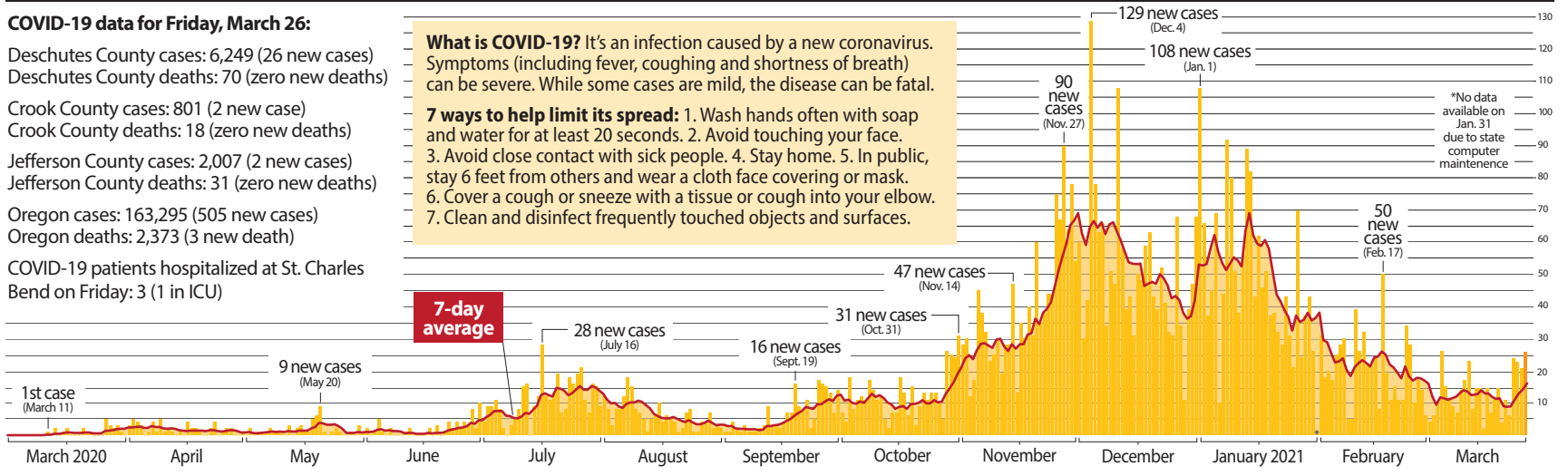
Jefferson County cases: 2,007 (2 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 31 (zero new deaths)

Oregon cases: 163,295 (505 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,373 (3 new death)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Friday: 3 (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.



'Our Towns' film to include Bend segment

BY KRISTI TURNQUIST
The Oregonian

After asking readers of The Atlantic to share stories about their towns that hadn't received national press attention, journalists James and Deborah Fallows began traveling.

They spent years visiting towns around the country, talking with people about how their communities were dealing with challenges. From their reporting, the Fallows wrote "Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America," a nonfiction book based on what they saw and heard.

In 2018, filmmakers Steven Ascher and Jeanne Jordan joined forces with the Fallows to go back to eight of the cit-



The HBO documentary, "Our Towns," is inspired by the nonfiction book by James and Deborah Fallows.

ies included in the bestselling book. The result is "Our Towns," a film that airs on HBO on April 13. The documentary visits Bend; San

Bernardino, California; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Columbus, Mississippi; Eastport, Maine; and Charleston, West Virginia.

At a time when so much of the news is distressing, HBO is emphasizing the positive elements that make up "Our Towns," including putting a spotlight on local innovations, a sense of community and shared commitment to change as ways to help move forward.

In 2019, the Bend Bulletin reported on the documentary, as it was filming in the Bend area. The story quotes James Fallows, who said that he and his wife, Deborah, decided to include the town because of Bend's success in carving out a reputation as a tourist destination, following the decline of the timber industry that had long been an economic driver for the region.

Deborah Fallows is also

quoted, discussing how the authors were motivated to share stories that reflected a more upbeat portrait of the nation and its people than was being widely reported at the time.

"As the country was having its national challenges, people became more interested in wanting to hear these stories as another view of what was going on in America," Deborah Fallows said in the Bulletin report. "It wasn't just going to hell-in-a-hand basket story of America that was different, but equally true."

"Our Towns" premieres at 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 on HBO, and will stream on HBO Max.

LOCAL BRIEFING

No contested races for Crook County School District this May election

Unlike every other school district in Central Oregon, there will be no contested school board races for Crook County in the May 18 special election.

The three Crook County School Board seats up for re-election this year each only had one candidate file, according to documents from the Crook County Clerk's Office.

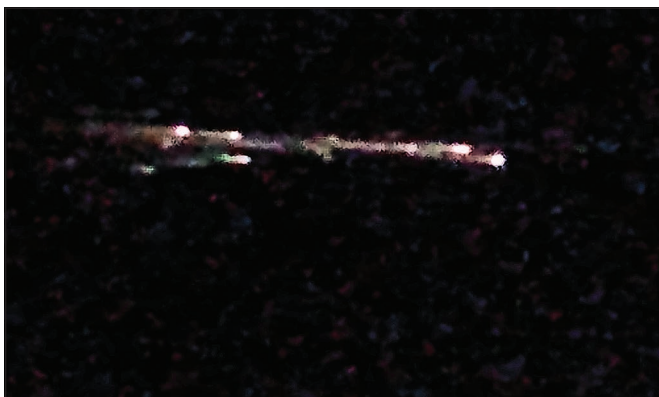
Two of those candidates are incumbents: chair Scott Cooper and Gwen Carr, according to county documents.

Only one person filed for the seat vacated by departing board member Walter Wagner: Powell Butte resident Jessica Ritter. Ritter is an agricultural appraiser who currently serves as the board chair for Powell Butte Community Charter School.

Falling, spent SpaceX rocket puts on a show

A SpaceX rocket booster falling out of orbit made for a spectacular display over much of the Pacific Northwest on Thursday night, prompting calls to authorities and excited posts to social media.

A second stage from a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket had failed to make its deorbit burn earlier this month and burned up in the atmosphere at about 9 p.m. Thursday, according to reports.



Michael Bertsch/Submitted photo

A SpaceX rocket booster falling out of orbit made for a spectacular display over much of the Pacific Northwest on Thursday night. This photo was taken from Redmond.

"The widely reported bright objects in the sky were the debris from a Falcon 9 rocket 2nd stage that did not successfully have a deorbit burn," the National Weather Service in Seattle wrote on Twitter.

The disintegrating rocket part split into numerous pieces as it fell into the night sky, prompting reports of airplane crashes or meteor strikes.

The spectacle was visible as far north as Seattle and as far west as Cannon Beach in Oregon, according to posts on social media.

The National Weather Service in Portland reported on its social media channel that it had received numerous calls about the display and while it could not confirm that it was in deed the Falcon 9 second stage said it seemed possible.

There was no comment on the spectacle from SpaceX on its Twitter feed.

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