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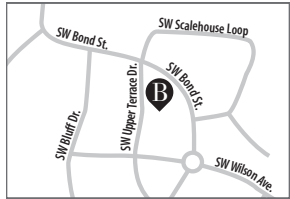
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Monday, April 5:

Deschutes County cases: 6,470 (14 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 70 (zero new deaths)

Crook County cases: 822 (1 new case)
Crook County deaths: 18 (zero new deaths)

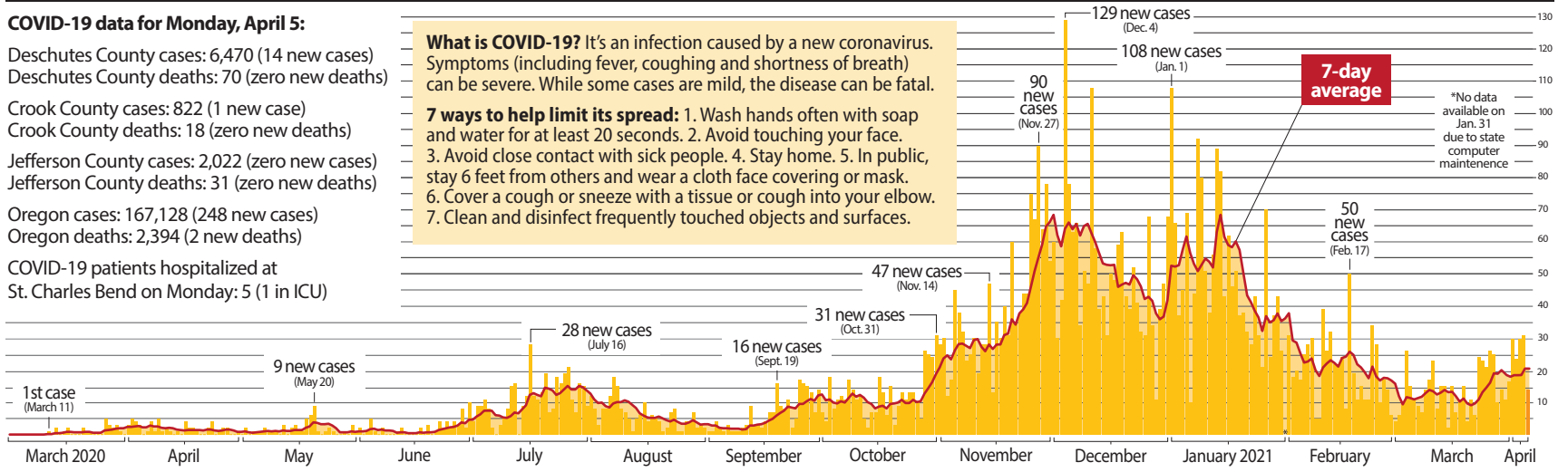
Jefferson County cases: 2,022 (zero new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 31 (zero new deaths)

Oregon cases: 167,128 (248 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,394 (2 new deaths)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at
St. Charles Bend on Monday: 5 (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.



OREGON LEGISLATURE | BILLS ADVANCE IN THE SENATE

Senate expands list of who should report child abuse, human trafficking

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau

The Oregon Senate on Monday expanded the list of those who should report possible child abuse to include hoteliers, and those who should report suspected human trafficking to include employees of restaurants and bars.

“Sexual exploitation crimes often go unreported, and victims don’t have the resources they need to find help,” said Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale. “The more reporting the community does, the better.”

Both bills on the matter were introduced by members of the Republican Senate caucus and passed with bipartisan support. They now go to the House for consideration.

Senate Bill 515 requires employees of bars and restaurants to report reasonable belief of suspected human trafficking or unlawful employment of minors.

The bill passed 27-1, with all Democrats supporting the legislation and Rep. Dallas Heard, R-Roseburg, voting no.

“By all of us taking a little responsibility for the most vulnerable in our communities, we can make a difference,” said Senate Minority Leader Fred Girod, R-Stayton.

Senate Bill 535 makes hotel-keepers and innkeepers mandatory reporters. It also requires computer technicians and processors to immediately report suspected child pornography found on devices or systems they work on.

“Trafficking and sex crimes

are happening in our own backyard, and we need more tools to fight them,” said Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend. “These employees can play an important role in reporting.”

The bill passed 26-2, with all Democrats voting yes, while Heard and Sen. Brian Boquist, a longtime GOP lawmaker from Dallas who has declared himself an independent, both voted no.

During the initial call of the vote, Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, asked Senate President Peter Courtney for a “Call of the Senate.” This impels senators to come to the floor to vote. In the initial roll call, neither Heard or Boquist responded to the roll call. In the last roll call, they both voted no.

Heard, who is also the chair of the Oregon Republican Party, has voted “no” on every bill in committee and on the floor as a protest against what he says is the Democrats’ manipulation of the session agenda. That’s caused Heard to be absent for a bill that made displaying a noose a hate crime, as well as his votes on the crime reporting bills.

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Veterans legislation backed by Central Oregon leaders progresses

Bulletin staff report

The Oregon Senate last week approved legislation on military and veterans issues. All now go to the House for consideration.

Closing military memorial sign loophole: Senate Bill 441A was unanimously approved by the Senate. It fixes a loophole in state law to allow recognition on roadside memorial signs for Oregonians who were listed as missing in action in wars, but whose remains were later found and returned to Oregon. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, now goes to the House.

Highway honors: Senate Bill 790 was unanimously approved by the Senate. It would designate the portion of U.S. Highway 30 in Oregon to be known as Oregon Veterans Memorial Highway. The stretch would go from Astoria on the Pacific Ocean, through



A truck drives along U.S. Highway 26 past a sign for a the POW/MIA Memorial Highway east of Prineville last year. Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

Portland, then on through Hermiston, Pendleton and La Grande before the highway passes into Idaho. The bill now goes to the House.

Honoring Oregon Marine: Senate Concurrent Resolution 15A was unanimously approved by the Senate. The resolution recognizes and hon-

ors the service of Marine Pfc. Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, of Bend, who was among seven Marines and a sailor who died in 2020 when their amphibious landing craft sank in waters off Camp Pendleton in California. The resolution now goes to the House for expected unanimous approval.



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STATE BRIEFING

Police release names of 2 found dead in burned car

A 26-year-old Grants Pass man has been booked into jail on charges of first-degree murder, abuse of a corpse and other offenses in connection with the deaths of two men whose bodies were found last month in a burned car in southwest Oregon.

The suspect was apprehended during a traffic stop in Cave Junction north of the Oregon-California border Thursday. He faces additional charges of arson, felon in possession of a firearm and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The bodies of Daniel Hill, 24, and Paul M. Folk, 26, both of Josephine County, were found March 24 in a remote, wooded area about seven miles south of Lake Selmac on a rough logging road. Folk had been previously reported as a missing person.

Group sues over interstate expansion in Portland

The group No More Freeways has filed a lawsuit against the Oregon Department of Transportation's plan to add auxiliary lanes and shoulders

to Interstate 5 by Portland's Rose Quarter.

The federal government allowed the project to move forward without a full environmental impact statement and the group believes that's a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, The Columbia reported Monday.

The \$800 million project is aimed at decreasing congestion and traffic accidents on a segment of I-5 between its junctions with I-84 and I-405.

—Bulletin wire reports

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