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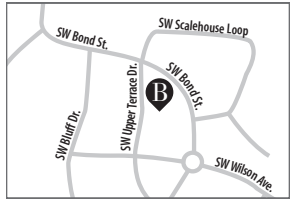
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Monday, April 12:

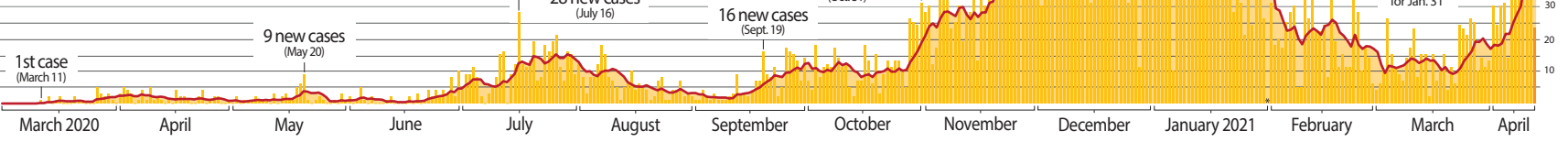
Deschutes County cases: 6,759 (23 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 72 (zero new deaths)

Crook County cases: 839 (zero new cases)
Crook County deaths: 19 (zero new deaths)

Jefferson County cases: 2,047 (4 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 32 (zero new deaths)

Oregon cases: 170,850 (294 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,441 (1 new death)

COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Monday: 8 (2 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.

Honor flights to resume after yearlong wait

BY GERRY O'BRIEN

The Bulletin
REDMOND — Honor flights for Central Oregon armed forces veterans to visit national war memorials are resuming.

Some 25 veterans from Central Oregon, their guardians and administrative people plan to fly out of the Redmond Airport on Sept. 22, after a yearlong delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This will be the long-promised inaugural flight from Redmond, organizers say.

"We are going to fly out of our hometown of Redmond, Oregon," said Dane Prevatt, Honor Flight of Central Oregon organizer. "We reserved dates with Alaska Airlines for Sept. 22 to D.C., returning on Sept. 25. We had to make a hasty decision on flight dates — we don't usually fly in the fall — so we tried to pick the best dates based on weather, kids back in school, and hopefully we got around other major events that happen in the D.C. area in the fall."

The group plans to visit the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Korean War and Vietnam War memorials as well as the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps memorials and Arlington National Cemetery. Visitors will also witness the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

ACCEPTING LOCAL VETERAN APPLICATIONS

Honor Flight of Central Oregon is accepting applications for the next flight to Washington, D.C., for Korean War and Vietnam War veterans.

Qualifications: A veteran must have served anywhere in the Armed Forces between Nov. 1, 1955, to April 30, 1975; live within Deschutes, Jefferson or Crook counties; not have visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in the past; and be physically able to travel and have a guardian.

Online: Applications for veterans, guardians and volunteers are available at: www.honorflightofcentraloregon.org/board-portal



Submitted photo
A Central Oregon vet looks over the Korean War Memorial during one of the recent Honor Flight trips to Washington, D.C.

Tours include the Pentagon, the National Archives and possibly a private tour of the U.S. Capitol.

"The Capitol could be tricky due to the recent security issues," Prevatt said. "However, if we are not able to, we may

visit Mount Vernon instead." A media person will be onboard to document the event.

Trips are free to the vets, but guardians who help them along the way pay \$1,200. Overall, cost to Honor Flight of

Central Oregon is about \$70,000 for the airline tickets, wheelchair rentals, bus transportation, meals and hotel rooms. A physician and a nurse will travel with the group.

The organizers continue to raise money, but now that a new date is set, there will be more fundraising activity.

Vietnam War veterans will be allowed along on this trip for the first time.

Prevatt, who works for Dutch Bros Coffee, says the company has contributed about \$50,000 over several years of the flights, which have usually left from Portland.

"We want to leave from Redmond so the local contributors can see our veterans off from our airport, and be here when they return. It will help with our fundraising efforts," Prevatt said.

Prevatt, 48, was a Marine corporal, 1st Battalion, who moved to Bend in 2008.

"I met Dick Tobiasian in 2015 and went on an honor flight as a team leader and was hooked ever since," Prevatt said. Tobiasian was a longtime organizer of Central Oregon honor flights and is the founder of the Bend Heroes Foundation.

In 2017, Prevatt joined the board of Honor Flight of Central Oregon and became the group's local president.

For more details, go to www.honorflightofcentraloregon.org.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Gate to Pilot Butte summit road to open Friday

Cars will be allowed once again to drive the road that leads to the summit of Pilot Butte, which has been closed to drivers for roughly a year and a half.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will open the gate to the road at 10 a.m. Friday.

Pedestrians are being advised to use extra caution, given that cars have not been on this road since November 2019, Park Manager Joe Wanamaker said in a statement.

Typically, the road on Pilot Butte opens mid-April, but last year it remained closed to cars due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Pedestrians have grown accustomed to not having vehicles on the road, so I urge drivers to be alert and drive slowly," Wanamaker said.

The summit road gate will be open between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. daily until its seasonal closure on Nov. 1.

Public forum planned for wildlife data proposal

Deschutes County is planning to hold a public forum on its plan to update inventories of mule deer, elk and eagles. Inventory information available to wildlife officials is approximately 30 years old.

The first phase of the project represents only the data collection stage and presentation of biological info. No changes to county zoning or other regulations have been proposed. A separate phase conducted at a later date would initiate the wildlife inventory.

"The goal for this phase is to present the data collected by the wildlife biologists to the public, give them some background on how that data was collected by our agency partners and consultant team and give a sense of potential next steps," said Tanya

Saltzman, senior planner for Deschutes County Community Development.

Saltzman said a public online survey will be an opportunity for the county to gauge general interest in incorporating the new data into its development code and comprehensive plan.

The meetings, scheduled for April 15 and April 29 at 6 p.m., will be held virtually.

For the April 15 meeting, participants can join by phone by dialing 346-248-7799. For the Zoom Link, visit: www.deschutes.org/cd/page/wildlife-inventory-update. The webinar ID is 889-2006-9503. The passcode is 717743.

Fire kills one in Terrebonne

One person is dead following a fire in an RV early Monday in Terrebonne.

Around 2 a.m., Redmond Fire & Rescue received a call reporting a mobile home burning on property on NE Wilcox Way near Smith Rock State Park.

The RV was being used as a residence, said Redmond Fire Assistant Chief Jeff Puller. The name of the victim has not been released.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

La Pine principal finalists to appear in virtual forum

School staff, students and families can virtually meet the four finalist candidates for La Pine High School principal at an online forum Wednesday afternoon.

All four candidates — one of whom will succeed interim principal Anne-Marie Schmidt on July 1 — are school administrators in Oregon, according to a Bend-La Pine Schools press release.

Three of the finalists are principals: Richard Ceder at Toledo Junior/Senior High School in Lincoln City, Scott Olszewski at Sky View Middle School in

Bend and Mairi Scott-Aguirre at Centennial High School in Gresham. The fourth candidate, Troy Stoops, is the superintendent of Mt. Angel School District in rural Marion County, the release stated.

To view the virtual forum on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m., visit bls.fyi/phsforum and add event number 120 860 7670 and password "LPHS" if prompted, the release stated.

Man suspected of robbing Bend home, stealing truck

Bend police officers arrested a man Monday morning after the man allegedly robbed a Bend home, stole a truck and crashed into a fence while trying to escape.

The resident of the home, located in the 100 block of NW Wall Street, told police that a man entered his house without permission and began stealing his property, according to a Bend Police Department press release.

This man was later identified as 41-year-old Bend resident Beau Dustin McDowell, police said.

McDowell allegedly stole the keys to the resident's truck and began to start the vehicle when the resident heard the engine and tried to pull McDowell out of the truck, according to police. McDowell allegedly fought

off the resident and drove away in the truck, but then crashed into a nearby fence, resulting in more than \$1,000 in damages, police said.

Officers and Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies found McDowell one block away from the crash and arrested him at 5:24 a.m., the release stated.

McDowell was arrested on suspicion of first-degree robbery, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, two counts of first-degree criminal mischief, third-degree theft and hit-and-run.

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10am-8pm

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(May only win once per drawing day)

APRIL 9, 16, 23, 30
6pm-9pm

HOPPING HOT SEATS SUNDAYS

Drawings every half-hour from Noon-4pm. Winners will "Pick a Bunny" to determine their prize amount in Free Play or Cash.

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(May only win once per day)

APRIL 4, 11, 18, 25
Noon-4pm

See Bonus Club for Complete Details

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