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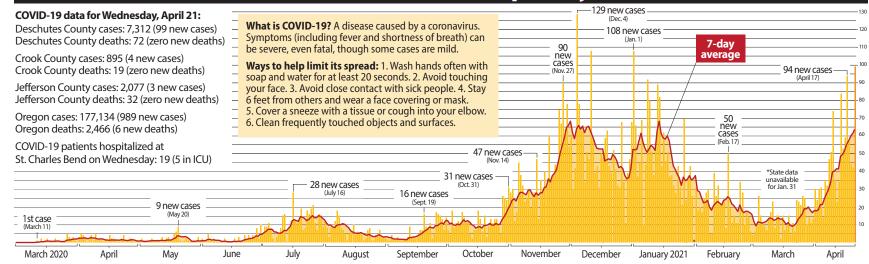
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McMinnville Fire Department via Capital Press Firefighters battle the flames Tuesday at the Organic Valley Creamery in McMinnville.

Creamery burns in McMinnville

Wienermobile to visit **Bend's Blockbuster**

The famous Oscar Mayer Wienermobile is planning to visit the last Blockbuster on Earth in Bend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The 27-foot-long hot dog travels the country promoting and offering Óscar Mayer hot dogs. The Wienermobile will be parked Saturday outside Blockbuster at 211 NE Revere Ave. in Bend.

The Wienermobile will continue through Central Oregon and stop at the Village at Sunriver from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.

Six different Wienermobiles travel around the country at all times.

Armed suspected arrested outside Sisters

A 49-year-old man was arrested early Wednesday morning for allegedly assaulting and pointing a gun at a man at a property the two men share between Bend and Sisters, according to the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's office deputies, Bend Police officers and Oregon State Police troopers responded to the 67000 block of Harrington Loop Road at about 1:21 a.m. and attempted to contact the suspect, Thomas Lingo. Bend Police assisted with a drone

and an armored vehicle. Lingo did not respond to law enforcement officers. A sheriff's office SWAT team arrived and helped the victim and other family members safely leave the property. Eventually, law enforcement on scene arrested Lingo and seized the gun he had during the alleged assault. Lingo was booked in Deschutes County jail on suspicion of assault, menacing and unlawful use of a weapon.

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The Wienermobile is popular when it rolls into town. Madison Leapaldt, then 9 years old, passes out Oscar Mayer toy whistles in 2015 at Trinity Lutheran School in Bend.

ers burning ditches along roadsides, temporarily disrupting service, said a spokesman with Ziply Fiber, the company that owns the pedestals.

"This is an uncommon volume for such a short window of time," said Ryan Luckin, vice president of marketing and communications in an email April 15.

Luckin said telephone customers were quickly returned to service on a temporary basis. He did not know if cellular towers were affected by the damage and thus, was unsure if cell service was disrupted.

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He said it depends on the extent of the damage, but he estimated the cost to replace the pedestal would be between \$1,800 and \$2,000. He said often the responsible landowner is billed for the damage, but that's evaluated on a case-bycase basis.

The pedestal is one that provides telephone service to customers in rather remote areas, he said. In the future, Luckin said, landowners conducting burning should be "cautious and aware of surroundings and nearby utilities."

— Bulletin staff and wire reports



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BY SIERRA DAWN MCCLAIN Capital Press

McMINNVILLE - Firefighters brought a three-alarm fire under control Tuesday at the Organic Valley Creamery in McMinnville.

The blaze severely damaged the structure, officials said, but there were no injuries to employees or first responders.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

The fire started around 2 p.m. Tuesday in the creamery's warehouse.

Officials told the Capital Press firefighters from Salem, Willamina, Lafayette, Carlton, Yamhill, Amity and Tualatin were called to help.

At 2:30 p.m., the McMinnville Fire Department asked residents within a quarter-mile radius of the creamery to evacuate and take shelter. At 7:35 p.m., the department lifted the order.

Firefighters were still working on the property Wednesday morning. Ann Hanifan, operations chief for the Mc-Minnville Fire Department,

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told the Capital Press Wednesday she had just returned from the site, where damage was "serious" and the fire is contained but "still smoldering."

"(The site) is fairly damaged," Hanifan said. "We were able to stop (the fire) from taking out a portion of the building, but they'll have to do some sort of major restructuring of the place."

Mark Pfeiffer, Organic Valley's vice president of internal operations, said the scale of damage is "quite devastating."

When the fire first started, officials said they were concerned about the release of anhydrous ammonia, which is used as a refrigerant at the creamery. Anhydrous ammonia can cause irritation to eyes and lead to trouble breathing.

Hanifan said the fire department knew in advance about the potentially hazardous situation. She said the anhydrous ammonia no longer poses much of a community concern because there is no leak, but it remains a concern for those on site.

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