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CDC examines woman's death after J&J vaccine

She suffered 'rare but serious' blood clot consistent with other recent cases

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS AND SARA CLINE
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Oregon health officials said Thursday that federal officials are investigating the death of a woman in her 50s who developed a

rare blood clot and low platelets within two weeks of receiving the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

The Oregon Health Authority learned of the probe on Tuesday, two days after the U.S. Centers for Dis-

ease Control and Prevention began the investigation, the agency said.

The woman, whose name was not released, received the dose before the CDC ordered a pause on the vaccine amid concerns it could cause danger-

ous clots.

The woman developed a "rare but serious blood clot in combination with very low platelets," OHA said in a statement.

Dr. Shimi Sharief, OHA senior health adviser, said the woman's symptoms were consistent with other cases — severe headache, abdominal

leg pain or shortness of breath.

Health officials declined to release any further details, including the date the woman got the vaccine or where in Oregon she lived, citing patient privacy. The woman was hospitalized before her death and got the vaccine in early April, Sharief said.

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Earth Day | Middle Deschutes

VOLUNTEERS WAGE WAR ON TRASH

Two trucks' worth of debris hauled away from scenic river area

BY MICHAEL KOHN
The Bulletin

On a stretch of canyon high above the Deschutes River near Crooked River Ranch, Marilynne Keyser stoops down, picks up someone's discarded belt, and drops it into a plastic bag. Moving along, the retired CPA scoops up more refuse — cans, shotgun shells, plastic bags and other bits of junk.

Keyser was doing her Earth Day duty of cleaning up the Steamboat Rock Recreation Area, located around 5 miles west of Terrebonne. She was leading a group of around 30 volunteers to restore an area that has been covered in waste left behind by weekend off-roaders and campers.

Keyser's group of volunteers — the Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area — focus their cleanup efforts around the Lower Crooked River, Lower Wychus Creek, and the Middle Deschutes River. Her group was one of many that spent Earth Day cleaning up parks, streets, and public spaces in Bend, Redmond and other communities in Central Oregon.

"Every Earth Day we do something special," said Keyser.

The group has grown in recent years since its founding in 2012 and now conducts a variety of environmental activities, including cleanups, graffiti removal, native plant restoration and trail maintenance. The group also leads guided hikes and maintains monarch butterfly way stations.

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Volunteers, from left, Jerry Garland, Linda Buttolph, Susie Garland and Wayne Buttolph off-load trash they collected during an Earth Day cleanup on BLM land near Terrebonne Thursday.

SKYLINE VILLAGE

Redmond inches along with massive new project

485-unit housing development made possible by 2019 bill

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

It may take a while before new homes and apartments are standing, but the city of Redmond is still pushing forward with its 485-unit Skyline Village housing project.

The Redmond City Council approved several major benchmarks at its meeting last week to get construction started in the city's northeast corner. And the potential for hundreds of new housing units — half of them affordable — in a region that badly needs them is exciting to local advocates.

"You can't keep a house on the market for more than a week," said state Rep. Jack Zika, R-Redmond. "We desperately need more housing in Central Oregon."

Skyline Village was made possible with the passage of Oregon House Bill 2336, signed by Gov. Kate Brown in 2019. The bill, sponsored by Zika, is allowing Redmond to build Skyline Village without having to go through the state's strictest land use rules.

The current plan for the development is a 40-acre neighborhood with 485 housing units of varying types, according to city documents.

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ACLU defends Peacekeepers in records request

BY BRENNA VISSER
The Bulletin

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon is defending a local social justice organization, the Central Oregon Peacekeepers, in a lawsuit brought on by the city of Bend over thousands of public records.

The public records dispute has launched the issue of access to public records into the limelight, with the ACLU arguing the city has acted in "bad faith" by charging the racial justice activist group differently than other requests.

"It shouldn't cost two months' rent for an activist to see what their government is doing," said Alan Kessler, an attorney from ACLU of Oregon representing the Peacekeepers.

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BEND-LA PINE DISTRICT | VIRTUAL FORUM

Four school board candidates mostly agree on issues

BY JACKSON HOGAN
The Bulletin

The four Bend-La Pine School Board candidates who participated in this election's virtual candidate forum this week all have differing backgrounds.

Carrie McPherson Douglass is

the only incumbent board member, and a co-founder of multiple businesses. Janet Sarai Llerandi is a daughter of immigrant parents and founder of Latino-focused nonprofit Mecca Bend. Marcus LeGrand is a Navy veteran and a community college adviser. Shirley

Olson has nearly 40 years of experience as a school administrator and educational consultant.

The four candidates represent only half of those running because none of their opponents participated in the forum. Douglass, Llerandi, LeGrand and Olson found

they shared many ideas on supporting schools, requiring COVID-19 vaccines for staff and more.

"The four of us come with very different views," Olson said. "On the other hand, we have the same values."

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