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St. Vincent de Paul in Bend is planning to build a 10-unit village to house homeless people in a lot behind its current location on Third Street. The plans include remodeling the current dwelling on the lot to be used as a community hall for residents living on-site.

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The support of a coach and a shelter will be a huge benefit for the residents, Hewitt said.

“Most of the problem is you don’t have a place to rebuild from,” Hewitt said. “You don’t have a safe and secure place to exist.”

The 10-unit village is next door to the Old Mill & Suites Motel, which the Bend City Council had considered turning into a year-round homeless shelter until the city discovered significant foundational and structural issues on the property.

While the city continues to look for a permanent shelter, local homeless advocates are excited to see smaller projects start to crop up in the region, such as the 10-unit village and the Central Oregon Veterans Village on property north of Bend.

James Cook, a board member with the Homeless Leadership Coalition, which serves Central Oregon, said several factors this past year, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing need for permanent winter shelters, raised awareness of homelessness in the region. More local governments are prioritizing the issue, and organizations such as St. Vincent de Paul are taking action, Cook said.

“This is a time when I think a lot of progress could be made if we use all of those resources wisely,” Cook said.

Still, the 10-unit village is just one piece of a larger puzzle, Cook said. The region needs to establish permanent shelters and housing after people leave the villages, he said.

“We are not going to do all of these things and solve the problem tomorrow,” Cook said. “It’s going to take time.”

Megan Perkins, a Bend city councilor, said she is optimistic

about projects like the 10-unit village, and it shows how different organizations are working together to address the issue of homelessness.

“I love that they are doing some micro-units there,” Perkins said. “And obviously our service providers are doing so much in the community.”

Perkins also points to a proposed navigation center, which would be a centralized location in Bend for homeless people to receive services. The city is expecting to receive \$2.5 million from the state Legislature to fund the center.

Perkins describes the various projects as an all-hands-on-deck approach between city officials and service providers.

“Everybody is doing something right now,” Perkins said, “because we know we have a big problem that we need to solve as a city.”

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“If we don’t act now, doctors, nurses, hospitals, and other health care providers in Oregon will be stretched to their limits treating severe cases of COVID-19,” Brown said.

Brown changed one part of the extreme risk restrictions, increasing the outdoor capacity limits for bars, restaurants and operations covered by the rules from 50 to 100 people in extreme risk counties.

“We know that the risk of COVID-19 transmission is lower outdoors,” Brown said. “I am urging all Oregonians, if you choose to gather with others, keep it outdoors.”

Brown said health officials would review infection statistics each week and that no county would remain at extreme risk level for more than three weeks.

The risk levels would be reviewed weekly, with the next report on May 4, with possible revisions on May 7 if the numbers rise or fall.

But the statement from Brown’s office also said that if statewide hospitalizations stay above 300 and one or more counties fail to fall out of the extreme risk category, the Oregon Health Authority will review why the numbers haven’t dropped and recommend options for additional action to Brown.

To cushion the financial blow to businesses, which will again have to shut their doors or curtail capacity and hours, Brown said she is working with the Legislature on an emergency \$20 million financial aid package in extreme risk counties.

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Oregon businesses and working families,” she said. “My goal is to lift these restrictions as soon as it is safely possible, and keep Oregon on the path for lifting most health and safety requirements by the end of June so we can fully reopen our economy.”

Nine counties will be in the high risk level, four at moderate risk and eight at lower risk.

Brown said April 6 that no county would be moved into the extreme risk level as long as fewer than 300 people statewide were hospitalized for COVID-19.

OHA on Monday reported 319 hospitalizations, bringing

the three-week hiatus of the most severe restrictions to an end. Tuesday’s total was 328.

Oregon on Friday reported over 1,020 new infections, more than double what it was two weeks ago — the sharpest spike of any state.

After more than a year of being at the lowest end of infections nationwide, Oregon has seen new cases of COVID-19 jump 54% over the past 14 days while infections have dropped 20% overall in the nation.

The key infection measurement for larger counties is cases per 100,000, with Klamath topping the list at 787 and

Deschutes at 467.

The spread of more contagious variants is outpacing vaccinations, which now top 1.1 million out of the state’s 4.3 million residents. OHA said the highly contagious B.1.1.7, known as the “UK Variant” because it first appeared in Britain, now accounted for the largest number of new cases in Oregon.

Though only 27% of the 4.3 million people living in Or-

egon have been completely vaccinated, demand for shots has already started to slow in some parts of the state, OHA reported.

The percentage of residents in any county that have been fully vaccinated varies widely, from 34.4% in Benton County, home of Oregon State University’s main campus, to 19% in Umatilla County in Northeast Oregon.

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Restrictions

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“The good news is restrictions on indoor dining are less of a concern for restaurants in the spring with nicer and warmer weather than in the middle of winter.”

It’s a delicate balancing act for businesses that hire workers in restaurants and bars, said Tammy Treat, co-owner of Spider City Brewing in Bend. When the brewery is unable to pour from taps, it means more product needs to be sold in packages, Treat said.

“The real challenge is that we will need to plan for more packaged beer for the to-go sales, versus keg sales,” Treat said. “That requires specific timing.”

At the Athletic Club of Bend, it may not make sense to open at all, said Kip Heilman, the club’s general manager. As many classes that can be moved outdoors will be, Heilman said. The outdoor pool will be operational, too, but Heilman said he fears he’ll lose members.

“There’s new language in the guidance that prohibits us from doing a lot of things we were going to do,” said Heilman. “We’ll do everything we can within reason outside so we can control the numbers inside the buildings.”

“We can’t operate under this. This is a dues-paying business.”

At St. Charles Health System, it’s all about timing as well, said Dr. Jeff Absalon, the health system’s chief physician executive. The four hospitals of St. Charles were at 92% capacity on Monday.

St. Charles Health System will be limiting elective surgeries for those that require a hospital bed for the time being, Absalon said. The hospital also will be on standby for surge capacity in case there are more COVID-19 cases.

About 10 surgeries will be canceled this week, Absalon said. The hospital had 28 COVID-19 patients on Tuesday, slightly less than half as many as it had in the peak of the virus spread in December. Six were in the intensive care unit. Just a month ago no one was hospitalized for COVID-19, Absalon said.

“We still, of course, are in the pandemic, and we will be

for some time,” Absalon said. “We want to make sure we have the capacity to take care of our community.”

The move to extreme risk also caused Economic Development for Central Oregon to postpone its annual luncheon that was to be held in person and virtual on May 6.

The last time Deschutes County was in the extreme risk category was in December. It remained there through Feb. 12, when it moved to the high-risk category. Case counts continued to drop, and Deschutes County was able to go to even the moderate risk category in March.

The up-and-down nature is a source of extreme frustration for Planet Fitness franchise owner Dan Afrasiabi. With 10 locations in Oregon and Alaska, Afrasiabi said he feels the state’s metrics are unrealistic and put an unfair burden on business owners.

“There is no balance being approached, and what the state is trying to do makes no sense in light of what every other state in the nation is doing,”

Vaccines available

Anyone 16 and older can book a vaccine appointment. The vaccine is free and no insurance is required. To book a first-dose vaccine appointment at the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center Central before May 7, go to CentralOregonVaccine.com to sign up.

Afrasiabi said. “The state is attacking a business where people are just coming back to and now they’re saying it’s not safe to come into a fitness center.”

Afrasiabi said he may have

to lay off workers and his business could suffer if members cancel their memberships because they can’t get into the gym. Since reopening, the gym has used an online reservation system where members can check out the occupancy before coming in and then sign up for a time to use the equipment.

“It’s horrendously frustrating for me, our team and our members. We can’t take our equipment outside,” Afrasiabi said. “We’re stuck in a situation where we can’t make any commitments.”

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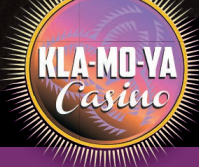
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Their temperatures checked



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No smoking or vaping will be allowed in the Casino, Restaurant or the Sleep Inn Hotel.

OBITUARY



Nancy Martin Hazlewood Ariail

May 16, 1945 - March 21, 2021

Nancy Martin Hazlewood Ariail died peacefully at home surrounded by family and her pets on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Nancy’s purpose in life was spreading joy and beauty to everyone she met. She also had an abiding need to provide service and support to her community. In Bend, she supported Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Bend High School, Cascade Middle School, Special Olympics, Bend Outdoor School, SMART, and Parkinson’s Dance Group.

Nancy was born in Camden, New Jersey and moved with her family over the years to Cincinnati, Ohio, Dallas, Texas, and finally to Hollywood, California where she finished high school. She enrolled and attended Oregon State University before moving to Bend in 1965 where she met and married Jack Hazlewood. They had two children, Tiffany and Jack Jr. Nancy provided daycare for the children of several families along with her own before taking a job with Bend High School classified staff. She worked for 15 years with the Bend-La Pine School District. Her final years there were spent teaching life skill students at Cascade Middle School and Bend High School.

Nancy was passionate about quilting. She began sewing at the age of six and made the first of many quilts when she was 15 years old. She made baby quilts for the children of friends and family, each unique and special for the individual child. Nancy was a member of several quilting groups, regularly involved in crafting quilts for orphans, foster care children, Veterans, and nursing homes. Her artistry was shared as she taught quilting classes. One of her most cherished quilts was created from 365 different blocks, one made each day over the course of a year. Her last quilt was finished in the fall of 2020. Over the last several years Nancy crafted art quilts to interpret the Deschutes Public Library’s Novel Idea project.

Nancy married Jim Ariail in 1989 and the two began a life together filled with adventure and travel. They both retired from the Bend-La Pine School District in 1992 and moved to Wellington, Alabama. There they restored the 1855 Ariail family farmhouse where Jim was born. They lived in the home for 19 years welcoming visitors from all over the nation. They returned to Bend in 2011.

Nancy was up for trying anything new that came along. She competed in the first Pole Peddle Paddle Race held at Drake Park in 1977 and continued to participate for many subsequent years. She loved Nordic skiing at area snow parks, hiking local trails, and was one of the early windsurfers at Elk Lake. Nancy introduced anyone she could to cross country skiing. She returned to Central Oregon to ski each February while living in Alabama.

Nancy is survived by her husband Jim, her brother Pete, children Stephanie Merrill, Tiffany Tisdell, Jack Hazlewood Jr., Scott Ariail, Kiley Ariail and grandchildren Annie, Luke, Vivian, Keegan, and Spencer. A celebration of life will be held later this summer.

Contributions can be made to the Meissner Nordic Ski area at <https://meissnernordic.org/donate/>