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Bend-La Pine infections

700 students ordered to quarantine

Superintendent Nordquist warns of 'Plan B' if cases don't drop quickly

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin
About 5% of Bend-La Pine Schools students are under quarantine orders due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases in Deschutes County, Superintendent Lora Nordquist told the school board Tuesday night. There have been 58 COVID-19 cases connected

with local schools in the past 10 days, which has prompted the quarantine of about 700 students, Nordquist said.
And even though she doesn't believe the vast majority of these COVID-19 cases are being spread within schools, Nordquist said the district may have to take action soon to prevent additional quarantines, and support those students stuck at home.
"If our case counts don't start going down fairly soon, we might need to look at a Plan B," Nordquist warned at Tuesday night's meeting. "Not sure what

that is, but we have a lot of kids at home right now, and that's a concern."
District leadership also warned that in-person graduation might not be possible in June if community spread of COVID-19 doesn't slow.
"We are going to have a graduation ceremony, but it may not involve many people," said Deputy Superintendent Katie Legace at the meeting.
However, a districtwide reversal to online school is unlikely.

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Region to go without a 24-hour vet clinic

BY KYLE SPURR

The Bulletin
Starting Saturday, Central Oregon will no longer have a 24-hour veterinary clinic for pet emergencies.
Bend Veterinary Specialty & Emergency Center plans to start closing at midnight due to a staff shortage, which is part of a national veterinary staffing issue, said Shalet Abraham, medical director at the emergency center.
The center, the only around-the-clock care offered in the region, will be open 2 p.m. to midnight on weekdays and 8 a.m. to midnight on weekends.
"We unfortunately don't have the ability to be open right now," Abraham said. "We have enough business. It's a matter of hiring and staffing."

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Deschutes lockdowns

DeBone, Adair ask for fewer restaurant restrictions

BY BRENNIA VISSER

The Bulletin
Two out of three Deschutes County commissioners signed a letter asking Gov. Kate Brown to reconsider the restrictions that will again be placed on restaurants as more counties move into the extreme risk category.
The letter, which was written by the Association of Oregon Counties and the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association, was signed by about 80 county commissioners across the state, including Commission Chair Tony DeBone and Commissioner Patti Adair.
The extreme risk level, which will go into effect in Deschutes County on Friday, shuts down indoor dining, limits crowd sizes, caps entertainment and exercise activities and requires most businesses to close by 11 p.m.

The four area hospitals run by St. Charles were at 92% capacity as of Monday.
In general, the letter asserts the restaurant industry is being singled out unfairly, and that these regulations are causing rifts in communities.
"The time has come to allow our communities the opportunity to move forward while embracing continued health and safety precautions," the letter writes.

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New COVID-19 cases in Deschutes County
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RIVER'S EDGE

Golf course sold to Pahlisch Homes

Development will include nearly 400 homes, open spaces

BY MICHAEL KOHN

The Bulletin
The 18-hole River's Edge Golf Course, a popular weekend destination for Bend-area golfers, has been sold to a real estate developer for conversion into nearly 400 homes amid a real estate boom in Central Oregon.
The owner of the course, Wayne Purcell, announced his intention to sell the golf course and surrounding lands to Pahlisch Homes, according to a press release.
The real estate market in Bend has soared over the past year as the pandemic has driven urban dwellers to find properties with more space and closer to outdoor activities. The median price for a single-family residence in March hit a new record high at \$590,000 and the average days on the market for a home is less than a week.
Jessica Seidel, spokesperson for Pahlisch Homes, said she is unable to disclose the price paid for the property.
Pahlisch said in a statement that Purcell is planning to re-



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Survey equipment sits on the 18th fairway at River's Edge Golf Course in Bend on Wednesday.

tire. His previous investments include The Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center, which he sold in 2015.
Pahlisch Homes, a Bend-based homebuilder, is expected to hold conversations with members of the community already occupying homes around the golf course to formulate a plan for the area.
In a release, Pahlisch said it plans to convert half of the land into housing and leave

the other half of River's Edge as open space. The project will also include the construction of a section of the Deschutes River Trail.
Documentation submitted to the city of Bend describes the development as "The Uplands" and states that 71 acres will be preserved as permanent open space. The remaining area will be the site of around 372 homes.

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Golfers practice near the pro shop at River's Edge Golf Course in Bend on Tuesday.

BEND-LA PINE SCHOOL BOARD

Candidates open up about equity, COVID-19

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin
Editor's Note: This is the first of two stories about this year's Bend-La Pine School Board candidates.
After a chaotic school year of tackling COVID-19, racial equity issues and hiring a superintendent, the Bend-La Pine School Board will see a major shake up on July 1.
For the second straight election, voters are guaranteed to elect at least three new board members to the seven-seat panel, as three incumbents decided to not run for reelection. Board chair Carrie McPherson Douglass is the lone incumbent running.
The school board could become more ethnically diverse come July as well. Three people of color are running: Marcus LeGrand, who is Black; Janet Sarai Llerandi, of Indigenous Mexican descent; and Maria Lopez-Dauenhauer, who identifies as Mexican-American.

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