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Bend High School

Series of vaccine clinics for teenagers kicks off



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Sarah Marshall with Mosaic Medical draws up a vaccine during a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Bend High School on Thursday.

Police were called on group of anti-vaccine protesters outside

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin

Francisco Guevara arrived at Bend High School a little earlier than normal Thursday. The senior was thrilled — after many attempts to sign up, he was finally about to receive his first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a clinic inside the school's gym.

"I was so excited," said Guevara, 18. "Especially since I work in food service, I was waiting for it to be my turn."

Guevara wasn't the only one to seize the opportunity. He said half of his third period class was absent because they were in the gym getting vaccinated.

"I'm just glad we're moving toward a better future with people being vaccinated," Guevara said.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Bend High School hosted the first in a series of voluntary vaccine clinics based in nearly

every Central Oregon high school. The majority of these clinics — all six in Bend, Redmond and Sisters — will be operated by staff from local health care provider Mosaic Medical.

The goal of these clinics is to get as many local teenagers vaccinated as possible. And offering vaccines within students' own schools makes it more accessible, said Albert Noyes — a clinical pharmacist with Mosaic Medical who's helping run the high school vaccine clinics.

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Deschutes County

Virus cases surge

BY SUZANNE ROIG AND JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin

Surging cases of COVID-19 on Thursday put Deschutes County second among Oregon's 32 counties, according to the Oregon Health Authority daily report.

Oregon Health Authority reported 125 cases in Deschutes County — the second-highest daily case count since the start of the pandemic more than a year ago. Jefferson County had 15 cases and Crook County recorded 10 cases.

"This is our largest surge in cases, but it's the first surge where we have a vaccine available to protect against the virus," said Morgan Emerson, Deschutes County Health Services spokeswoman. "We are seeing our cases rise because of people taking fewer precautions — less masking and distancing."

Statewide 32 of 36 counties had positive or presumptive COVID-19 cases, according to the health authority's daily report. Only Multnomah County had more cases than Deschutes. There were 339 people hospitalized with COVID-19. St. Charles Bend reported 36 COVID-19 patients, five of whom were in the intensive care unit and three on ventilators.

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WAKE OF WILDFIRES

Arborists say tree removal mismanaged

BY TED SICKINGER

The Oregonian

As the hazardous tree-removal program overseen by the Oregon Department of Transportation goes into high gear after last fall's devastating wildfires, many of Oregon's most scenic and beloved areas are being transformed into post-apocalyptic stretches of roadside clear-cuts, gargantuan log piles and slash.

"A person really has to come and look at it to get a sense," said Ron Carmickle, mayor of Gates, which was ravaged in the Labor Day fires that raged through the Santiam Canyon and is now seeing heavy post-fire cutting on both public and private property.

"The scale of it ... " he said. "It's absolutely insane. You have to see it."

State officials estimate there are 142,000 hazard trees along roadways, rivers and on private properties burned in the fires.

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BEND-LA PINE SCHOOLS

Board candidates discuss views on a range of issues

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin

Editor's Note: This is the second of two stories about the Bend-La Pine School Board candidates.

The Bend-La Pine School Board is guaranteed to see a shakeup come July, as three members chose to not run for reelection in the May 18 election.

None of the candidates running for seats in Zones 2 and 7 have held elected office, and all have distinct views on how they would help guide Bend-La Pine Schools.

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Redmond high schoolers fuel food drive

BY KYLE SPURR

The Bulletin

REDMOND — Kenzie Curtis, a senior at Ridgeview High School, met two classmates in the school parking lot Thursday and they filled her Nissan Xterra with large grocery bags full of donated food.

The three students then delivered the bags of mostly nonperishable snacks to elementary school students, who will need the food over the weekend.

"It's food that kids can eat on the weekends when they don't have access to the lunches at school," Curtis said. "It's food they can make on their own."

Students in leadership classes at Ridgeview and Redmond high schools have shopped for the food and delivered it every week since March, when students returned to in-person learning.

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Ridgeview High School students Faye Davis, from right, Lucy Stancliff and Kenzie Curtis load up several bags of donated food into the back of their car before heading out to make deliveries together Thursday.

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