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'Bend Village' project will bring condos, hotels, retail



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A development with condos, retail and more is being planned along the bluff above the Deschutes River and Bill Healy Bridge in southwest Bend.

BY BRENN A VISSER
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A roughly 250,000-square-foot development overlooking the Deschutes River near Farewell Bend Park will include condos, retail, restaurants and hotel lodging, according to planning documents filed with the city of Bend.

The project, which would be called "Bend Village," proposes building seven buildings on roughly 7 acres of land off

the corner of SW Century Drive and Colorado Avenue, according to city documents. The complex also runs along Mount Bachelor Drive, with some frontage along Reed Market Road near the Bill Healy Bridge. It would be near the Pine Ridge Inn.

The buildings would range roughly between 50- and 60-foot tall, according to city documents. The zone the village is proposed to be built in allows for build-

ings to be 65 feet tall with no special exceptions or variances.

The company behind the project is Heritage Hospitality Group, which is based in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Hiren "Chico" Patel, the CEO and founder of the hospitality group, did not answer questions over text about what the vision for the project is or when he expected the project to be completed.

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Phrase on Bend officer's keychain draws ire

Josh Spano says motto is not extremist, that it honors his military enlistment oath

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
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A Bend Police Department officer will be investigated for allegedly violating policy by wearing a keychain connected to a far-right group while in uniform on Saturday.

Bend Chief Mike Krantz did not identify the employee, though Cpl. Josh Spano is the officer seen in a photograph circulating on Reddit and Facebook. Attached to the front of Spano's service vest is an item reading "molon labe" in Greek lettering, a phrase associated with the far-right Three Percenters militia.

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April was warmer, drier than normal in Bend area

Weather service: Lack of rain is adding to drought conditions

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

April weather in Bend was warmer and drier than normal, with no major rainfall all month, according to the National Weather Service office in Pendleton.

The weather service reported in its monthly climate summary that the total precipitation in Bend last month was 0.12 of an inch, which was 0.66 of an inch below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least 0.01 of an inch was recorded on two days. The heaviest precipitation was 0.07 of an inch on April 25.

See **April** / A1

Newcomers seek positions in 2 spots on Sisters School Board

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

The Sisters School Board could have two new members after the May 18 special district election.

Incumbent Edie Jones is being challenged by architect and builder Kevin Eckert for the Position 5 seat, and two newcomers, Jenica Cogdill and Rodney Cooper, are facing each other for the Position

1 seat, which opened when board member Jay Wilkins did not seek reelection.

Board member David Thorsett is running unopposed for his Position 2 seat.

Position 1

Jenica Cogdill

Cogdill, 43, manager of customer experience at Les Schwab Tire Center, said she was motivated to run for office

for the first time because she has a daughter in the fourth grade and felt the school board needed more representation from local parents.

"I just see there is a need for that voice and that perspective," Cogdill said.

Cogdill has a background in marketing and consulting while living in Eugene and Portland. She and her family moved to Sisters about three years ago.

Cogdill said she has been impressed with the Sisters School District and hopes to use her experience with budgets and finances to help continue the district's successes.

"This is a community that really values and supports education," Cogdill said. "I'm not looking to make big sweeping changes. I respect the culture and the norms of the Sisters School District."

See **Sisters** / A4

COVID-19 cases continue rising in Deschutes, Crook counties

BY GARY A. WARNER
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COVID-19 infections are rising in Deschutes and Crook counties, likely keeping both at the extreme risk level, according to state statistics released Monday.

Gov. Kate Brown will announce risk levels on Tuesday for all 36 counties. The data

used in those decisions was published Monday.

Brown last week ordered 15 counties — including Deschutes and Crook — into the extreme risk level, which bars indoor dining, restricts the size of gatherings and limits many activities.

Brown had earlier ordered a moratorium on extreme

risk restrictions as long as statewide COVID-19 hospitalizations remained under 300. The number was surpassed last week and now is at 351.

The new data shows that from April 18 to May 1, Deschutes County's COVID-19 cases rose to 1,055, or 546.6 per 100,000 people. Tests

were 8.8% positive.

Crook County reported 123 cases during the period — 524.7 cases per 100,000 with 9.3% of tests positive.

Statewide, there were 11,266 cases from April 18 to May 1, or 265.9 per 100,000. Tests were 6.4% positive.

Jefferson County is currently rated as high risk,

the second most restrictive category. It reported 69 COVID-19 cases during the test period, 289.4 per 100,000 residents. Both were increases since risk levels were adjusted last week. But the county's test results fell from 9.2% positive to 8.9% positive.

Any changes to risk levels announced Tuesday would go

into effect on Friday. Brown has said she wants the extreme risk level restrictions to last no more than three weeks. But that was based on the idea that the county infection numbers and rates would begin to fall with the new policy. The next new data will be released on May 10.

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