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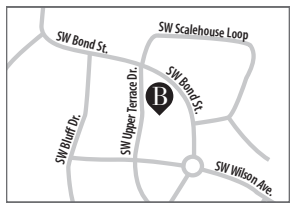
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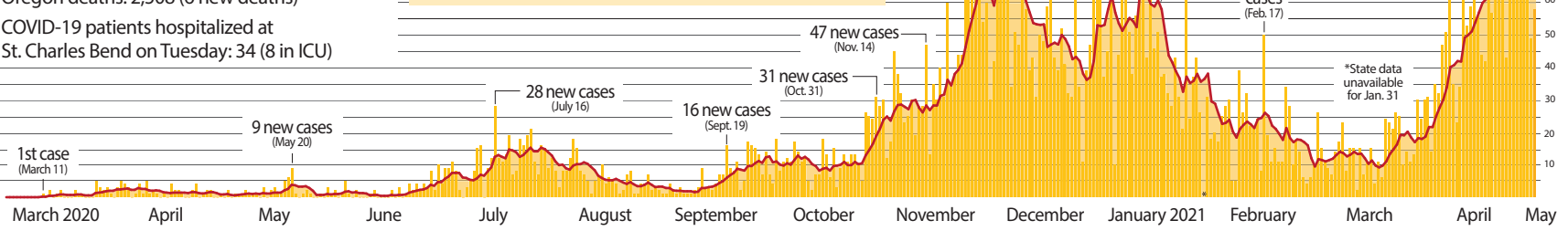
# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

SOURCES: OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY, DESCHUTES COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES, BULLETIN GRAPHIC

**COVID-19 data for Tuesday, May 4:**  
Deschutes County cases: 8,288 (58 new cases)  
Deschutes County deaths: 73 (zero new deaths)  
Crook County cases: 1,016 (11 new cases)  
Crook County deaths: 20 (zero new deaths)  
Jefferson County cases: 2,143 (3 new cases)  
Jefferson County deaths: 33 (1 new death)  
Oregon cases: 187,611 (748 new cases)  
Oregon deaths: 2,508 (6 new deaths)  
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Tuesday: 34 (8 in ICU)

**What is COVID-19?** A disease caused by a coronavirus. Symptoms (including fever and shortness of breath) can be severe, even fatal, though some cases are mild.  
**Ways to help limit its spread:** 1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. 2. Avoid touching your face. 3. Avoid close contact with sick people. 4. Stay 6 feet from others and wear a face covering or mask. 5. Cover a sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow. 6. Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.



### DESCHUTES COUNTY

## Single finalist for county administrator position

BY BRENN A VISSER

The Bulletin  
Nick Lelack, Deschutes County's community development director, is the only candidate being considered to become the next county administrator.

The county will host a virtual community forum at 6 p.m. on May 17, in which Lelack will give a presentation and answer questions from the community. The community will then be able to submit feedback to the Deschutes County Commission.

For the past few months, the county has been searching for a new county administrator in light of current County Administrator Tom Anderson's announcement to retire this year. Anderson also served as the county's community development director before becoming administrator.

Lelack was chosen out of more than 70 applicants, according to Deschutes County Commission Chair Tony



Lelack

DeBone. After conducting a nationwide search and interviewing more than a dozen candidates over video calls, Lelack stood out and "stacked up" against other talented candidates across the country, DeBone said.

"Nick really does have a good balance and view of controversial issues, topics of the day," DeBone said Tuesday.

Lelack has served as community development director since 2012, according to a county

press release. He also serves on the state Land Conservation and Development Commission.

Lelack has master's degrees in public administration and community and regional planning from the University of Oregon and has a bachelor's of science from Willamette University.

Before his time as community development director, Lelack served as a planning director for the county and the city of Redmond.

Lelack grew up in the Willamette Valley before settling in

Bend in 2005 with his family, according to the county.

After the open house, the commissioners will deliberate and vote on whether to hire Lelack, DeBone said.

The plan is to keep the current administrator, Anderson, on through budget season, which ends July 1, and then have a transition period for the new administrator.

For more information about the open house, visit www.deschutes.org/administrator.

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### OREGON LEGISLATURE



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A room at the Bethlehem Inn homeless shelter in Bend.

## Bill speeds siting of emergency shelters, temporary housing

BY PETER WONG

Oregon Capital Bureau  
Cities and counties are empowered to waive some requirements to allow the siting of emergency shelters and temporary housing under a bill that is headed to Gov. Kate Brown.

The Senate passed House Bill 2006 without amendments on a 26-1 vote Monday.

The bill allows local governments to waive design, planning and zoning requirements for shelters or housing operated directly by them, by organizations with at least two years experience, or by nonprofits that partner with either one.

Shelters still have to comply with some building codes and health and safety requirements. They must have access to transportation and cannot be placed in hazardous zones, such as federally designated floodplains.

This bill revives legislation that passed in the first 2020 special session of the Oregon Legislature. But its waivers ended 90 days later on Sept. 28. This bill's waivers end on July 1, 2022.

Sen. Deb Patterson, D-Salem, said the shortage of housing has worsened during the coronavirus pandemic and the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. She said cities often resist state requirements.

"But this bill is different," said Patterson, the bill's Senate sponsor and floor manager.

"Multiple cities have come out in support of the bill because they recognize the need in their communities — in every community — for us to take steps toward alleviating

the suffering of our neighbors who have lost their housing. It should not take an emergency for us to recognize this need. But we are in an emergency now. We must act."

The bill was sponsored by House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, and others.

The bill also enables the Department of Housing and Community Services to provide grants and technical assistance to communities. It empowers the Department of Administrative Services to offer grants for navigation centers, if they start up by July 2022, that link people with housing and support services. The state already is supporting the Bybee Lakes Hope Center in Portland, plus centers in Bend, Eugene, McMinnville, Medford, Roseburg and Salem.

A related bill cleared the Senate on a 27-0 vote and is headed to Gov. Kate Brown. House Bill 2583 is sponsored by Rep. Julie Fahey, D-Eugene, and bars local governments from enforcing residential occupancy requirements if they are based on family or nonfamily relationships.

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## Woman sentenced to 3 days in jail in plot to beat Bend teen

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin  
An 18-year-old Bend woman was given three days jail and a scolding by the judge at her sentencing for her role in a plot to beat a Bend teenager and leave him in a remote area.

Kyah Lorraine Budke, 18, appeared Monday in Deschutes County Circuit Court and was ordered to serve three days jail for her role in the Dec. 10 attack on a 18-year-old man and his girlfriend.

Budke had earlier pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit third-degree assault in a plea deal that recommended three years probation and other conditions. But Judge Wells Ashby said that deal did not go far enough, calling the group's conduct "outrageous."

"It's only by luck and good fortune that this person was not killed," Ashby said. "The defendant can spend 72 hours in custody to reflect as to whether she wants to spend the rest of her life institutionalized."

Ashby gave her until Monday to report to jail.

The attack was coordinated primarily by a group of five high school students using the social media app Snapchat. Budke and one other alleged plotter, Jackson Garrett Fromdahl, were adults at the time of the attack. The other defendants were charged in the juvenile justice system.

The group believed the male victim had engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a 13-year-old girl. They formulated a plan to take him to a remote area, beat him, remove his clothes and leave him tied up, according to Deschutes County prosecutor Aaron Brenneman. Budke's role was to act as driver.

One of the plotters wrote online, "(The victim) is going to die," according to a search warrant request filed in circuit

court. On the evening of Dec. 10, the five students took the two victims to Mayfield Pond off Alfalfa Road, where one of the plotters, who had a hard cast on his arm, was to use the cast to assault the male victim. But when the appointed moment came, the boy produced a steak knife he'd taken from home and stabbed the victim.

The five plotters panicked, showed the victim's girlfriend out of the vehicle and fled.

The male victim suffered a punctured lung. He and his girlfriend flagged down a motorist who rendered aid and called 911. The victims provided descriptions of the attackers and their vehicle, and Bend Police officers soon pulled them over and made arrests.

The male victim's injury was considered life-threatening, and he was hospitalized for several days, Brenneman said.

The victim and his mother spoke at Budke's sentencing hearing. He said during the drive, he and his girlfriend caught wind of what was happening and pleaded with Budke to take him home.

"Throughout that entire time she could have pulled to the side and told the others to call it off, but she didn't," he said. "It's been an extremely difficult and stressful situation for me."

The victim's mother said her son's medical bills top \$20,000, including \$180 per counseling session.

"What I find most extraordinary about Ms. Budke's behavior is that she did not know (my son) or his girlfriend but participated in the plan," the woman said. "I believe that social media played a big part and had a poisonous effect."

Budke's lawyer, Valerie Wright, agreed with the mother on that point.

"The kids had read some things online. ... It should not have been a motivator for the kids to take things into their own hands," Wright said.

Budke apologized when given a chance to speak.

"I am sincerely sorry for the events that transpired and getting involved in that group mentality. I can't even begin to understand how it would feel for him and what he went through, but I wish him and his family well."

Fromdahl has a plea hearing Thursday.

The other three plotters were tried earlier this year in the juvenile justice system.

The boy who stabbed the victim was sentenced April 29 for first-degree assault and ordered to be incarcerated in a youth correctional facility for a term not to exceed his 25th birthday. The boy is 16.

The other two plotters admitted to one count each of conspiracy to commit third-degree assault and were given probation.

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