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## Mail processing center to close in consolidation



**“Moving, removing, and repurposing mail processing equipment and operations is an ongoing Postal Service strategy dating back decades that allows for more efficient, timely delivery of mail and packages.”**

—Kim Frum, a Postal Service spokesperson

◀ Vehicles Thursday fill the lot behind the Bend post office.

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The U.S. Postal Service is closing its mail processing center in Bend and moving it to Portland as part of a nationwide consolidation of facilities. The Bend facility off NE Fourth Street will be one of 18 across the country to close by November, according to a notice from the Postal Service.

But the location may become a new package processing facility due to the large increase in packages being sent in the U.S. rather than letters and other standard mail, said Kim Frum, a Postal Service spokesperson.

The changes are not expected to cause any delays in mail delivery, Frum said.

“Moving, removing, and repurposing mail processing equipment and operations is an ongoing Postal Service strategy dating back decades that allows for more efficient, timely delivery of mail and packages,” Frum said.

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The Postal Service is not planning to lay off any staff, and more staff may be needed in Bend if the facility becomes a package processing center.

**COVID-19: Vaccines**

## Biden and Brown shift doses based on demand

BY GARY A. WARNER  
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Hoping to pick up the pace of vaccinations, state and federal health officials are ditching their population-based distribution game plans to get more doses where they are wanted and needed.

President Joe Biden wants 70% of American adults fully vaccinated by July 4. The goal translates to about 160 million people. Currently, 105 million American adults are fully vaccinated.

To get there, Biden announced Tuesday that he was ending the system that sent weekly shipments of vaccine to states in amounts based on their population.

The move will send more vaccine to places where demand is high, with additional supply drawn from areas where vaccine sits unused in medical refrigerators.

Allotments to states that do not want or cannot use more vaccine will go into a federal “vaccine bank.” States where shots are in demand will be able to order up to 50% more than their current allotments.

Oregon, California and Michigan are among states saying they still need more vaccine to meet demand. On the flip side, West Virginia has reported a surplus of vaccine and Arkansas officials said the state no longer wants weekly shipments.

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Bend resident Kathi Denfeld holds a homemade sign to support students receiving their COVID-19 vaccine Thursday at a voluntary school clinic at Summit High School.

**Summit, La Pine high schools**

## Vaccine clinics held without interruption

BY JACKSON HOGAN  
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Two voluntary student COVID-19 vaccine clinics hosted by local high schools in Bend received intense pushback from anti-vaccine protesters, worrying school staff and students who organized a third clinic on Thursday.

Last week, protesters stood across from Bend High School, blaring an airhorn as loud as a truck, and forcing school administrators to escort arriving students, said Julianne Repman, director of communications and safety for Bend-La Pine.

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## Ex-Redmond woman indicted on child sex charges

Selina Duflo accused of drugging, abusing child, 6

BY GARRETT ANDREWS  
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A former Redmond resident is facing federal charges for allegedly drugging and sexually abusing a 6-year-old child in her care.

On Tuesday, a grand jury in U.S. District Court in Eugene charged Selina Wynne Duflo with two counts of transportation of child pornography and two counts of using a minor to produce a visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct.

Evidence of those alleged crimes was found by federal agents on two cellphones and a

laptop computer, according to her indictment.

Duflo, 33, originally faced 22 felony counts in Deschutes County Circuit Court for roughly the same alleged behavior as the federal case.

Her local attorney had recently filed a motion declaring that the search of Duflo's phones and laptop violated the Oregon Constitution's provisions on unlawful search and seizure.

Prosecutors also moved this week to dismiss the local charges. Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel said that after



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discussions with federal prosecutors, he determined the case was more appropriate in that venue due to the cross-state nature of Duflo's alleged offenses.

On Thursday, a judge dismissed the state court charges.

Duflo's case began in July 2019, when Facebook sent information to

and Exploited Children about Daniel Seibert of Lake Forest, California.

Agents with the Department of Homeland Security learned that Seibert, 29, had been in contact with a child in Utah and had received child pornography from that child. Authorities searched Seibert's digital devices and found photos of him with Duflo, some of which depicted child pornography.

In 2019, Duflo was living in Michigan. Federal prosecutors said that year, Seibert traveled from California to Michigan to have sex with a 6-year-old child in her care.

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