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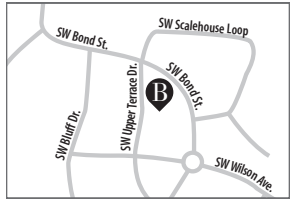
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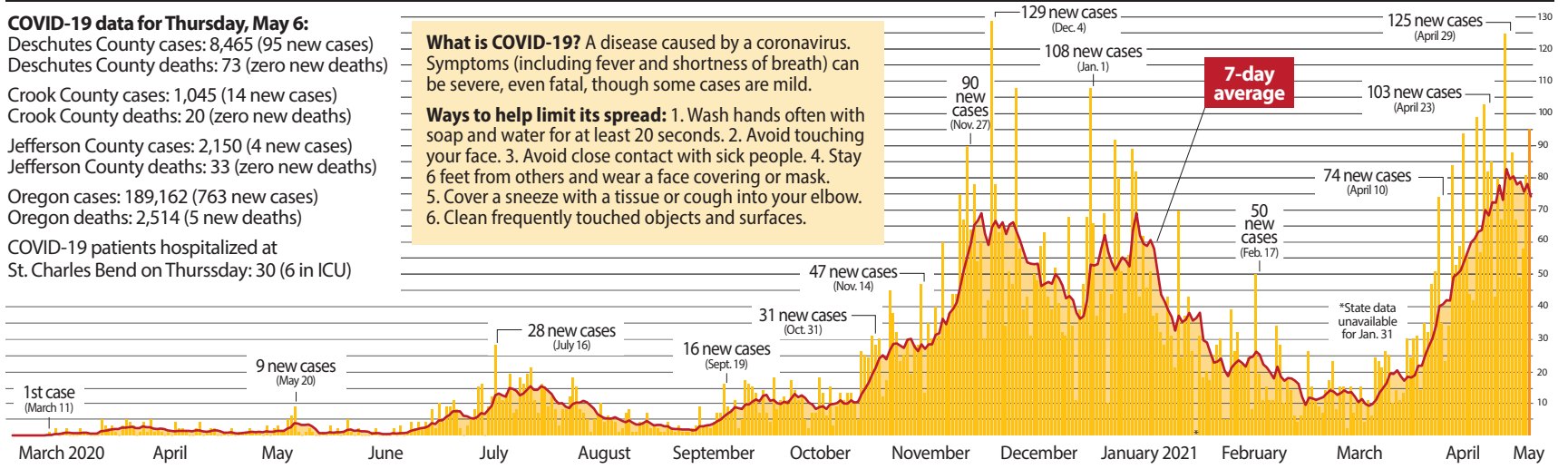
LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Thursday, May 6:
Deschutes County cases: 8,465 (95 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 73 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 1,045 (14 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 20 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,150 (4 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 33 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 189,162 (763 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,514 (5 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 30 (6 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.



Bill would ban lawmakers from holding party leadership posts

BY CHRIS LEHMAN

The Oregonian

Two Republicans in the Oregon Senate have introduced a bill aimed squarely at the political ambitions of two of their fellow Republican senators.

Senate Bill 865 would ban anyone elected to a statewide elected office, a judicial position or the state Legislature from also holding a leadership role in a state political party.

That would currently affect two people in Oregon: Dallas Heard and Dennis Linthicum. Both are Republican state senators, and both were elected to leadership roles in the Oregon Republican Party in February: Heard as its chair, and Linthicum as its treasurer. Heard is from Myrtle Creek, and Linthicum is from Klamath Falls, both in Southern Oregon.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athens and Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale. Vale and Athens are in Eastern Oregon. The measure states that it was introduced at the request of



Oregon Republican state Sen. Dallas Heard speaks to protesters gathered in Salem Jan. 6 at the Oregon Capitol as lawmakers convened in Washington, D.C., to confirm the Electoral College vote won by Joe Biden.
Dave Killen/Oregonian file

the local Republican parties of three Eastern Oregon counties. Hansell and Findley released a joint statement.

"We have been contacted by our constituents both in and out of the Republican Party who are concerned about the mixing of party politics and legislative policy-making," the statement said. "All of a sudden, certain votes are being seen as official positions of

Republicans in Oregon when they aren't, and vice versa."

A legislative aide for Heard said Wednesday that the senator was not available for comment. Linthicum did not respond to a request for comment. Neither lawmaker was present for Wednesday's Senate floor session, during which senators cast votes on a gun safety bill that passed on yes votes cast solely by Democrats.

The bill to regulate party leadership is the latest sign of division among Senate Republicans. Since the start of the session, the caucus has seen two of its members leave to become self-identified independents: Sen. Brian Boquist of Dallas and Sen. Art Robinson of Cave Junction. Boquist and Robinson continue to vote with Republicans on most bills, but neither considers himself a part of the caucus.

LOCAL BRIEFING

COCC delays reopening to students, public

Central Oregon Community College will not reopen to students and the public June 14 as planned due to the rise of COVID-19 cases in the region.

The college does not have a new reopening date planned, but the college's leadership team has identified late summer as a goal to reopen.

COCC's summer term begins June 21. The delayed reopening will not impact the limited in-person classes already scheduled for the term.

Since the fall, the college has offered about 20% of courses in person and will continue to in the summer term.

Student support services will remain available via phone, and computer labs on all four COCC campuses will remain open to students, according to the college.

Employees already working from home will continue to work remotely.

—Bulletin staff report

Umatilla tribes release online dictionary of fading language

Associated Press

MISSION — The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have released an online dictionary of their language to preserve it and help new learners pick up the dying tongue.

The project is a collaboration between the confederated tribes' language program and Amazon Web Services, an Am-

The tribe established a language program in 1996 to preserve Umatilla by recording elders and teaching the language to tribal youth and adults.

azon subsidiary that provides cloud-based platforms on a pay-as-you-go basis, the East Oregonian reported Wednesday.

The prevalence of the Uma-

tilla language has diminished over the years as many of its fluent speakers have died.

The tribe established a language program in 1996 to preserve Umatilla by recording el-

ders and teaching the language to tribal youth and adults. The reservation in northeast Oregon is home to a union of three area tribes, the Cayuse, the Umatilla, and the Walla Walla.

In a statement, the tribe credited tribal member Twáway, also known as Inez Spino-Reves, with working with linguists and providing key details about the languages'

grammar and vocabulary. Members of other Pacific Northwest tribes, including the Nez Perce and the Yakima, also played important roles, as well as biologists and historians who helped with plant and animal identifications and the online dictionary, which includes a Umatilla keyboard, is available for free here: <https://dictionary.ctuir.org>.

Feud breaks out among Republican lawmakers over Snake River dams

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Some Republican members of Congress from the Northwest are accusing a GOP Idaho lawmaker of conducting secret negotiations with the Democratic governor of Oregon over a controversial proposal to breach four dams on the Snake River to save endangered salmon runs.

But Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, replied that he has for several years been telling "everyone who would listen" about his proposal for a comprehensive solution to save salmon.

"How is that secret?" Simpson asked. "My staff has had discussions with nearly every governor, member of Congress and U.S. senator in the Columbia Basin on this proposal."

Simpson's plan to remove the Ice Harbor, Little Goose, Lower Granite and Lower Monumental dams also includes a 35-year moratorium on lawsuits, ending costly litigation over the dams' environmental impact. That provision prompted more than a dozen Northwest environmental groups to oppose the plan. Democratic lawmakers have also been lukewarm to the proposal.

On Wednesday, U.S. Reps. Dan Newhouse, R-Washington, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Washington, and Cliff Bentz, R-Oregon, issued a strongly worded statement upon learning of a Freedom of Information Act release detailing coordination between the offices of Simpson and Oregon Gov. Kate Brown regarding the proposal to breach the four dams.

"For months, Rep. Simpson has been speaking with us about his sweeping dam-breaching proposal, touting transparency and an open process while telling us it was simply a 'legislative concept' for the Northwest delegation to consider," the lawmakers, who oppose breaching the dams, said.

"What he didn't tell us was that he has been coordinating for months with Oregon Governor Kate Brown's staff behind the scenes to shepherd his proposal through Congress with little to no support from Pacific Northwest representatives — Republican or Democrat," the lawmakers said.

"It's clear this proposal is not just a starting point, but rather a radical and fully-baked plan he is actively seeking to put into law," they said.

The three Republicans also suggest Simpson's discussions with Brown could hurt an agreement signed last year by the governors of Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana to work together on solving an issue that has bedeviled the Northwest for decades.

The documents were released in response to a public information request by the Center for Biological Diversity, a conservation group that opposes Simpson's plan.

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