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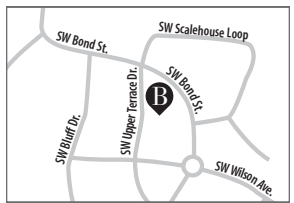
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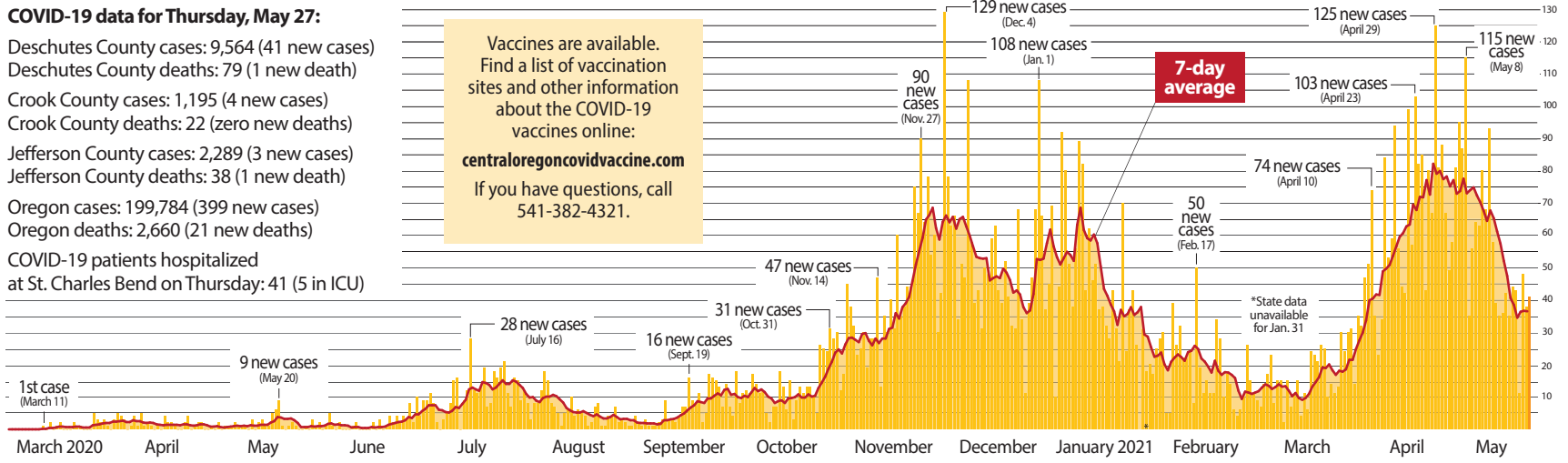
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Thursday, May 27:

Deschutes County cases: 9,564 (41 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 79 (1 new death)
Crook County cases: 1,195 (4 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 22 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,289 (3 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 38 (1 new death)
Oregon cases: 199,784 (399 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,660 (21 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Thursday: 41 (5 in ICU)

Vaccines are available. Find a list of vaccination sites and other information about the COVID-19 vaccines online: centraloregoncovidvaccine.com If you have questions, call 541-382-4321.



OREGON POLITICS

'Second Amendment Sanctuary' order is invalid, AG argues

BY ANNA DEL SAVIO
Pamplin Media Group

Oregon's attorney general and a group of Columbia County residents are getting involved in the ongoing legal proceedings over the county's Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, through senior assistant attorney general Brian Simmonds Marshall, filed a document in the case, requesting that the ordinance be declared invalid.

Rosenblum wrote that the county ordinance and the two ballot measures it was based on "conflict with and are incompatible with the state's criminal laws . . . the duties of the Columbia County sheriff, the duties of the Columbia County district attorney, and the duties of other officers and departments of Columbia County."

Four Columbia County residents also filed to appear as "interested parties" in opposition to the ordinance. The four residents are Brandee Dudzic, a 2020 candidate for the county board of commissioners; Shana Cavanaugh, the founder of the progressive group Moving Forward Columbia County; Robert Pile, a member of the gun control organization Moms Demand Action; and Joe Lewis, a former Scappoose School Board member who was one of nine people injured at the Kent State shooting in 1970, when Ohio National Guard members fatally shot four people protesting the Vietnam War.

The four are represented by attorneys from the Oregon firm Stoll Berne, but are asking the court to allow two New York-based attorneys to join the case. The attorneys, Mark Weiner and Len Kamdang, are with Everytown Law, the litigation arm of the gun control nonprofit Everytown for Gun Safety.

"We have a range of opinions in Columbia County on many issues, including gun laws, but tying the hands of law enforcement officials here in Columbia County is not the answer," Pile said in a press release from Everytown Law. Eric Tirschwell, managing

director for Everytown Law, said in a press release that Oregon law and the U.S. constitution "make clear that local governments don't have the legal authority to pick and choose which public safety laws apply within their borders."

"Groups that oppose state and federal gun laws have every right to try to change them in the statehouse and Congress, but claiming to nullify them at the local level is both unconstitutional and dangerous. That's not how our democracy works," Tirschwell said.

In a Jan. 21 letter to Columbia County attorney Sarah Hanson, attorneys from Stoll Berne and Everytown Law argued that the county ordinance was not permissible under state and federal law and recommended that the county use the state's procedure for judicial validation proceedings.

Chris Brumbles, a Columbia County resident and gun rights activist who filed both ballot measures, said that he disagrees with the county's choice to pursue judicial validation. "I think they did this so that they could get it in front of a judge, so the judge could throw it out. I hope I'm wrong. I've never hoped I was wrong more," Brumbles said.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is a huge attack on the will of the people. The people voted these laws in not once, but twice," Brumbles added. "If this was happening to the other side, I think there would be an uproar."

As of May 7, the county hasn't filed any briefs in support of or in opposition to the ordinance.

The petition for judicial validation filed by the county in late March did not ask for a particular verdict. Instead, it laid out the issues to consider in evaluating the legality and constitutionality of the ordinance.

Voters approved a version of the Second Amendment Sanctuary Ordinance last year. The ordinance would effectively bar local law enforcement from enforcing almost any restrictions on gun sales or ownership within Columbia County.

LOCAL BRIEFING

3 teens injured in morning car rollover near Skyliners Road

Three Bend teenagers were hospitalized after a single-car crash near Skyliners Road early Thursday morning.

Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies received a call at about 1:01 a.m. about the crash, at the bridge near Skyline Drive west of Bend, according to a sheriff's office press release.

Deputies — alongside representatives from Bend Fire Department, Bend Police Department and others — found a Honda CR-V rolled over onto its top, with one of the teens trapped inside, the release stated.

The three teenagers at the crash scene — all 16-year-old boys from Bend — were taken to St. Charles Bend with serious injuries, the release stated. One teen was taken to the hospital by air ambulance.

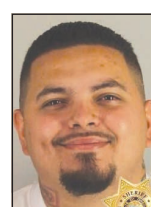
The incident is being investigated, but law enforcement believes alcohol may have contributed to the crash, the release stated.

California man arrested in Bend for alleged contracting fraud

A California man was arrested by Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies Thursday on suspicion of theft by fraud after allegedly scamming Central Oregonians

with a fake contracting business. A sheriff's detective began receiving complaints from Deschutes

and Crook county residents in March about "Quesada Handyman Service" and a man named Jacob Quesada, 29, according to a sheriff's office press release.



Quesada



Deschutes County Sheriff's Office/Submitted

Three Bend teenagers were hospitalized after a single-car crash near Skyliners Road early Thursday morning.

Quesada — a Lodi, California, resident — allegedly collected money for contracting work such as painting and flooring and decking installations, despite not being licensed or insured to do that work, the release stated.

Quesada would advertise his services on Facebook, and locals would make down payments in person, the release stated. However, he allegedly never returned to the project in some cases, and other times, he'd only partly finish the work or do a poor job, according to the sheriff's office.

Quesada was stopped Thursday in Bend for a traffic violation and then arrested on a Crook County theft warrant, the release stated.

Those who may have been scammed by Quesada are encouraged to call the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office at 541-550-4869 or 541-693-6911, the release stated.

Police ID suspect in weekend stabbing, seek help finding him

Bend Police have a suspect in a double stabbing over the weekend, but they are seeking help finding him.

Detectives want to talk to Eric David Taylor, 21,

of Redmond, according to Bend Lt. Brian Beekman. "We've contacted family, associates, gone to known addresses — pretty much all investigative leads for the past three days," Beekman said. "I believe he's actively avoiding us."

Around 10 p.m., Saturday, police responded to a fight in the parking lot of the StoneBriar apartments in the 21000 block of U.S. Highway 20 in Bend. Witnesses described numerous people fighting.

Two male stabbing victims were sent to St. Charles Bend with non-life threatening injuries, according to police. No arrests were made at the time.

Beekman said Taylor is the only suspect.

The department is asking people with information about Taylor to contact the Deschutes County non-emergency dispatch line at 541-693-6911.

Taylor is believed to be driving a blue 2004 Subaru Forester with the Oregon license plate number 108EZZZ.

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