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MEMORIAL DAY

Tobiason champions Central Oregon vets



Dick Tobiason, an 86-year-old retired Army lieutenant colonel and Vietnam War veteran, wipes down one of the granite memorials May 13 while visiting the Bend Heroes Memorial at Brooks Park.

BY KYLE SPURR • The Bulletin

In his free time, Dick Tobiason cleans the Bend Heroes Memorial in Brooks Park. The 86-year-old retired Army lieutenant colonel and Vietnam War veteran wipes pollen and dirt from the granite plaque engraved with the names of Bend residents who died while serving their country.

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Dick Tobiason, of Bend, is pictured in 1967 while serving in the Army during the Vietnam War. He still has shrapnel stuck in his lungs and forehead from a hand grenade blast during that first tour in Vietnam. He earned a Purple Heart after surviving the attack. Submitted photo

OREGON

Legislature puts focus on doomed measures

State lawmakers have less than a month until they are required to adjourn

BY GARY A. WARNER

Oregon Capital Bureau The Oregon Legislature was hit with a double dip of stress Friday as it dealt with the official beginning of the end of the 2021 session. Lawmakers have 30 days as of Friday until they are required to adjourn.

The Oregon Constitution authorizes the Legislature to meet for 160 days in odd-numbered years. What began Jan. 19 must end by June 27.

The allotted days include weekends and holidays, making the actual amount of time left for action even shorter. The second big mark on the calendar on Friday was the fourth and final "witching hour" that acts as an automatic guillotine to lop-off legislation that has slowed or stalled in committees.

To keep on the 160-day pace, the Legislature sets four deadlines about a month apart when bills must show progress. At the stroke of midnight on the deadline, the stragglers are dead for the year.

The deadline Friday not only sends hundreds of dormant bills to oblivion, but also mandates the shutdown of most of the 34 House and Senate committees that act as factories for new bills.

As of Saturday, no more hearings. No more amendments. No more votes.

How severe the final culling of bills will be this time won't be known until early next week.

"I'm not sure what will get left behind," said House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland.

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How Tulsa massacre, others spent most of a century unremembered

Toll from the 1921 violence was horrific

BY DEEPTI HAJELA Associated Press

When the smoke cleared in June 1921, the toll from the massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma, was catastrophic — scores of lives lost, homes and businesses burned to the ground, a thriving Black community gutted by a white mob.

The nightmare cried out for attention, as something to be investigated and memorialized, with speeches and statues and anniversary commemorations.

But the horror and violence visited upon Tulsa's Black community didn't become part of the American story. Instead, it was pushed down, unremembered and untaught until efforts decades later started bringing it into the light. And

even this year, with the 100th anniversary of the massacre being recognized, it's still an unfamiliar history to many — something historians say has broader repercussions.

"The consequences of that is a sort of a lie that we tell ourselves collectively about who we are as a society, who we have been historically, that's set some of these things up as aberrations, as exceptions of what we un-

derstand society to be rather than endemic or intrinsic parts of American history," said Joshua Guild, an associate professor of history and African American studies at Princeton University.

Indeed, U.S. history is filled with dark events — often involving racism and racial violence — that haven't been made part of the national fabric.

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Darius Kirk looks at a mural depicting the Tulsa Race Massacre in the historic Greenwood neighborhood Thursday ahead of centennial commemorations of the massacre in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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