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Jefferson County offers own \$10,000 vaccine prizes

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

Jefferson County commissioners are hoping a \$10,000 incentive will prompt more residents to get a COVID-19 vaccination.

Commissioners approved \$10,000 vaccine lottery prizes to 11 residents, totaling \$110,000. The prizes are in addition to the

state's plan to award one resident in each county \$10,000 for receiving at least the first dose of the vaccine. Final approval of the Jefferson County plan, however, must come from the state.

"Our board looked at it as an opportunity to keep the money local," said Kelly Simmelink, Jefferson County commissioner.

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The funds come from a \$220,400 grant Jefferson County received from the state to provide vaccine incentives and planning. The remaining funds will go to the county health department.

The county is still determining

how to award the \$10,000 prizes to the 11 additional winners, Simmelink said. The county hopes the winners will be drawn at the same time as those in the state's Take Your Shot Oregon Campaign, which will award one Oregonian, 18 and older, \$1 million.

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CROOK COUNTY INMATE'S ATTEMPTED MURDER CASES

Man faces charges in separate stabbings

While in prison, Oregon man allegedly attacked a relative convicted of child molestation

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

Around 6:45 a.m. June 20, Daniel Christopher Bean was eating breakfast in a dining hall at Snake River Correctional Institution when his nephew approached him from behind and stabbed him more than 30 times with a 7-inch metal shank.

Bean, a child molester serving a 118-year sentence, would need staples, stitches and sutures to repair 11 separate injuries to his head, neck and hands.

The Malheur County District Attorney charged Nicholas William Myers with attempted murder for his alleged attack on Bean. But despite a record of violence as an inmate — he was convicted of shanking an inmate in 2018 and throwing hot water on a guard in 2016 — Myers was allowed to post bail after his prison sentence concluded six months later.



Myers

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BEND ELKS | VINCE GENNA STADIUM | THURSDAY NIGHT

THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • The Bulletin

Kelsie Hirko hurriedly sorted hot dog buns and packed bags of peanuts Tuesday at Bend's Vince Genna Stadium. The Bend Elks co-owner was helping the stadium get game-ready for the first time in nearly two years, as food and drinks arrived to fill the concession stands ahead of Thursday night's season opener.



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Bend Elks head coach Kyle Nobach, left, talks with third baseman Eunsang Yu, of Seattle, in the Bend Fieldhouse at Vince Genna Stadium on Tuesday in Bend.

Bend Elks player Jake Snyder, of Bellevue, Washington, practices pitching at Vince Genna.



"It is starting to feel real," Hirko said. "We are in a lot of last-minute crunch mode. But we are excited to play baseball again."

The Elks will take the field for the first time since August 2019, making their long-awaited return with their first of 31 regular season home games. They'll face NW Star Academy Thursday at 6:35 p.m.

The Elks, who play in the college wood-bat West Coast League against teams from throughout the Northwest, have a new coach this season. Kyle Nobach, a starting outfielder for the 2018 national championship Oregon State University team, was hired in late 2019 to lead the Elks, and is finally ready to make his head coaching debut in Bend.

"I'm very excited about it," Nobach said. "You get to connect with a bunch of kids. I wish I could put on the uni again. The com-

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— Kelsie Hirko, Elks co-owner

petition is what you miss, and that is why I am excited to compete again."

The Elks squad for Thursday's game will not be the same team that takes the field throughout the course of the 10-week season. A handful of prospective 2021 Elks are still playing in the postseason with their respective

college teams.

Jordan Donahue, Gavin Logan, Greg Fuchs as well as assistant coach Joey Wong are still with Oregon State, while RJ Gordon and Bryce Boettcher are still playing for the University of Oregon.

The Beavers play in the Fort Worth, Texas, Regional starting Friday, and the Ducks play in the Eugene Regional, also starting Friday. But Nobach said he would not mind if the players suiting up for his alma mater do not make it to Bend until July due to making a deep postseason run — a common occurrence while he was playing for the Beavers.

Because many of the players have yet to arrive in Bend after a short rest from the college season, the team is currently made up mostly of players who signed 10-day contracts.

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Legislature nears the exit with a flood of legislation

BY GARY A. WARNER
Oregon Capital Bureau

"Sine die is imminent," declared Senate President Peter Courtney on Tuesday, using one of the secret decoder ring-needed terms of the Oregon Legislature.

Translation: We're almost through for 2021.

But not so close you can't pop a last-minute bill into the hopper, which Courtney did Tuesday morning with a bill to ban horse racing in Oregon.

With just 25 days left before the Oregon Constitution requires the Legislature to shut down the 2021 session, Courtney's dual actions reflected the frenzy of sometimes contrary activity in the House and Senate.

A day after Salem hit a record 96 degrees, the House and Senate were back to turn up the heat on the pace of legal manufacturing.

Gov. Kate Brown was signing bills at a steady pace, including a new concealed weapons ban for the Capitol. The announcement came as the Secretary of State's Office issued a notification of a proposed referendum for the 2022 ballot that would undo the law.

The House had 78 bills and resolutions scheduled for a final vote on Wednesday. House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, called a double session, with House members called to the floor at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Committee meetings began at 8 a.m., with some scheduled to start as late as 5:30 p.m.

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