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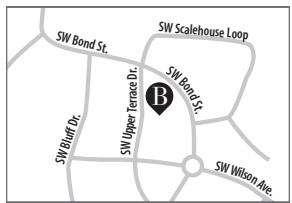
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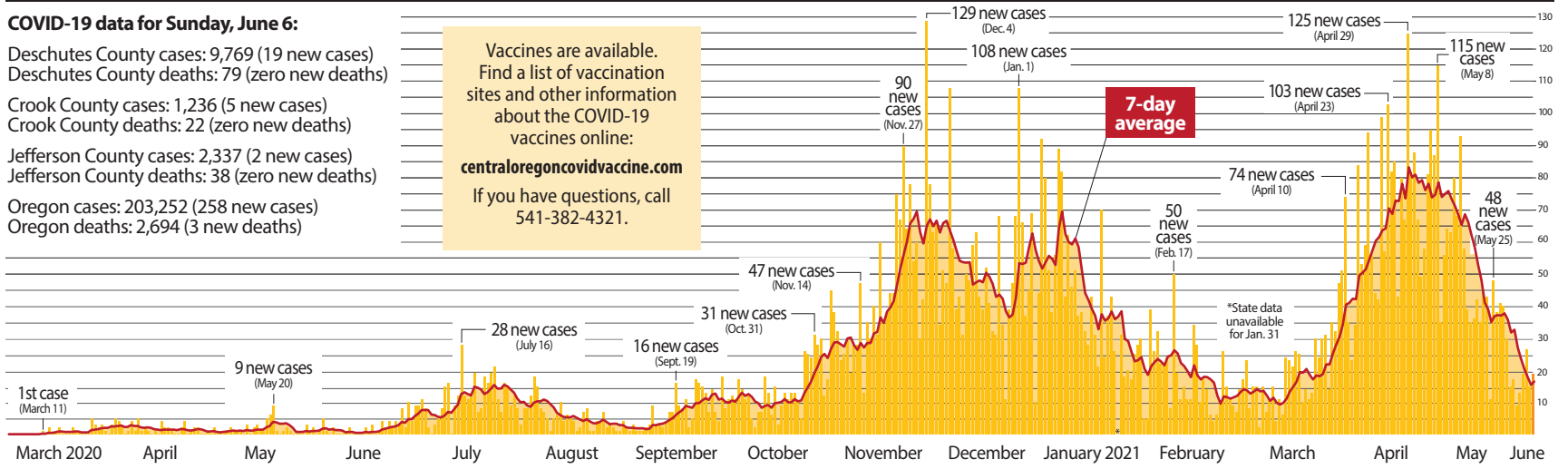
DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

COVID-19 data for Sunday, June 6:

Deschutes County cases: 9,769 (19 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 79 (zero new deaths)
Crook County cases: 1,236 (5 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 22 (zero new deaths)
Jefferson County cases: 2,337 (2 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 38 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 203,252 (258 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 2,694 (3 new deaths)

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.



STATE & REGION BRIEFING

Magnitude 3.9 earthquake hits near Mount Hood

A 3.9 magnitude earthquake struck near Government Camp on Saturday, powerful enough that servers at Charlie's Mountain View restaurant reported feeling the Earth tremble, if only just a little bit. The quake struck less than 4 miles to the northeast of Government Camp just after 8:50 p.m.

Andy Diaz said he was counting his till at Charlie's when he felt something shake. He looked up from the cash in his hands and saw a colleague firing up the restaurant's milkshake machine. Diaz, 23, figured the matter was settled — the machine must have misfired. Another co-worker, Valerie Tergerson, was taking beer orders for a table of six when she heard the wood in the building creak like it does during a major wind gust. But there was no wind. Nobody had seemed to notice anything strange, and the customers were still giving her their orders.

"Then I kind of thought, maybe this was all in my head?" Tergerson said about half an hour after the quake. Within minutes, though, word got around. A table with some regular customers told Tergerson they also felt a shake, and another co-worker called Diaz on the phone to say the same. "He confirmed that I'm not crazy," Diaz said of his friend.

Only five quakes over magnitude 2.5 have hit Oregon land so far this year. The 3.9 quake has been the strongest of the lot. The Saturday quake was not the only one in the neighborhood that night, with 2.3 and 2.1 magnitude quakes striking near Government Camp at 8:55 p.m. and 9:14 p.m., respectively.

Rafting accident kills deputy in Northeast Oregon

An Eastern Oregon sheriff's deputy was killed while off-duty in a rafting accident near Minam State Park in Wallowa County, authorities said Sunday. Senior Deputy Jason Post, 34, died Saturday after he and three other adults were thrown from their raft, Lt. Sterrin Ward said. Post was unable to reach the shore and his body was found shortly afterward. The three others survived.

Post had served as a deputy at the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office for the past decade. He left in April to join Umatilla County Parole and Probation in order to be spend more time with his wife and their baby girl, Sterrin said.

A procession of deputies joined by officers from other agencies escorted Post's body from a funeral home in La Grande to his home in Pendleton, where he was honored by law enforcement and first responders. He leaves behind a wife and baby girl.

Oregon Youth Authority reopens MacLaren facility

The Oregon Youth Authority said it is opening MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility to visitors. The locked 271-bed facility in Woodburn houses male juvenile offenders. It is the state's largest youth correctional facility.

Visitation at the facility and others in the youth authority was halted last year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Oregon Department of Corrections also suspended visitation at the state's prisons. COVID-19 swept through the prison system, infecting 3,614 prisoners, according to the agency. There is no word on when visitation will be allowed at state prisons. The youth authority advised families to contact a youth's case coordinator or living unit manager to schedule a visit.

Man hit by MAX train in Portland dies

A man who was hit by a MAX train near Interstate 84 has died, Portland Police said Saturday. The police bureau, which did not identify the man, said he was in their custody earlier that day before being released because of COVID-19 restrictions on which charges warrant booking a person in jail.

The day's events began around noon, when the man went up the stairs of a residential property and "stood over" a woman, per the account she gave police. The woman told the intruder to leave, which he did, but only after her husband and son came to help.

A responding officer found the man and asked him to stop. The man kept walking but was arrested later when more police came to the scene, the police bureau said. Police let him go with a citation for first-degree criminal trespass.

Then, around 2:30 p.m., police learned a man was walking in traffic on both sides of I-84 and swinging a large rock and a pipe at passing cars.

Police tried to stop traffic so they could get to the scene, but it was too late: The man had run in front of a MAX train. By the time police arrived, he was dead. Officers confirmed it was the same person from the trespassing incident earlier that afternoon. Police with release his name once they contact next of kin.

Washington couple arrested in starvation death of child

The adoptive parents of a 15-year-old Vancouver, Washington, boy who died from starvation in November were arrested Friday in Stockton, California.

Felicia Adams-Franks, 52, and Jesse Costillo Franks, 56, will appear in a Washington courtroom on second-degree murder and homicide by abuse charges. Adams-Franks legally adopted Karreon Franks and his two brothers in 2012 in California. She is their aunt, court records show. Karreon reportedly had a rare genetic disorder that affected his development, had severe autism and was legally blind, according to court records.

On Nov. 27, Adams and Franks took Karreon Franks to Peace-Health Southwest Medical Center in Vancouver, where he was pronounced dead 14 minutes later.

Funeral home staff reported "concerns with Karreon's appearance," and the Clark County Medical Examiner's Office responded and conducted an autopsy, a search warrant affidavit said. The autopsy report, which authorities received in May, found Karreon weighed 61 pounds and showed abnormal bone and hair growth, as well as lesions, likely caused by starvation, court records state.

TOURISM

McKenzie River still open after wildfire, but expect to see scars

BY ADAM DUVERNAY

The Register-Guard (Eugene)

A wildfire that last year burned through the McKenzie River Valley may have, for the time, altered the area's lush character, but its residents are still relying on people visiting.

The Holiday Farm Fire, one of several large blazes in Oregon that started around Labor Day, scorched about 173,000 acres in the valley, destroying many residents' homes and livelihoods. The area, like many places in the state, has come to rely on its natural beauty to attract visitors for fishing, hunting, biking, hiking and other outdoor activities.

In 2019, more than 12,700 people worked in the outdoor recreation tourism industry in Lane County, jobs responsible for \$492 million in compensations, according to a recent report from Travel Oregon. Thousands of those outdoor recreation workers are in the McKenzie River Valley and large parts of Lane and Douglas counties, where 2019 trip-related spending was about \$407 million.

The towns and areas along Highway 126 are undergoing massive cleanup efforts, and rebuilding is just getting underway. For those there who rely on visitors' dollars, the summer season is an important time, but they're warning things aren't quite the same.

"We need people to come up and visit and play and eat and stay, if they can find a place," said Jonnie Helfrich, co-owner of A. Helfrich Outfitter, which offers guided fishing and rafting trips on the McKenzie River. "And just know it'll take a while before it ever looks, at least portions of it, like it did before again. But Mother Nature will recover."

A. Helfrich Outfitter isn't suffering from fewer visitors because of the fire, she said, and the pandemic was far worse for business. But while she's put information about the fire damage on their website, she's also been telling cli-



Gillian Flaccus/AP file

The McKenzie River flows through an area of forestland burned by a 2020 wildfire near Blue River on May 17. The area east of Eugene was one of many places in Western Oregon devastated in the fall.

ents directly what they should expect.

Her rafting trips on the McKenzie River always have varied in length and location, but now most trips include at least a partial cruise through the burn zone, where riverbanks are still burnt and largely bare. In the case of their most popular rafting trip, the 16-mile Hamlin-to-Helfrich float, "you're going to see evidence of the fire from start to finish."

Hosting visitors has become a major part of the McKenzie River Valley's way of life, according to Andy Vobora, Travel Lane County's vice president of stakeholder relations.

"Tourism is significant upriver. The community has really rallied around that," he said. "They still want people to come up and experience the area."

Many recreation businesses in the valley already have strong bookings for the summer, Vobora said, and annual events and festivals aim to draw as many guests as possible.

But visitor might struggle to find places to stay.

"We are stunningly full. We've never been busier," said Kent Roberts, a manager at Harbick's County Inn on McKenzie Highway near Rainbow. "It's been absolutely crazy."

Right now, Harbick's County Inn is full up on weekdays largely with guests who are in the valley as part of the cleanup effort and with recreational travelers on weekends.

Some of the other lodgings in the area burned in the wildfire, but Harbick's County Inn is just upriver of where the fire began before the wind drove flames downriver toward Blue River. Roberts said some of his guests had trouble finding a place to spend the night.

"I don't care if it's three weeks from now, you'd better get a reservation because we are that busy," Roberts said. "We're just barely edging into the season where I'm going to have to tell a bunch of these workers that I don't have a place for them anymore because I have all these golf groups, hikers, bikers, etc. that are my summer clientele."

Also spared from the flames was Tokatee Golf Club, where business has been good.

"We'd be even busier if we weren't so far from town, and without the delays on the roads caused by cleanup," said Dan King, the club's head golf professional.

But King and Roberts said both are having trouble finding staff because there are limited housing options in the area. The Holiday Farm Fire destroyed more than 400 homes.



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