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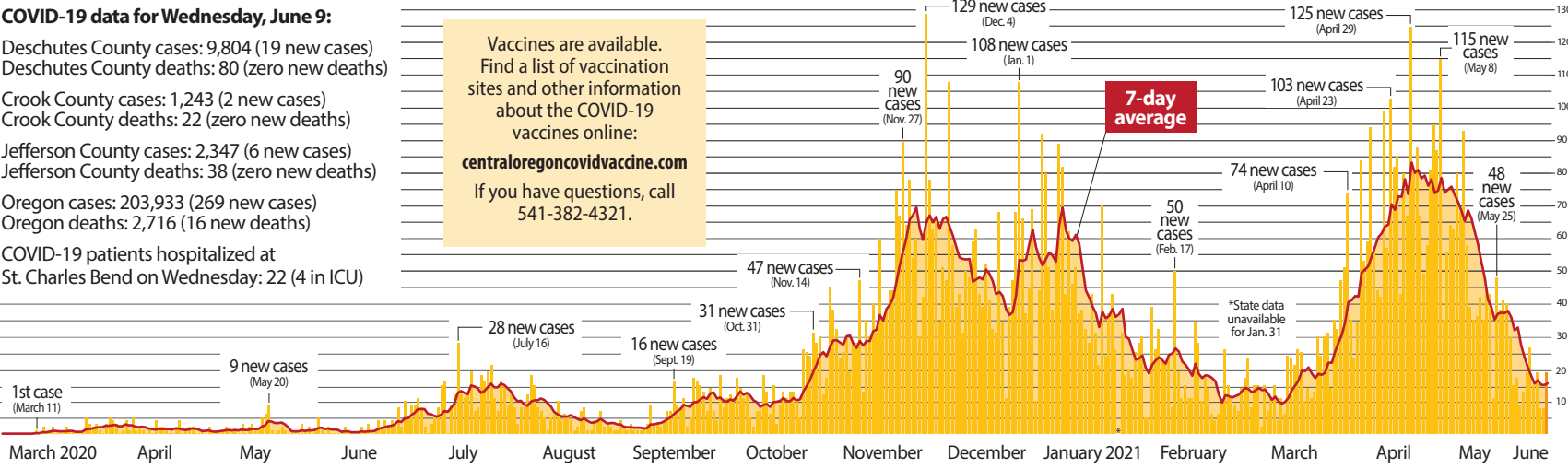
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

## DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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

### LOCAL BRIEFING

#### COCC campuses to fully reopen in August

Central Oregon Community College plans to fully reopen all of its campuses to students and the public Aug. 23.

COCC's Bend campus will also reopen its track, field and trails to the public, according to a statement released Wednesday by Jennifer Kovitz, a campus spokesperson.

The college closed its campuses to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic March 23, 2020. Classes and services were offered remotely.

COCC's summer term begins June 21 and the term will still offer about 20% of courses in-person.

In the fall term, which begins Sept. 20, about half of the classes will be in person, Kovitz said. The remaining half will be offered virtually.

COCC will closely follow the latest state and federal guidance to adapt reopening plans as necessary. The college's current face-mask policy also remains in place and requires face masks in all indoor spaces, as well as outdoors where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained.

#### Guide now online for first Deschutes fair since 2019

After a year away, the Deschutes County Fair will again be held this summer, and the 2021 Fair Contest Guidebook that goes with it is now available online at [www.deschutesfair.com](http://www.deschutesfair.com).

The guidebook outlines hundreds of different contest categories, including quilts, photography, baked goods and others in which residents can compete.

A new application is available for those competing in 4-H and the Future Farmers of America livestock competitions this year, according to a statement from the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center. Due to COVID-19, there are significant changes to camping to allow for more space between campers. Campers are also able to pre-register for space online.

Tickets for the fair, which will be held July 28 to Aug. 1, will go on sale July 5 and will be sold only online at [www.deschutesfair.com](http://www.deschutesfair.com). There will be limited availability of tickets at the box office during the event.

#### New app explores Central Oregon history

The Deschutes Historical Museum in Bend released a free app for smartphones and tablets that allows people to explore the history of the region.

The "Historic Deschutes" app can be downloaded through the Apple or Google stores on Apple or Android phones or tablets. Links to download the app can be found at the museum's website, [www.deschuteshistory.org](http://www.deschuteshistory.org).

Once downloaded, the app connects people with the history behind Central Oregon's most recognizable landmarks and the hidden history of the area.

People can explore sites on their own or through themed tours on the app, including the origins of Bend's Drake Park and several sites along U.S. Highway 97 from Terrebonne to La Pine.

For more information, call the museum at 541-389-1813 or email [info@deschuteshistory.org](mailto:info@deschuteshistory.org).

—Bulletin staff reports

## General punished over sinking of Marine vehicle that killed 1 from Bend

BY ANDREW DYER

The San Diego Union-Tribune  
SAN DIEGO — The highest-ranking Marine officer bearing some responsibility for the fatal 2020 sinking of an amphibious vehicle off the coast of San Diego is being formally disciplined by the Marine Corps, the service said Wednesday.

Maj. Gen. Robert Castellvi, who was the commanding general of the Camp Pendleton-based 1st Marine Division at the time of the accident, will not return to his current job as the Marine Corps inspector general. He also received what the Marines described as "adverse administrative action" — that is, he was "personally and formally" counseled by the commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. David Berger.

Castellvi failed to "properly train the Marines and sailors for whom he was entrusted" and inadequately evaluated the amphibious platoon before it was attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, the Marines said.

That platoon — Battalion Landing Team 1/4 — was training for a deployment with

the 15th MEU near San Clemente Island off the San Diego coast last summer when an assault amphibious vehicle with 16 troops inside began taking on water.

According to a Marine Corps investigation, the troops on board had not been properly trained to escape the vehicle

while in the water and the vehicle commander waited too long — 45 minutes — to order an evacuation. When another AAV made its way to the floundering vehicle, it struck it on the side, tilting the first AAV into an oncoming wave, which poured in through an open escape hatch.

The vehicle quickly sank, killing eight Marines and one sailor. They ranged in age from 18 to 23. Those killed included two Marines from Oregon: Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, of Bend, and Chase D. Sweetwood, of Portland.

The Marine Corps suspended waterborne operations of AAVs after the accident pending inspections of the Corps' vehicles. In April, it resumed limited waterborne operations, but ship-to-shore operations remain on hold, the Marines said Wednesday.



Ostrovsky

### OREGON LEGISLATURE

## Bill letting DAs, prisoners ask for conviction reviews passes

BY NOELLE CROMBIE

The Oregonian  
A bill that would allow a district attorney and a person convicted of a crime to ask a judge to revisit a conviction or reduce a prison sentence has passed both chambers of the Legislature and now heads to the governor's desk.

Senate Bill 819 was hailed Tuesday by advocates and supporters as among the most significant changes to the criminal justice system to emerge from the legislative session.

The bill gives prosecutors and a person with a conviction the chance to jointly ask a judge to make a change that could include dropping a felony to a misdemeanor, erasing a conviction altogether or reducing the length of a person's sentence.

The district attorney would have to agree to the petition before it could be heard by the court.

The bill was requested by the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School. Aliza Kaplan, a law school professor who runs the clinic, said the bill would be most useful in cases where someone was

convicted of a crime based on outdated forensic science.

Kaplan said California and Washington have similar policies that are used sparingly.

She called it "one of the most important pieces of criminal justice reform legislation that Oregon" has undertaken in a long time.

Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel, a supporter of the bill, said prosecutors should always seek justice even if it's long after a sentence has been handed down.

He said every prosecutor will review these cases differently. He said his office would likely use the bill in cases when people have done their time and are "doing great in life" but cannot reach certain goals due to their felony past.

He offered an example of a person whose crimes were the result of addiction. Say the person served time, got out, entered drug treatment, lived crime-free for a decade but still couldn't apply for a social worker license because of the criminal history.

"I cannot fathom why I need to keep that person saddled with a conviction," he said.



Hummel

#### House votes to delay paid family leave

Oregon's new program of paid family leave would be delayed under a bill that has cleared the House. A vote of 33-19 on Tuesday moved House Bill 3398 to the Senate.

The starting date for contributions by employers and employees would be put off by one year, from Jan. 1, 2022, to Jan. 1, 2023. The starting date for benefit payments would be Sept. 3, 2023, instead of Jan. 1.

The 2019 Legislature approved the program. Eight other states and Washington, D.C., have started or are preparing similar programs.

"This is an important program that had some pretty aggressive timelines to begin with," Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner, D-Portland, said in presenting the bill.

Employers would contribute 40% and employees 60% of a new fund based on payroll deductions. Workers who earn at least \$1,000 during the previous year would qualify for up to 12 weeks of paid family leave, the maximum benefit set at \$1,215 per week.

#### Affordable housing bill goes to Brown

The Legislature has approved a measure expanding options for the development of affordable housing. The final version of Senate Bill 8 was passed by the Senate 25-5 on Tuesday. It previously passed the House and now heads to Gov. Kate Brown.

The bill restricts local jurisdictions' ability to

deny affordable housing developments on land not zoned for residential use within urban growth boundaries and allow for increased density in certain situations.

The bill makes it easier for public housing authorities, nonprofits and religious institutions to push affordable housing projects through local zoning and conditional use development processes. Senate President Peter Courtney, the measure's chief sponsor, said the effort is about more than creating new opportunities for affordable housing; it's about creating them specifically where they're needed.

#### Racist lyrics dropped from state song

The Legislature has approved changes to the lyrics of Oregon's state song to remove racist language and make the lyrics more inclusive.

House Concurrent Resolution 11, approved Monday by a vote of 47-6, modifies the lyrics, while keeping the same music of "Oregon, My Oregon." It reflects the "significant cultural, historical, economic and societal evolution in Oregon" since the state song was adopted in 1927, The Oregonian reported.

The first verse, which referred to Oregon as "conquered and held by free men; fairest and the best," was replaced with new lyrics emphasizing Oregon's natural beauty and "rolling rivers." There are other small changes throughout.

The resolution now heads to Gov. Kate Brown's desk for her signature.

—Bulletin staff and wire reports

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