



LEFT: D'Auntie Carol collects a dollar bill from a guest while performing during Drag Brunch at 10 Barrel Brewing's east-side location in Bend on Sunday. RIGHT: The crowd cheers as a performer dances and lip-syncs to a song during Drag Brunch. Ryan Brennecke/Bulletin photos

Pride

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Virtual meetings were not an option because meeting remotely does not have the same effect, Boyce said. Without the in-person meetings, many participants lost the sense of camaraderie and support, she said.

"I think that the lack of support services in the community for now a year and a half has been devastating to our community," Boyce said.

Boyce, 67, a Bend resident since 2004, said the lack of connection has been especially hard on younger LGBTQ people and older seniors. The younger people need the sense of community to embrace their new identities, while the older people were already struggling with isolation the pandemic brought, Boyce said.

"The impact on the community as a

whole is the same impact that was on the non-LGBTQ community, which is a sense of isolation," Boyce said. "At the same time, couple that with already feeling somewhat isolated. Then it becomes compounded and it's particularly bad for people who are young or old."

In the height of the pandemic lockdown, Boyce also worried about the transgender community. Transgender rights were being challenged by the Trump administration, from access to bathrooms to medical care. Many in the community felt helpless, Boyce said. "So then the trans community here, they had no one to talk to about this," Boyce said.

Seeing the pain from the past year and a half makes the upcoming PFLAG meetings and Pride events that much more special, Boyce said.

"I'm happy for what looks to be a promising future for this community,"

she said, "because it's a very strong community, and we need each other."

Jamie Nesbitt, president of OUT Central Oregon, which formed as a nonprofit organization three years ago, said it was important for the organization to stay visible through the pandemic. The organization launched a campaign, where it handed out "You Are Welcome Here," stickers to businesses in Bend and across the globe.

"We felt over the last year that we need to make sure the community recognizes that we as an organization are still thinking about them," Nesbitt said.

Nesbitt, 58, who moved to Bend with his partner five years ago, said the sticker campaign was a success, but it is just as rewarding to see the calendar fill up with in-person events throughout the year.

"It's important for community members to know that there's a consistent

meeting up that they can rely on and look forward to," Nesbitt said.

One of those events was Drag Brunch at 10 Barrel Brewing's east-side location in Bend. Quiris was one of the participants in the Sunday drag performance in the brewery. Quiris performs under the stage name Caressa Banana.

The performance was as much a celebration of Pride month as it was a celebration that events had returned. Quiris thought about friends in the LGBTQ community who struggled with their mental health over the past year and didn't have places like drag shows to connect.

Sometimes Quiris doesn't know how he made it through.

"If I had to go through another year of literally just being at my house and only talking to other people through a mask," he said, "I wouldn't survive."

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Pools

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Outdoor swim lessons, recreation sessions and family swim times are offered in the outdoor pools. Lap swim will return to increased capacity and more than two swimmers to a lane for circle swimming.

Also starting next week, the outdoor splash pool will be open seven days a week.

Oregon Health Authority guidance allows for social activities to return to the Bend Senior Center at the Larkspur Community Center. Starting Monday, social activities include billiards and drop-in game times.

Summer also brings expanded hours at park district facilities starting Monday. Hours are as follows:

Juniper Swim & Fitness Center

- Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
- Friday: 5:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Larkspur Community Center

- Monday-Friday: 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sunday: Closed

Schedules and programs are available on the Bend Park & Recreation District website. A face covering or vaccination verification is required for facility users.

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Legislature

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• Labor unions want bonuses for front-line workers who stayed on the job during the pandemic.

• Recovery from disasters in 2020 are still going on — wild-fire-recovery relief for those stuck in the wake of the Labor Day blazes that swept 1 million acres.

• Financial help for businesses that held on during the COVID-19 crisis but are running out of money and time to rebound during the busy summer season.

Neither COVID-19 or the fire crisis is over. Fire officials have predicted the 2021 fire season could cause major damage across the state because of drought conditions. And COVID-19 continues to "rage" through unvaccinated groups, according to the Oregon Health Authority. There were just 127 new cases and no new deaths reported in Oregon on Monday. But demand for vaccination has dropped off significantly. Less than half of all Oregon residents

have been fully vaccinated, and there remains no federally-approved vaccine for those younger than 12.

So many unvaccinated people aid the incubation of new, more virulent variants. The United Kingdom canceled a major reopening of businesses because of a sharp surge in cases linked to the new Delta variant first found in India.

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Any hiccup could end up with Democrats playing a game of chicken with the Oregon Constitution, which says lawmakers get 160-days to write, propose, vote, amend, and get a bill to Gov. Kate Brown. On Jan. 19, the clock starts ticking down 24 hours a day, seven-days a week, through weekends and holidays, fires, floods, ice storms and lightning strikes, pandemics and political pauses.

What started Tuesday, Jan. 19, must end by Sunday, June 27.

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Yes, Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, on Monday introduced Senate Joint Resolution 24 on directing the Legislature to adjourn. One thing missing: a date. The actual date and time is a fill-in-the-blanks amendment yet to come.

While not eager to say where the agenda might fall short, Democratic lawmakers in recent days have said it is unlikely that major campaign finance reform will be able to elbow its way into the final agenda.

Attempts by some Democrats to revise criminal sentencing laws to allow for more discretion on the part of judges has slowed to a stop, facing opposition from Republicans and

some Democrats who support minimum sentences for major crimes.

One development that is welcome in Salem is the apparent end of walkouts and slowdowns by the Republican minorities in the House and Senate.

Kotek and House Minority Leader Christine Drazen, R-Canby, struck a deal.

Drazen promised Republicans would stop slowing bills and wouldn't walk out. Kotek, in exchange, gave Republicans an equal number of seats as Democrats on the House Redistricting Committee. The Senate did not make the same switch, and Democrats hold the chairmanship and a 3-2 majority.

Kotek and Courtney also agreed that all lawmakers — Democrats and Republicans — could submit projects and programs financed with a \$240 million slice of Oregon's share of the \$1.9 trillion nationwide recovery investment under the American Rescue Plan Act backed by President Joe Biden and approved by Congress.

Each senator could pick \$4 million in one-time projects. House members could designate \$2 million.

The catch: The money will be included in the second to last bill to come up for a vote before adjournment.

But lawmakers who change their mind and block or slow legislation will find blue pencil slashes through their projects.

If they are going to have to stay in the building, Republicans will make as much noise as they can.

A Democrat-backed bill to suspend testing for high school subject competency tests for three years due to the struggles of learning at home during the pandemic won approval in the House, but re-

proach from Drazen.

"I worry that by adopting this bill we're giving up on our kids," Drazen said.

Republicans also continued to attack the governor's policies requiring people claiming to be vaccinated in order to gain entry to some venues to show their certification of inoculations.

More than 20 GOP lawmakers, using the popular conservative term "vaccination passports" for the certificates, tried to force a vote on a bill to bar requiring Oregonians to produce proof of inoculation.

"It's a violation of our privacy and our freedoms. It's discriminatory, and it shows the governor doesn't believe Oregonians can be trusted," said Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane, one of the key sponsors.

Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, was a lead sponsor in the Senate. The bill said it was "at the request of the Eastern Oregon Counties Association"

The effort was defeated 35-20, leaving the bill on Kotek's desk, where it unlikely to move prior to adjournment.

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NED BEATTY • 1937-2021

Character actor left huge impression

BY JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Ned Beatty, the Oscar-nominated character actor who in half a century of American movies, including "Deliverance," "Network" and "Superman," was a booming, indelible presence in even the smallest parts, has died. He was 83.

Beatty's manager, Deborah Miller, said Beatty died Sunday of natural causes at his home in Los Angeles surrounded by friends and loved ones.

After years in regional theater, Beatty was cast in 1972's "Deliverance" as Bobby Trippe, the happy-go-lucky member of a male river-boating party terrorized by backwoods thugs. The scene in which Trippe is brutalized and forced to "squeal like a pig" became the most memorable in the movie.

"For people like me, there's a lot of 'I know you! I know you! What have I seen you in?'" Beatty remarked without rancor in 1992.

Beatty received only one Oscar nomination, as supporting actor for his role as corporate executive Arthur Jensen in 1976's "Network," but he contributed to some of the most popular movies of his time and worked constantly, his credits including more

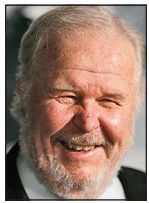
than 150 movies and shows.

Beatty's appearance in "Network," scripted by Paddy Chayefsky and directed by Sidney Lumet, was brief but titanic. His three-minute monologue ranks among the greatest in movies. Jensen summons anchorman Howard Beale (Peter Finch) to a long, dimly lit boardroom. "You have messed with the primal forces of nature, Mr. Beale, and I won't have it!" Beatty shouts from across the boardroom before explaining that there is no America, no democracy. "There is only IBM and ITT and AT&T and DuPont, Dow, Union Carbide, and Exxon. Those are the nations of

the world today." He was equally memorable as Otis, the idiot henchman of villainous Lex Luthor in the first two Christopher Reeve "Superman" movies and as the racist sheriff in "White Lightning."

In a 1977 interview, he had explained why he preferred being a supporting actor.

"Stars never want to throw the audience a curveball, but my great joy is throwing curveballs," he told The New York Times. "Being a star cuts down on your effectiveness as an actor because you become an identifiable part of a product and somewhat predictable. You have to mind your P's and Q's and nurture your fans. But I like to surprise the audience, to do the unexpected."



Beatty

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OBITUARY

William Crowe

October 12, 1982 - May 29, 2021

William Crowe passed away unexpectedly at his home on a ranch in Bainville, Montana on May 29, 2021 at the age of 38. Will was born October 12, 1982 in Santa Cruz, California. He spent his childhood in Bend, OR where he played soccer, swam on the local swim team and was active in 4H. His first loves in early childhood were his stuffed bear, his cowboy boots and cowboy hat. After graduating high school, William spent time in the Navy as a Fire Control Technician on the USS Lincoln aircraft carrier, followed by a tour of duty in Iraq. After the Navy, William worked in Idaho as a building contractor, in Washington state as a windmill welder and in the oil industry in N. Dakota. Finally, William seemed to have found his true calling as a "Northern Montana Cowboy" on a cattle and grain ranch where he lived and worked until the end of his life. William enjoyed his life in Montana. His needs were simple. He loved his friends, his dog Heidi, his truck and helping others. He was a brilliant thinker with a love of reading and a personality that was HUGE. Wherever he went on his journey through adulthood, William developed close and lasting friendships.

William is survived by his parents Sally Crowe of Bend, OR, Fred and Genie Crowe of Dayton, WA and his sister Cameron Crowe in New York City. He was preceded in death in 1999 by his sister and best friend, Katherine Crowe. Additionally, his grandparents preceded him in death - Madalyn Duke who was from Santa Cruz, CA and Bend, OR, and Dick and Saralee Crowe who were from Dos Palos, CA.

