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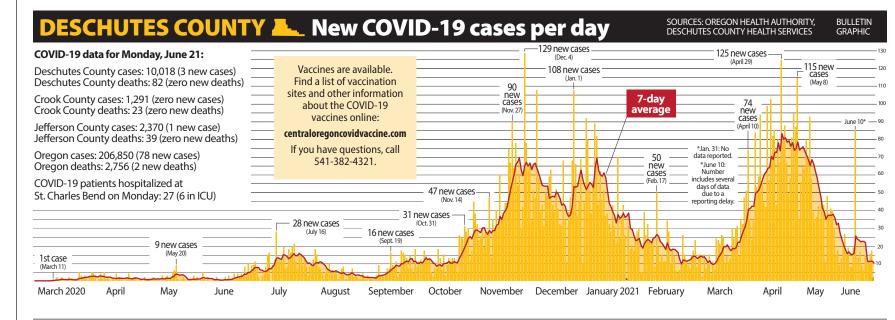
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IDAHO

Ammon Bundy revs up bid for governor

BY IAN MAX STEVENSON Idaho Statesman

BOISE, Idaho — At a rally on Saturday evening, Ammon Bundy formally announced his run for governor with a platform centered on abolishing most state taxes and claiming federal public land for the state.

After an afternoon picnic with "Bundy burgers" in Meridian, just west of Boise, the man from Emmett who is banned from the Idaho Statehouse grounds announced he is running for governor to a crowd of a few hundred people on a platform to "Keep Idaho Idaho." News of his bid first broke in May, when he filed paperwork with the Secretary of State's Office.

Bundy, a far-right, militant activist who led the 2016 armed takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns, has been arrested at least five times since August for protests at the Idaho Capitol and for refusing to wear a mask in the Ada County Courthouse. He joins a crowd of Republican candidates nearly a vear away from the 2022 primary election that includes Janice McGeachin, Idaho's



Sarah A. Miller/Idaho Statesman

A supporter of Ammon Bundy takes free campaign signs during a rally where he announced his run for Idaho governor Saturday in Meridian.

lieutenant governor. Gov. Brad Little has not officially declared he will seek reelection.

On Saturday, Bundy laid out a wide-ranging plan to overhaul Idaho's government. He told supporters he wants to end "immoral" taxation, including "all property tax in our state" as well as personal income tax. In their place, he said the state will meet its budgetary needs by levying only sales tax, which he said he believes is acceptable because people can "voluntarily" choose

what they purchase.

Bundy also proposes bringing federal lands under state control, which he says will allow Idahoans to "spread out" across the state.

"I am willing to fight to the very end to ensure that land rights stay with those to whom they properly belong," he said.

To accomplish this, Bundy told the Idaho Statesman he would go through an "incremental process" that would involve requesting the lands

from the federal agencies that manage them.

In his speech, Bundy said that the affordable housing issues in Idaho are "simply a supply and demand issue," which he said would be solved by opening up federally protected lands to agriculture and development. He said he opposes dense growth.

"If we build up and create dense and congested cities with large populations, traffic and pollution, we will lose our conservative, traditional values," he said.

The 45-year-old's father, Cliven Bundy, who is known for a decadeslong refusal to pay grazing fees on federal land his cattle graze on in Nevada, also spoke at the Saturday event in support of his son's candidacy.

In an interview, he told the Statesman his son wants people to understand "the difference between freedom and communism" and that his son stands for "the Ten Commandments and the Constitution of the United States."

During his speech, Ammon Bundy mocked the practice of stating one's gender pronouns, saying, "From here on out, I'm

going to identify as a man, an American man, using he, him and his pronouns."

He added: "Oh, the outrage, right? How dare I declare my gender? ... Who would have ever thought America would become something so ridiculous?'

Bundy's pitch for governor also includes plans to ban abortion, repeal the state's health care exchange, open up nonapproved U.S. Food and Drug Âdministration drugs for consumer use and end financial assistance programs for poor Idahoans, according to his campaign website.

Much of the Western United States is currently facing extreme or exceptional drought, which scientists have linked to a warming climate.

But Bundy told the Statesman on Saturday that he isn't concerned about climate change, despite overwhelming evidence that average temperatures are rising primarily due to human activity.

"I'm not concerned about climate change," he said. "I mean, there's been droughts; they come and go; you just got to do your history."

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found at Corvallis construction site

BY JIM DAY

Albany Democrat-Herald For the second time in five years a visitor from 10,000 years ago has popped up when folks in Corvallis were digging in the dirt.

In January 2016, remains including an intact femur of a woolly mammoth were uncovered during Reser Stadium expansion work.

On June 15, NW Natural crews found the tusk of a woolly mammoth at a construction site on NW Ninth Street.

NW Natural was rerouting a gas pipeline at the request of the city of Corvallis, which will be doing water line and storm drain work in the area next spring and summer.

"While performing excavation work Tuesday, our crews found something that may be animal remnants," said NW Natural spokesperson Elaina Medina. "Whenever doing this type of work, our crews are very careful to keep any eye out for any type of materials they may find while working that could be fragile or historic.

"As is our protocol, we stopped work immediately and contacted the property owner, as well as state agencies, to report the discovery and to begin an investigation to identify what was found."

The property owner, because the work is being done in the right of way, was the city of Corvallis. Public Works project manager Jeff McConnell immediately reached out to Oregon State University's Loren Davis, an anthropology professor in the College of Liberal Arts who directs a research group that focuses on archaeological sites from western North America that date from the Pleistocene era, more than 12,000 years ago.

Davis, with help from other OSU researchers, played the lead role in identifying the Reser remains. Davis came out to Ninth Street and confirmed that what was in the trench was the tusk of another woolly mammoth.

"It is very similar to the Reser find," Davis said. "The area has the same type of clay deposits as at Reser.'

Davis also noted that the mammoth probably was buried in the great Missoula floods of the Pleistocene era.

"It's a bit of a mystery," said Davis about the disappearance of the mammoth, which coexisted with early humans. "The world was changing structure to a post-glacial one. People also were present. There might have been environmental factors as well as hunting pressure. It could be lots of things."

Davis said that such mammoth finds are not that uncommon, noting in the past 20 years or so there have been discoveries in the Kings Valley area of Benton County, two in Woodburn, one in Hillsboro and also a mastodon, a somewhat close relative to the mammoth, in Tualatin.

No decision has been made regarding the ultimate status of the tusk. NW Natural has completed its work, and the trench has been sealed.

BY PHIL WRIGHT East Oregonian

PENDLETON - A Umatilla County sheriff's deputy on Sunday killed an adult male chimpanzee at the site of the former nonprofit named after the primate.

Sheriff's deputies, along with Pendleton police and fire, responded at about 8 a.m. to the home of Tamara Brogoitti and her chimpanzee, Buck, which has lived there for around 17 years, according to a news release from the sheriff's office. Brogoitti called for help because Buck was out of his cage and had bit her adult daughter, who is 50, multiple times.

Brogoitti reported her

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Buck Brogoitti Animal Rescue Buck, pictured in 2015, was killed Sunday at the rescue that was his home for about 17 years.

daughter was trapped in the basement bedroom and needed immediate medical assistance, according to the sheriff's office.

But to render aid to her, a sheriff's deputy put down the chimp at Brogoitti's request.

"The chimp was dispatched by one shot to the head," the sheriff's office reported.

The daughter suffered several bites to her torso, arms and legs, the sheriff's office reported, and medics rendered aid and rushed her and her mother to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

Brogoitti, from 2010 to early 2019, operated the Buck Brogoitti Animal Rescue at her ranch. The nonprofit primarily housed and cared for horses the sheriff's office seized in abuse and neglect cases.