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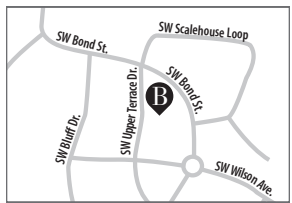
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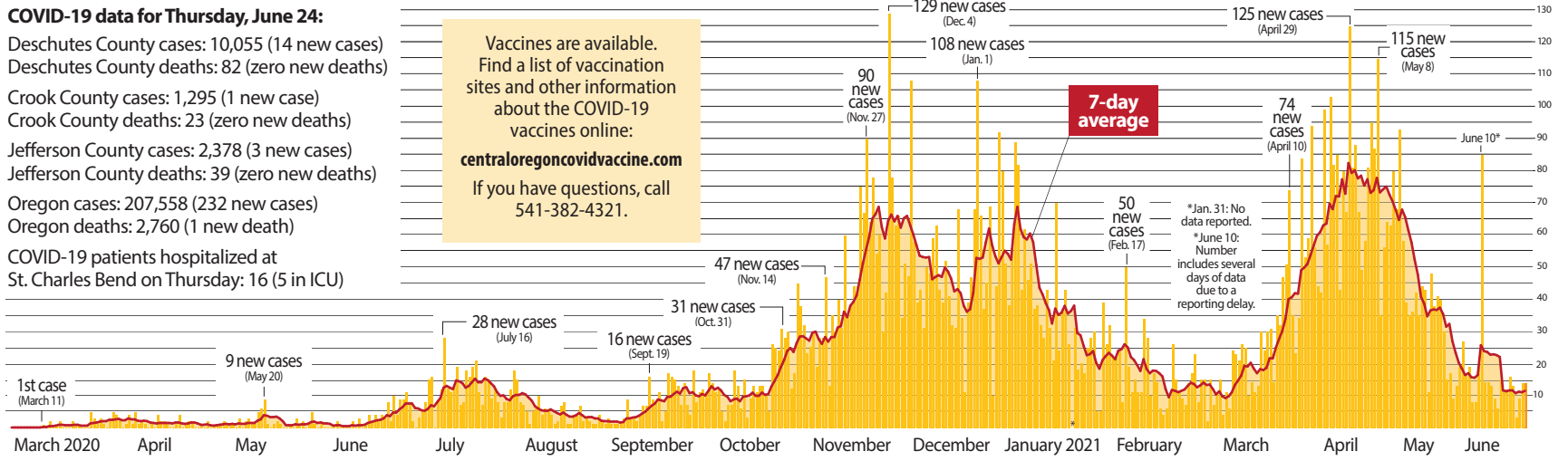
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DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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Redmond developer gets probation after charges for child sex abuse are dropped

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

A Redmond businessman was sentenced Thursday to six months of probation after charges in a 2019 child sex-abuse case were dropped.

If Miguel Segoviano violates his probation, he could have to serve up to 10 years in prison and register for life as sex offender.

Segoviano, 51, appeared by video for his sentencing in Deschutes County Circuit Court. Plea negotiations in the case stretched over two years and yielded accusations of witness tampering on both sides.

Ultimately, on Thursday, Segoviano's original case alleging 19 felony sex crimes was dismissed as a formality and a new indictment alleging four counts of coercion was entered into the record. The coercion charges assert Segoviano threatened the victim with criminal conduct if she did not engage in sexual contact with him between 2010 and 2013, when she was 14 to 17 years old.

In addition to serving six months probation, Segoviano was ordered to have no contact with his victim and pay her a fine of \$100,000.

The victim was represented in the hearing by attorney Randall Vogt, who has also filed a \$4 million sexual harassment lawsuit against Segoviano in Multnomah County.

Segoviano immigrated from Mexico with a sixth-grade education and went on to found

businesses in the Redmond area in construction, land development and property management. He today owns more than 55 parcels in Oregon and, at his peak, was worth between \$10 million to \$15 million, according to court records.

The victim met Segoviano through her mother, who grew up with Segoviano in Mexico and later started a relationship with him in Redmond. Starting at age 13, the victim said she began having regular sexual contact with Segoviano that continued until she was 20, according to a victim's impact statement filed in court.

In February 2018, at age 21, the victim went to police with her account. Segoviano was arrested in February 2019.

He declined the opportunity to address the court Thursday. The victim's 9-page impact statement documented her history with Segoviano, which began when she was 8 and her mother started dating him.

She wrote that being abused by the main male figure in her life for her teenage years denied her a normal childhood, damaged her relationship with her family and "shattered" her reputation in a small town.

She's been in therapy for two years as a result, she wrote, leading to diagnoses of PTSD and clinical depression with occasional suicidal ideation.

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Segoviano

25 people in Portland jail test positive for COVID-19

Officials confirmed Tuesday that another COVID-19 outbreak at Multnomah County's Inverness Jail has infected 25 people in custody in the past month. Those in custody at the northeast Portland jail were not taken to their court appearances Monday because of the outbreak, according to written notices posted at the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Chris Liedle told The Oregonian

the outbreak started May 23 when a person lodged at Inverness who had been showing COVID-19 symptoms tested positive for the virus.

Liedle said almost all those who have since tested positive have had mild or no symptoms. One inmate was hospitalized, Liedle said, but is now back in jail.

He said inmates are regularly offered COVID-19 vaccines and that the county has reduced its jail population by one-third and increased COVID-19 testing.

— Associated Press

LOCAL BRIEFING

Road construction to limit access near Dillon Falls

Hikers, bicycle riders and other users of the Deschutes River Trail near Dillon Falls should be aware of road construction crews active in the area over the coming days.

Heavy equipment operations and the potential for travel delays or closures could occur along Forest Road 41, according to a release from the Deschutes National Forest.

The boat launch at Dillon Falls will not be usable by the public during the road reconstruction. Heavy equipment will also be operating in this highly used area.

Work crews will also be conducting work on the south end of Forest Road 4606 coming from Skyliners Road for the next several weeks. Heavy equipment will be operating along this road and the public is advised to avoid the area.

Forest roads 41 and 4606 remain open at this time, but officials from the Deschutes National Forest advise that closures may occur at the discretion of the work crews.

Questions or concerns regarding the closures can be directed to the Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District at 541-383-5300.

Spontaneous combustion caused fire on reservation

A brush fire on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation shut down a portion of U.S.



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A 64-year-old Prineville man was seriously injured Thursday morning after crashing his off-road utility vehicle into another vehicle near the Brasada Ranch.

Highway 26 on Thursday afternoon. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion at a disused sawmill on the reservation, according to Danny Martinez, emergency manager for the reservation.

Martinez said the fire burned about 2 to 3 acres of land on the reservation near the Deschutes River. No buildings had been damaged by the blaze, which was still active as of 5:50 p.m.

"It's a recurring fire we have had in the last couple of years behind the old sawmill. It rekindles itself, re-flares itself; the highway is shut down in case it spots across the highway," said Martinez.

Martinez said the fire occurs in the bark dust behind the mill during hot weather. Similar fires have occurred during the past two summers, and

Martinez said the fire is smoldering underneath the debris from the mill.

"It kicks up and gets into the dry grass, and takes off on its own," he said.

Fire crews from Jefferson County, Warm Springs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs were working to put out the fire, said Martinez. Air support had also been called in to assist, in the event that the fire jumps across the Deschutes River.

Man injured after crashing utility vehicle

A 64-year-old Prineville man was seriously injured Thursday morning after crashing his off-road utility vehicle into another vehicle near Brasada Ranch.

Enrique Ambriz was crossing SW Shumway Road in a Toro utility terrain vehicle, often used as a golf cart, when he reportedly failed to yield to a vehicle driven by 40-year-old Powell Butte resident Billy Ferguson, according to the Crook County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies responded about 10:45 a.m. and found that Ferguson swerved to avoid striking Ambriz, but Ambriz's utility vehicle crashed into the rear passenger side of Ferguson's vehicle. The crash caused Ambriz to be ejected from his utility vehicle, according to the sheriff's office.

Ambriz was transported by Air Link to St. Charles Bend with serious injuries.

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