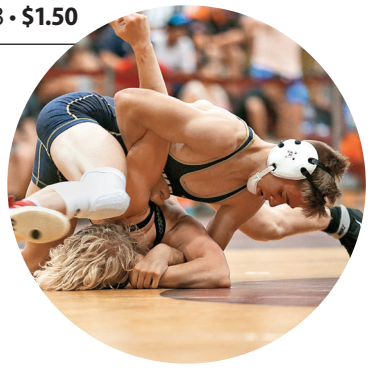


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EXTREME HEAT



Lauren Tolo carries ice as she volunteers with others at a cooling station Monday on Hunnell Road in Bend. Community volunteers delivered ice, water and other cooling essentials to the homeless camp on Hunnell Road after two residents died during the extreme heat wave. Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin

Bend bans fireworks; Pilot Butte show stays

BY BRENNIA VISSER

The Bulletin

The city of Bend is immediately banning the use of all fireworks, legal and illegal, in response to extremely high temperatures and drought conditions.

“The decision was pretty clear that this was an extreme safety concern from multiple angles,” Mayor Pro-tem Gena Goodman-Campbell said Monday.

Not overwhelming first responders, who already are busy the week of the Fourth of July in more normal years, was also a consideration.

“For people calling in with an emergency, we want to make sure we can respond to those in a timely manner,” Goodman-Campbell said.

The local state of emergency declaration issued Monday by the city manager also allows the city to use resources to provide services such as cooling shelters to people experiencing homelessness during the heatwave.

The emergency declaration remains in effect through July 9. The ban does not make it illegal to sell fireworks, or to own them, Goodman-Campbell said.

Professional shows at the Vince Genna Stadium on July 3 and at Pilot Butte on July 4 will go on as scheduled.

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Two homeless Bend residents die, raising concerns about resources

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Two people died over the weekend at a homeless camp on Hunnell Road on Bend's north end, and some homeless outreach workers and social justice activists are attributing the deaths to heat-related causes.

Temperatures reached 104 degrees in Bend on Sunday amid an ongoing heat wave sweeping the Northwest.

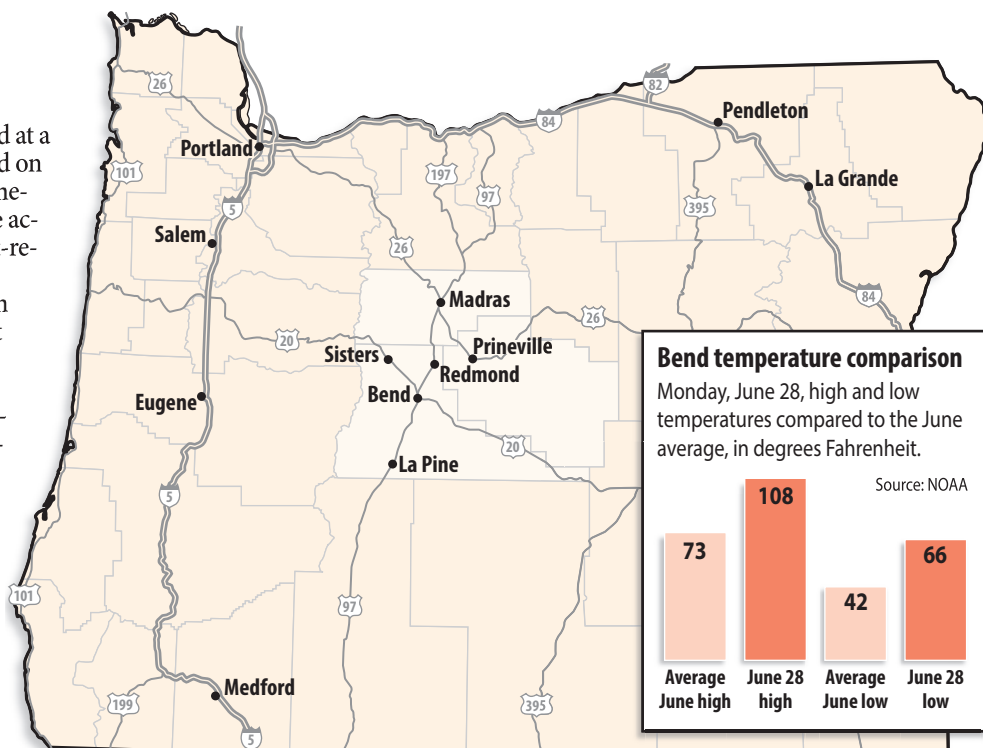
The deaths have raised concerns among residents who work with homeless people that more outreach and services are necessary to keep homeless individuals safe from the heat.

Temperatures rose Monday to 108 degrees and were forecast Tuesday to hit 111, according to the National Weather Service. High temperatures will not dip below triple digits until at least Thursday, with a high of 98 degrees expected, according to the National Weather service.

Lt. Juli McConkey with the Bend Police Department confirmed the deaths, both reported on Sunday, stating there was no indication of suspicious circumstances or criminal activity.

According to Eric Garrity, who works with Street Kitchen Collective, a homeless outreach organization, the eviction of the camp on Emerson Avenue in Bend a few days before the anticipated heat wave put homeless individuals in unnecessary danger.

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High/low temperatures near Bend and statewide (As of 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 28)

City	Sun., June 27		Mon., June 28		City	Sun., June 27		Mon., June 28	
	High	Low	High	Low		High	Low	High	Low
Bend	104	64	108	66	Portland	112	73	115	76
Redmond	107	64	109	62	Salem	112	70	116	76
Madras	105	65	109	66	Eugene	111	68	93	69
Prineville	104	61	106	61	Medford	112	71	114	75
La Pine	99	60	101	65	Pendleton	110	69	112	73
Sisters	100	59	106	59	La Grande	101	60	103	61

Source: National Weather Service, NOAA

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Wyden: Expect feds to mobilize firefighters this wildfire season

BY PETER WONG

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden says he is awaiting an announcement by President Joe Biden's administration about a mobilization plan for firefighters and equipment for widespread forest fires in the West.

The Oregon Democrat told reporters Saturday that such a mobilization plan is likely to require more money as well. He based his observation on a June 17 hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which heard a presentation by U.S. Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen about Biden's 2022 budget request for the Forest Service. That budget year starts Oct. 1.

“I do think it will take additional resources,” said Wyden, who sits on that committee. “I think in a matter of days, the Biden administration will be outlining the steps that I have touched on that constitutes its strategy against this grave threat.”

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OREGON HOSPITALS

Emergency rooms are jammed after exodus of nurses

BY JEFF MANNING

The Oregonian

After 18 years as a nurse, much of it in the emergency department, Jeremy Lail considered himself a battle-tested veteran.

But recently, he asked his bosses at Providence Portland Medical Center if he could go on leave. Lail said he's overwhelmed by the horde of patients seeking treatment at his

ER and unnerved at the erratic, angry nature of many of those patients.

“I dreaded going to work,” he said. “I found myself thinking, is this the day someone is going to pull a gun and shoot me? We're seeing how society can devolve right now. I've been dealing with a lot of anxiety and depression.”

For months, hospital workers have wanted nothing more

than for the pandemic to end and life to return to some semblance of normalcy. But the much-deserved respite has yet to begin. Instead, a combination of understaffing and a tidal wave of seriously ill patients who have deferred health care for months has made life in the ER as bad or worse than the height of the pandemic.

It's a recipe for disaster that is unfolding at hospitals across

the country: Blend emotionally exhausted caregivers with emotionally disturbed patients, throw in a wave of street violence and the departure of some of the most experienced workers on the wards due to fatigue and burnout, and voila, America has its latest health care crisis.

Many employees argue there is another key ingredient added by the hospitals that

makes the end result particularly toxic: A penny-pinching mentality that allows the understaffing to develop in the first place.

Meanwhile, the dangers health care workers confront have changed. A year ago, hospital front-line staffers faced the deadly threat of infection. Now, emergency department staffers worry about assault as more patients come in im-

paired, angry and, sometimes, armed.

Oregon Health & Science University Hospital is installing a metal detector in the emergency room next month that all patients and visitors will have to go through before entry. Twice in recent months, staffers have found patients or visitors in the ER carrying weapons.

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