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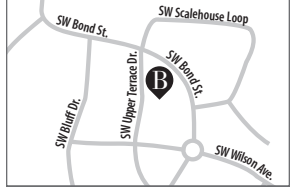
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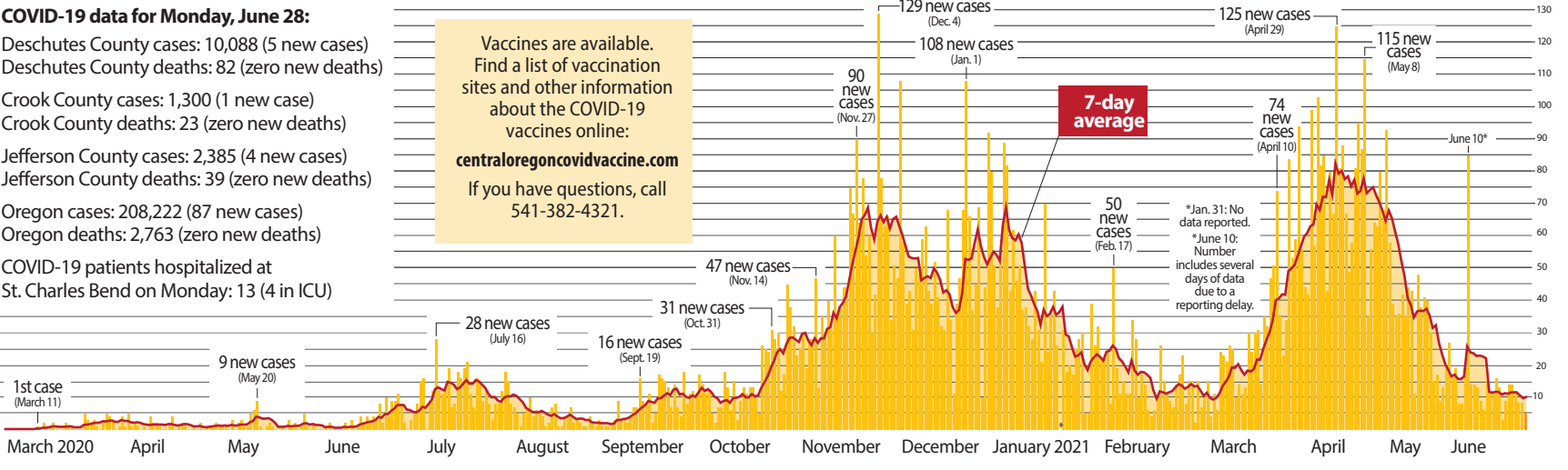
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

DESCHUTES COUNTY New COVID-19 cases per day

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Bottle Bill's 50th year to be marked with treasure hunt

BY ADAM DUVERNAY
The (Eugene) Register-Guard
Oregon is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Bottle Bill with simultaneous treasure hunts across the state — all in search of six golden bottles hidden at different locations. Participants in the Hidden Bottle Hunt will scour six regions across the state from July 7 to 11 for the gold-painted bottles. The reward for finding one: a \$500 donation to their choice of nonprofit. The event is being put on by the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, the beverage industry-created cooperative that

operates the state's redemption centers for drink containers. The Bottle Bill was enacted in 1971 and took effect the next year. The current law has people pay a 10-cent container deposit when they buy beverage containers 3 liters or less in size, with some exceptions. They then can return the empty containers to redemption centers and get the 10-cent refund value for each container returned. The recycling cooperative has been divided into six sections for the Hidden Bottle Hunt. One golden bottle will be hidden somewhere within each of the six areas.

The golden bottles are crafted from BottleDrop Refillables — bottles used in its refillable beverage program — painted by an Oregon artist group and include a 50th anniversary label and a metal emblem honoring the milestone, according to the BottleDrop website. The golden bottles will be wrapped to prevent breakage and covered in a burlap sack to protect them from the elements while they are waiting to be found. A new clue to each bottles' locations will be released each day of the treasure hunt, or until the bottle

Extra tips for the hunt

- All the bottles will be hidden outside in parks or on public property, not private property. The bottles will not be hidden in any community garden spaces.
- The bottles may be concealed, but will not be buried or hidden in a way that requires treasure hunters to uproot plants or otherwise damage park property.
- Public park hours and COVID-19 prevention protocols both should be observed.
- The Hidden Bottle Hunt is open to Oregon residents at least 18 years old.

Full rules for the Hidden Bottle Hunt can be found at bottledropcenters.com/files/HiddenBottleHunt_Rules.pdf.

is found, according to the website. The first clue will be published at 10 a.m. July 7 at bottledropcenters.com/hunt, as well as in emails and on social media.

6,600-acre fire in Warm Springs is 95% contained

BY SAVANNAH EADENS
The Oregonian
The S-503 Fire burning for a week on the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation is 95% contained as of Monday morning, according to fire officials. The fire burned timber and grasses on 6,679 acres of the reservation. About 535 acres are private holdings protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry. The fire is on the north end of the Warm Springs Reservation, about 2 miles east of U.S. Highway 26 and 7 miles northwest of Simnasho. The cause of the fire remains unknown. It was first reported June 18. Firefighters and engine crews

have been working on cooling hot spots and advancing into the interior of the fire's containment line for several days now, officials said in a news release. In the coming days, as the temperature rises amid a historic heat wave, and with a dropping relative humidity, there is an increased potential for fires, officials said. Evacuation Level 1 — Get Set, as determined by the Wasco County Sheriff's Office, remains in place for all residences west of Kelly Springs Road and Back Walters Road, extending east of Kelly Springs to Reservation Road, including Walters Corners and the community of Pine Grove.

Scappoose police officer accused of misconduct, taking drug evidence

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN
The Oregonian
A Scappoose police officer was arraigned on a 13-count indictment Monday morning that charges him with nine counts of official misconduct, two counts of unlawful delivery of oxycodone, and one count each of tampering with physical evidence and attempted delivery of oxycodone. Troy Alan Gainer, who joined the police department in August 2014, is accused of taking drugs from police evidence rooms for personal use and soliciting the delivery of oxycodone from a woman and another man as early as 2018, according to the indictment. He's accused of taking drugs from the St. Helens Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff's Office for personal use and failing to package them for disposal between July 1, 2019, and Nov. 1, 2020. He's also accused of entering the Scappoose Police Department property room while off-duty on Oct. 15, 2020, to obtain drugs for personal use, accord-

ing to the indictment. On Jan. 19, 2020, Gainer is accused of tampering with drug evidence that was about to be used in his prosecution, the indictment says. A grand jury heard testimony in the case on June 1, 8 and 15 and returned the indictment on Thursday. On Monday, Gainer entered a not guilty plea to all counts of the indictment during his first appearance in Columbia County Circuit Court. "Troy cooperated during the investigation and sat down with Forest Grove investigators," said his lawyer, Dan Thenell. "We have seen the indictment but not the discovery, and therefore, are not aware of what the state's evidence is to support these charges." Gainer started as a reserve officer for Scappoose police in September 2000 before he was hired as a full officer in August 2004. He was promoted to sergeant on Sept. 25, 2014, but then took a voluntarily demotion on March 6, 2017, according to state certification records.

LOCAL BRIEFING

Suspect in alleged fake contractor scheme arrested for second time
A California man arrested in May in a fraudulent contractor scheme that he allegedly ran in Deschutes and Crook counties has been arrested for a second time on new charges, according to a release from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

sada is not licensed or insured to conduct these services in Oregon. Victims of the scam claimed they provided down payments during an in-person meeting, according to the release, but Quesada never returned in some cases. In other instances, he began a project and would discontinue his work before completion, or the work was substandard. According to the release, detectives believe there may be additional victims and ask members of the public to come forward if they suspect they are victims of fraud. Reports can be made to Vander Kamp at 541-550-4869.

The Oregon Construction Contractors Board maintains

a website to check contractor licenses at <http://search.ccb.state.or.us/search/>

St. Charles to continue to require face coverings
Face coverings and physical distancing will be maintained at St. Charles Health System's four hospitals and clinics, despite Gov. Kate Brown's decision to reopen the state on Wednesday. In a prepared statement, St. Charles said it would continue to screen patients for COVID-19 symptoms and check temperatures regardless of vaccination status. St. Charles has hospitals in Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras and family care clinics in Bend, La Pine, Madras, Prineville, Redmond and Sisters. — Bulletin staff reports

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