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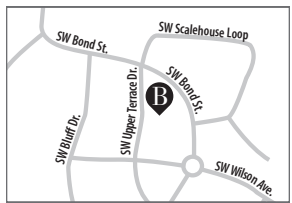
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# LOCAL, STATE & REGION



U.S. Postal Service

The U.S. Postal Service released a stamp Tuesday honoring Portland author Ursula K. Le Guin.

## New postal stamp honors author Ursula K. Le Guin

BY LIZZY ACKER

The Oregonian

World-famous speculative fiction writer and former Portland mainstay Ursula K. Le Guin will now travel the world on U.S. postage. The writer, who died at age 88 in 2019, was honored Tuesday when a new Forever stamp featuring her face was unveiled at the Portland Art Museum.

“Ursula once said she

wanted to see science fiction step over the old walls of convention and hit right into the next wall — and start to break it down, too,” Joseph Corbett, U.S. Postal Service chief financial officer and executive vice president, said in a statement.

“She felt the ideas represented in her fiction could help people become more aware of other ways to do things, other

ways to be and to help people wake up,” Corbett said.

The stamp is the 33rd in the Postal Service’s Literary Arts series. It features a portrait of Le Guin that is taken from a 2006 photograph and a background that pays homage to the wintry world and characters she created in “The Left Hand of Darkness.” Donato Giannicola designed the new stamp.

## Man gets 23 years for shooting at 3 Salem cops, injuring detective

The Associated Press

SALEM — A Salem man has been sentenced to 23 years in prison for shooting at three Salem police officers in a car chase during a drug investigation.

Alejandro Maciel-Salcedo pleaded guilty to first- and second-degree attempted murder, assault, unlawful use of a weapon and felon in possession of a firearm, The Statesman Journal reported. Four counts of first-degree attempted murder charges were dropped as part of a plea agreement.

The Marion County Dis-

trict Attorney’s office said Maciel-Salcedo shot at Salem police detectives Angus Emmons, Oscar Zambrano and Anthony Burke in July 2020.

On that day, Emmons, Zambrano and Burke were conducting surveillance on Maciel-Salcedo and his associates, who they alleged facilitated the delivery of a quarter-pound of methamphetamine.

The detectives were placing a tracking device on Maciel-Salcedo’s car when his nephew saw the detectives and told Maciel-Salcedo. Zambrano and Burke ran to

their undercover vehicle, and Emmons drove them from the scene, prosecutors said. Maciel-Salcedo followed, according to the district attorney’s office.

As Emmons drove they heard a gunshot and saw Maciel-Salcedo’s car approaching. As Maciel-Salcedo pulled alongside the detective’s vehicle, at least three additional shots were fired. Emmons was struck in his left arm, officials said.

Maciel-Salcedo returned to a residence and SWAT officers found him in an attic crawl space.

### COVID-19 data for Wednesday, July 28

**Deschutes County cases:** 10,493 (43 new cases)  
**Deschutes County deaths:** 87 (zero new deaths)  
**Crook County cases:** 1,385 (6 new cases)  
**Crook County deaths:** 24 (zero new deaths)  
**Jefferson County cases:** 2,489 (7 new cases)  
**Jefferson County deaths:** 42 (zero new deaths)  
**Oregon cases:** 217,690 (804 new cases)  
**Oregon deaths:** 2,849 (6 new deaths)  
**COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Wednesday:** 16 (5 in ICU)

The Bulletin had been tracking the seven-day average case count based on state data since local coronavirus cases were first reported in March of last year. Starting with the July Fourth weekend, the state stopped providing county-level data for weekends or holidays. When data is available, The Bulletin will continue to publish information about the pandemic.

## State to spend \$538M on water projects

BY MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI

Capital Press

A devastating drought helped compel Oregon lawmakers to spend big on water legislation in 2021, investing in long-range planning as well as specific projects.

Natural resource organizations have applauded the Legislature’s focus on resolving water quantity and quality problems but warn that it can’t rest on its laurels, since these challenges won’t be solved in a year.

“There’s still a lot of work that needs to happen,” said April Snell, executive director of the Oregon Water Resources Congress, which represents irrigation districts.

The Legislature allocated more than \$538 million for water investments during this year’s session. That included \$275 million in federal coronavirus relief funding for infrastructure projects, which was largely directed toward municipal improvements.

Agriculture-related projects also received money — including \$14 million to upgrade Wallowa Dam and \$10 million for piping canals in the Deschutes Basin.

A fund for water supply development grants was replenished with \$30 million.

Jeff Stone, executive director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, said the Legislature should clarify that the grants are meant to fund storage projects, such as reservoirs that save winter runoff for irrigation use.

Stone said the grants have mostly gone to conservation

projects, which are helpful, but getting serious about climate change will mean extending water resources.

“It’s not doing what we created it to do,” he said.

Lawmakers devoted \$1 million to study the reallocation of water behind 13 federal dams in the Willamette Basin.

Though the dams are administered by the federal government, water transfers and wildlife impacts come under the jurisdiction of state regulators.

The money will allow state regulators to study how the transfers should be carried out, which will involve input from irrigators, cities and environmental groups, said Mary Anne Cooper, vice president of public policy for the Oregon Farm Bureau.

The money will hopefully resolve conflicts over water transfers “on the front end,” so farmers don’t have to litigate to protect their interests, she said.

About \$2.4 million was specifically allocated to study all 18 major hydrologic basins with new technology that measures evapotranspiration and assistance from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Those studies will allow regulators to better understand groundwater resources across the state, which is meant to prevent over-allocation.

“We need to identify those areas of concern before they get critical,” said Rep. Mark Owens, R-Crane. “The current way we’re managing the groundwater resource is not beneficial to anyone.”

### LOCAL BRIEFING

#### Bend-La Pine debuts superintendent podcast

Curious about how Bend-La Pine Schools are preparing to open this fall?

The school district debuted a new podcast Wednesday called “Supe’s On!” in an effort to give community members, staff and families insight into the decision-making process and community at Bend-La Pine Schools.

“Supe’s On!” is hosted by Superintendent Steven Cook. The first episode featured an interview with Julianne Repman, director of communications and safety for the district. Repman discussed how the district is preparing for school to resume in the fall, including use of masks, vaccinations, quarantines and summer school.

Future episodes will feature staff, board members, students and community members.

“We hope this podcast will be a great way for community members to get an in-depth perspective about the topics they care about surrounding education in Central Oregon,” said Cook in a press release. “We hope our staff and families will tune in to hear directly from the folks who are behind the decisions that impact our schools.”



Cook

You can listen to “Supe’s On!” at Bend-La Pine Schools’ website. It will be available soon on all streaming platforms.

To suggest a topic for the podcast or provide feedback, send an email to podcast@bend.k12.or.us.

#### Fairgoers recommended to wear masks indoors

Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo organizers recommend that fairgoers wear masks while inside at the event due to new mask recommendations issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Health Authority.

“We recommend people wear face coverings while inside, especially people that are unvaccinated, and expect that all of our guests will follow guidelines to make this a safe and welcoming event for everyone,” said Geoff Hinds, director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.

On Tuesday, Oregon health officials said everyone, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, should begin wearing masks in public indoor spaces due to rapidly rising COVID-19 cases across the state.

The recommendation landed one day before the start of the Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo, the largest event held in Deschutes County in over a year.

Many elements of the fair

will be slightly different this year. For example, all concerts will occur outside, hand-washing stations will be available throughout the fair and things will be more spread out to allow for social distancing, Hinds said.

“We will have masks available throughout the fair for anyone who doesn’t bring one and wants one or if anyone’s having issues with their mask,” Hinds said.

Normally, the fair attracts some 300,000 people, with a cap of 50,000 attendees allowed per day. This year, only 25,000 attendees will be allowed in per day, Hinds said.

The fair began Wednesday and continues through Sunday.

#### DA declines to charge Sisters massage operator

The Deschutes County District Attorney’s Office declined to charge the operator of a Sisters spa arrested last month for sexual assault.

Michael Patrick Boyle, owner of Hop in the Spa, was the subject of a notice to media July 1 announcing his arrest.

This week, Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel said he wasn’t certain he could prove the allegations against Boyle beyond a reasonable doubt but said the woman’s complaint that initiated the arrest was “not frivolous.”

“I’m not saying he didn’t do it, and I give the complain-

ing witness credit: He is not a licensed massage therapist,” Hummel said.

Hummel forwarded a complaint to the Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists, which licenses massage therapists.

For his part, Boyle told The Bulletin he’s confident the massage board will find the procedures he uses at his spa don’t meet the technical definition of “massage,” an assertion Hummel rejects, calling him an “unlicensed hack.”

“Nothing this man says about massage should be listened to,” Hummel said.

Boyle said he and Hummel spoke Wednesday morning and the district attorney told him he was “damn lucky I let you go.”

Boyle is now looking at suing the state.

“No. 1, we don’t do massage, and No. 2, everything we do has been approved by the Oregon Board of Massage Therapists,” Boyle said. “What this has cost me and my family in terms of our reputations will take years to get back.”

#### Jefferson County reveals vaccine lottery winners

Jefferson County announced the results of its lottery to reward those who received the COVID-19 vaccine.

The county gave \$10,000 vaccine lottery prizes to 11 residents, totaling \$110,000.

Three of the residents were students under 18 and will have the funds go into an Oregon College Savings Plan account for college or trade school.

The adult winners have been identified as the following:

- Jonathan Gandy, Madras.
- Bergen Spring, Madras.
- James Manion, Madras.
- Steven Smith, Culver.
- Joseph Martinez, Warm Springs.

- April Lepin, Madras.
- Stephen Jasa, Madras.
- Raymond Havelock, Crooked River Ranch.

The students were not identified, but the county shared the names of their parent or guardian as follows:

- Liana Holyan, Warm Springs.
- Sylvia Rufener, Madras.
- Norma Ruiz, Metolius.

The funds came from a \$220,400 grant Jefferson County received from the state to provide vaccine incentives and planning. The remaining funds will go to the county health department.

In addition to the county’s lottery, the state’s Take Your Shot Oregon Campaign recently awarded \$1 million to Chloe Zinda of McMinnville, a student at Oregon State University.

The state’s lottery will also include one \$10,000 winner in each of Oregon’s 36 counties. The winners have not yet been named.

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