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MASK UP!

Starting Friday, masks required for indoor gatherings



A sign posted outside of the REI store in Bend reminds people to wear a mask while inside the store Thursday.

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Bulletin staff report

Starting Friday and lasting through Feb. 8, masks are now required in indoor public spaces in Oregon, regardless of vaccination status, following an announcement by Gov. Kate Brown. The mandate is in response to surging COVID-19 cases and rising hospitalizations. The recent spread of COVID-19 is due largely to the highly contagious delta variant circulating in the state and in Central Oregon.

Redmond School Board to consider resolution opposing Gov. Brown’s statewide mandate

BY NICOLE BALES
The Bulletin

REDMOND — The Redmond School Board will consider a resolution to oppose Gov. Kate Brown’s indoor mask mandate for K-12 schools, after a contentious special meeting Wednesday that included police officers at entrances. It was the third heated school board meeting this week in Central Oregon, as

parents and others took their anger over mask policies directly to board members, urging them to defy the governor’s mandate, which went into effect Aug. 2. In Redmond, audience members frequently heckled speakers. The state has said the mandate is intended to keep students in school by preventing the need to quarantine and school closures. This comes as the num-

ber of coronavirus infections and hospitalizations grows rapidly throughout the state, fueled by the highly contagious delta variant. Michael Summers, the vice chair of the Redmond School Board, proposed a resolution that he drafted for the board and the school district’s attorney to review before bringing it back for a vote in late August. See **Redmond** / A6

Redmond supports funding for homeless

Money would come from American Rescue Plan funds

BY BRENNAN VISSER
The Bulletin

The Redmond City Council plans to use \$2.93 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to go toward a public safety facility and three homeless-related projects. Roughly two-thirds of the funding, \$2 million, will go toward the public safety facility. The city plans to complete a relocation and expansion of its police station by 2025. The new public safety campus is expected to include an on-site mental health triage center similar to the stabilization center at the Bend public safety campus. The other \$930,000 will help fund the creation of two homeless shelters in the city and a managed camp that would allow homeless residents to legally park an RV or camp. The council will officially vote on adopting a budget adjustment for this money later this month.

See **Homeless** / A6

BEND POLICE

Investigation finds officer did not violate policy with keychain

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

The Bend Police Department is standing behind its man, Cpl. Josh Spano, who became the subject of an online furor over his use of a keychain bearing the phrase “MO-LON LABE” and photos on social media purporting to show associations with extremist groups. In investigation documents released Thursday to The Bulletin, Chief Mike Krantz recommends no discipline for Spano, a 6-year veteran of the department. The documents show the chief’s assessment is echoed by Spano’s supervisors in the patrol bureau, as well as the lieutenant who conducted the internal investigation. “There is no information in Corporal Spano’s personnel file or any information discovered during this investigation in which a reasonable person could conclude Corporal Spano conducts himself at work in any manner other than commendable,” Krantz wrote.

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Sheriff, former deputy ready to square off again, in court



Nelson



Kozowski

Jury trial in wrongful termination suit to start in Eugene

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

A rematch of sorts started Thursday in a Eugene federal courtroom as former Deschutes County sheriff’s deputy Eric Kozowski argues a federal civil rights claim against his onetime boss and election rival, Deschutes County

Sheriff L. Shane Nelson. Jury selection in Kozowski’s \$3.4 million wrongful termination suit began Thursday in U.S. District Court. The 10-day trial before Judge Michael J. McShane will be one of the first federal civil jury trials held in Oregon since the pandemic hit in 2020.

Nelson intends to attend the entire trial, he said Wednesday through a spokesperson. Since Kozowski filed the claim in February 2018, numerous current and former sheriff’s office employees have testified in depositions. A judge in March 2020 issued a ruling declining to dismiss the case, ruling it could proceed to trial. As of Wednesday, the Deschutes

County Sheriff’s Office was involved in 10 active lawsuits, while the comparably sized Bend Police Department was involved in one: former Bend Police Chief Jim Porter is named as a defendant in a federal claim against various local officials filed by a Portland man who is acting as his own attorney. The Redmond Police Department was involved in four active lawsuits as of Wednesday.

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