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A drum circle and singers also performed to honor Danzuka and the holiday recognized by the school district and a growing number of governments across the country. Green said Danzuka was nominated by her board, and highlighted the countless hours Danzuka spent planning school district events and bridging the diverse communities within the school district. “The work you have done is amazing,” he said. Danzuka was tearful by the surprise celebration. “It’s an endless job, and it’s been an honor to be able to serve the communities that we live in,” she said. “When people ask me why I want to do this work, lots of time I don’t have an answer, but in the end the answer always ends up being because it’s what’s best for kids. And at the end of the day, that’s what every parent wants, ev-



A drum circle and singers from Warm Springs perform to honor Laurie Danzuka and Indigenous People’s Day on Monday.

ery grandparent wants, every teacher wants.” Danzuka also recognized Jeff Sanders, a former Jefferson County School Board

member, who encouraged her to step up when he was ready to step down from the board. The position has traditionally been held by a tribal

member. Sanders, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, also served on the state and national school boards. He also recognized

Danzuka and the rest of the board on Monday night. School district staff, board members and others in the public recognized her for her work in the schools and throughout the community. Danzuka, 50, was first elected to the school board in 2009, and she was reelected to her fourth term in May. She works as the cannabis project coordinator for Warm Springs Economic Development Corp. Her niece and nephew both graduated from the school district. She also has a niece who is a freshman in high school and a grandson who is in first grade. The school district credited Danzuka for successfully increasing the district’s graduation rates from some of the lowest in the state when she first joined to above the state average. “She accomplished this by helping prioritize learning strategies such as professional learning communities and (Advancement Via Individual

Determination) AVID,” the school district said. “She also worked on expanding (Career Technical Education) CTE programs and pushed for standardized curriculum across all schools to help students have universal understanding of essential standards.” Danzuka played an instrumental role in helping the district pass a bond measure in 2012 that funded the construction of the Warm Springs K-8 Academy, Performing Arts Center and the football stadium at Madras High School. She has worked with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to oversee the inclusion of Native American language classes in schools. Three Native American languages are taught in the school district and work has also been done with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs to develop a local-native history and culture curriculum taught across the district. ■ Reporter; 541-617-7854, nbales@bendbulletin.com

Next on FDA’s agenda are booster shots of Moderna, J&J vaccines

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Associated Press WASHINGTON — With many Americans who got Pfizer vaccinations already rolling up their sleeves for a booster shot, millions of others who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine wait anxiously to learn when it’s their turn. Federal regulators begin tackling that question this week. On Thursday and Friday, the Food and Drug Administration convenes its independent advisers for the first stage in the process of deciding whether extra doses of the two vaccines should be dispensed and, if so, who should get them and when. The final go-ahead is not expected for at least another week.

million with J&J’s, according to the CDC. Regulators took up the question of Pfizer boosters first because the company submitted its data ahead of the other vaccine makers. The FDA meetings come as U.S. vaccinations have climbed back above 1 million per day on average, an increase of more than 50% over the past two weeks. In a new review of Moderna’s data, the FDA did not indicate Tuesday if it was leaning toward clearing the company’s booster. It said vaccines used in the U.S. still provide protection, and it raised questions about some of Moderna’s data. The two initial Moderna shots contain 100 micrograms of vaccine each. But the drug-maker says 50 micrograms ought to be enough for a booster for healthy people.

A company study of 344 people gave them a 50-microgram shot six months after their second dose, and levels of virus-fighting antibodies jumped. Moderna said the booster even triggered a 42-fold rise in antibodies able to target the extra-contagious delta variant. Side effects were similar to the fevers and aches that Moderna recipients commonly experience after their second regular shot, the company said. As for people who got the J&J vaccine, the company submitted data to the FDA for different options: a booster shot at two months or at six months. The company said in its FDA submission that a six-month booster is recommended but that a second dose could be given at two months in some situations.

J&J released data in September showing that a booster given at two months provided 94% protection against moderate-to-severe infection. The company has not disclosed patient data on a six-month booster, but early measures of virus-fighting antibodies suggest even higher protection. Even without a booster, J&J says, its vaccine remains about 80% effective at preventing COVID-19 hospitalizations in the U.S. Scientists emphasize that all three vaccines used in the U.S. still offer strong protection against severe disease and death from COVID-19. The issue is how quickly, and how much, protection against milder infection may wane.

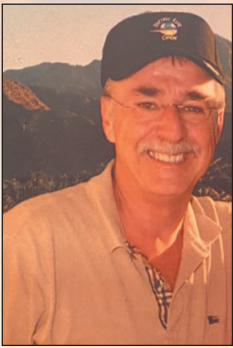
Road rage

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A plea hearing in King’s case is scheduled for Nov. 16. King has retained defense attorney Kelly Monaghan, a former prosecutor with the Deschutes County District Attorney’s Office. “We are respectfully declining to make any statements at this time,” Monaghan told The Bulletin. “Mr. King maintains his innocence and we will defend that position at trial.” Hummel has charged bias crime 10 times since Oregon’s hate crime law was expanded by the state Legislature in 2018. The intent of the update was to rebrand the law and clarify the conduct that constitutes a hate crime in Oregon. The change has made it easier to charge a hate crime as a felony, accord-

ing to Hummel. Prior to the change, if a suspect acted alone, only a misdemeanor hate crime could be charged. Now, a felony hate crime can be charged when a suspect acts alone to commit a crime that is motivated in part by a perception of the victim’s race, religion, sexual orientation or other identity categories. There are currently seven open bias crime cases in Deschutes County. Two of those cases are suspended pending mental health review of the defendants. In another, defendant Jeremiah McBride, accused of using a racial slur against a delivery driver, remains on the run from the law with a warrant issued for his arrest. There are no adults charged with bias crime in Crook or Jefferson counties, though there is a juvenile charged with bias crime in Crook County.

OBITUARY



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- February 15, 2021

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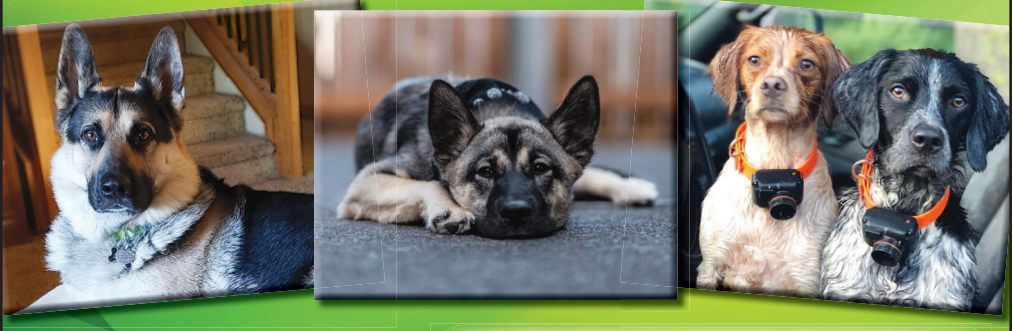
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