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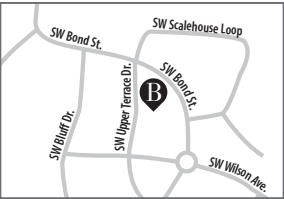
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

COVID-19 data for Nov. 12

Deschutes County cases: 22,266 (156 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 149 (2 new deaths)
Crook County cases: 3,159 (9 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 54 (zero new deaths)

Jefferson County cases: 4,058 (22 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 62 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 378,174 (1,811 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 4,750 (20 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Friday: 48 (9 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.

OREGON COAST | HEAVY RAINS AND FLOODING

COAST GUARD RESCUES 20 PEOPLE

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press
The U.S. Coast Guard used two helicopters to rescue campers Friday from rising waters at an RV park on the Oregon Coast, mudslides shut down roads and a woman was plucked from a swollen river as a second day of heavy rains and flooding pummeled the Pacific Northwest.

Authorities issued flood watches along Oregon's coast and warned of the possibility of dangerous mudslides in areas that burned in last summer's devastating wildfires. At the RV park about 90 miles southwest of Portland, Coast Guard teams said they rescued a total of 20 people and three dogs with the help of local authorities. Thirty campers decided to stay and declined rescue, the agency said.

Aerial photos showed the entire RV park flooded and campers sitting amid the mess. In some areas of the park, water had risen to 4 feet. In nearby Otis, another RV park was also flooded and a private fire engine that sits permanently at the town limits to welcome visitors had water halfway up its doors.

Russ Hiner, who was camping at the park, posted on Facebook that he awoke to someone driving around the park and honking a warning shortly after 6 a.m.

"Looking out the fogged up windows and see some-



Jack Duntelman/Lincoln County Sheriff's Department via AP

A fire engine is surrounded by rising waters in Otis on Friday. The U.S. Coast Guard used two helicopters and rescued 20 people from rising waters at an RV park near Neskowin as heavy rains in the Pacific Northwest prompted warnings of floods and landslides.

one with a flashlight running around. They come and bang on the door, "The park is FLOODING! Everyone out," he wrote on Facebook. "Looks like there's six or 7 inches of standing water underneath us."

The Neskowin campground is tucked between two forks of Neskowin Creek and is about 7 miles north of Otis, which was devastated by a wind-driven wildfire just over a year ago.

"We are okay for now ... but the rain is still coming," said Melynda Small, who lost her

home to the fire in September 2020 and is worried about mudslides in the burn area.

Forecasters said the storms are being caused by an atmospheric river, known as the Pineapple Express. Rain was expected to remain heavy in Oregon and Washington through Friday night. Precipitation may ease some Saturday, but more rain is expected Saturday night through next week.

In Oregon, the National Weather Service issued flood

watches in several coastal counties and warned that heavy rains raised the risk of mudslides and debris flows in fire-scarred areas.

More than 2 inches of rain fell in some areas in the western part of the state in a 24-hour period Thursday, the National Weather Service in Portland said. Astoria, in the state's far northwest corner, set a new record for rainfall Thursday with just over 2 inches of rain, the most since the previous record for the date

set 70 years ago.

Standing water in the roadways made driving treacherous across the Portland metropolitan area and a woman was rescued from the swollen Santiam River on Thursday after her encampment along the river banks was flooded.

In Washington, advisories were issued for at least a half-dozen rivers in the western part of the state.

Landslides were reported on the coast, in Southwest Oregon near the town of Elkton and along the Columbia River Highway east of Portland.

The storm also caused a power outage that closed several schools and district offices in a Portland suburb.

In Federal Way, Washington, two 12-year-old boys sucked into a storm drain by a current of rainwater were rescued Thursday by Federal Way police who found them clinging to a ladder in the drain's concrete basin.

The boys were playing in a whirlpool of storm water runoff in a wooded area around 34000 Pacific Highway South, according to a police news release. The heavy rain created streams with strong currents that flowed downhill into a basin, Cmdr. Cary Murphy said.

South King County Fire and Rescue treated one of the boys for a cut on his leg and the other boy went home without injuries, according to the news release.

Sky watchers might see meteors fly by during lunar eclipse

BY JAMIE HALE

The Oregonian

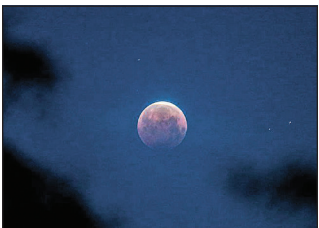
Sky watchers will get a treat next week, with two astronomical events in the forecast for Pacific Northwest skies.

A partial lunar eclipse will take place early Nov. 19, according to NASA forecasts, coming on the heels of the Leonid meteor shower, which is expected to peak on the nights of Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jim Todd, director of space science education at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, said that means there's a possibility of seeing meteors fly by during the lunar eclipse, which would be a truly remarkable sight.

Partial lunar eclipse

The partial lunar eclipse is without a doubt the marquee astronomical event of the season. The near-total eclipse will shadow 97% of the moon's surface, turning it a deep shade of red. A lunar eclipse takes place when the Earth moves between the sun and the moon, casting a shadow over the full moon. The red color is an effect of refracted sunlight, and is most striking during a total eclipse.



Mark Graves/The Oregonian

A total lunar eclipse is seen from Portland on May 26.

Oregonians will be able to see the eclipse between 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and 7 a.m. Nov. 19, Todd said. The best time to view it is during its partial eclipse phase, between 11:19 p.m. and 2:47 a.m., with the maximum eclipse taking place just after 1 a.m.

Leonid meteor shower

The Leonid meteor shower is considered a minor meteor shower with occasional bursts of big activity. Oregonians might be able to see meteors anytime during the astronomical event, which started Nov. 6 and will continue until Nov. 30. The best time to look for meteors is just before dawn after the moon has set, Todd said, as the bright moon may drown out any meteors.

STATE BRIEFING

State trooper critically injured in crash

An Oregon State Police Trooper who was critically injured on U.S. Route 30 near St. Helens on Thursday has been identified.

KOIN-TV reports officials released a statement Friday morning identifying the trooper as John Jeffries. Jeffries retired from the FBI after 20 years and started working with Oregon State Police in March.

He's been stationed at the St. Helens worksite.

Troopers were pursuing a driver when police said the driver rammed a state patrol car and struck Jeffries around 3:30 p.m.

Jeffries was taken to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland and was reported to be critically injured.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.

In an emailed statement Friday, FBI Special Agent in Charge Kieran L. Ramsey said Jeffries served with honor in the FBI as a case agent, pilot, firearms instructor and SWAT team member until 2016.

No other information is available at this time, including why the suspect was being pursued.

ODOT employee seriously hurt after being hit by driver on I-205, troopers say

A driver traveling south on Interstate 205 crashed into an Oregon Department of Transportation employee Wednesday morning in Clackamas County, seriously injuring him, troopers say.

Grant Riedel, 38, was working outside of his vehicle when Tyler Nicholas Pacheco, 28, struck him and multiple vehicles, according to the Oregon State Police.

Riedel was taken to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital, troopers said. Pacheco, who was driving a black Volkswagen GTI, cooperated at the scene.

Oregon State Police officials did not release additional information about the incident.

Troopers ask witnesses to call 800-442-2068 or *OSP and reference case No. SP21316723.

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