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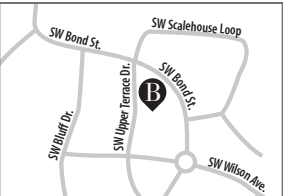
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

LOCAL BRIEFING

Girl in foster care goes missing in Bend, believed to be in danger

A 16-year-old girl in foster care is missing from Bend, and the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division is asking the public for assistance in finding her.

Mercedes “Bo” Dunnington, who also goes by the name Katie, went missing May 15 and is believed to be in danger, the Department of Human Services said Friday in a news release.

The state is requesting anyone who may have seen her to call 911 or local law enforcement. Bo, or Katie, is known to spend time at local parks and gas stations in Bend, the release said.

The release added she was last seen wearing a red and black button-up fleece jacket with a hood. She is 5-foot-6-inches, 187 pounds; her eyes are green, and her hair is dyed blond.

Bo, or Katie



Dean Guernsey/Bulletin photo

Firefighter Rick Ontiveroz takes a minute to breathe July 12 while battling the Grand-view Fire near Sisters.

Hawaii.” Demars won first place for his hard news story in the writing category, “Central Oregon remembers 9/11, 20 years later.”

Second place awards went to photographer Dean Guernsey, Editorial-page Editor, Richard Coe, public lands reporter, Michael Kohn, Demars and assistant features editor David Jasper.

Guernsey won second place in the Photo & Design category for his portrait photography, “The Firefighter.” Coe came in second in the writing category for his Editorial & Commentary entitled, “A failure of the community

on Emerson Avenue.” Kohn took second in the writing category for his series on drought in Central Oregon, and Jasper won second place for his column, “A hike up Overturf Butte affords a view of Bend Life.” Demars won second place in the hard news story writing category for his story “Afghan vets feel anger, hope as 20 years of war come to an end.”

Dole and Trainor also brought home awards from their time reporting at past publications. Dole won two first place awards in the writing category for his pandemic coverage while reporting at the East Oregonian, one for

a Comprehensive Pandemic Coverage package and a second for Investigative Reporting for his story on a COVID outbreak at Two Rivers Correctional Institute called, “I might not make it home: Hundreds fall ill and two die amid COVID-19 surge at TRCI.” Trainor, the former editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, took first place in the writing category for the Project Klamath series.

CDC community levels for Central Oregon

The Bulletin is no longer publishing COVID-19 daily case counts by county.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention monitors community levels of COVID-19 to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

The CDC listed the following levels for Central Oregon:

Deschutes County: Medium
Precautions the CDC recommends for communities with medium levels:

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your health care provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions.
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

Crook County: Low
Jefferson County: Low
Precautions the CDC recommends for communities with low levels: Stay up to date on vaccines and get tested if you have symptoms.

— Bulletin staff reports

Lawmakers set up group to safeguard abortion rights

BY PETER WONG
Oregon Capital Bureau

The Oregon Legislature will set up a work group to consider budget, legal and service questions that will arise if the U.S. Supreme Court follows through with a decision to overturn or restrict a federal constitutional right to abortion.

Oregon is the only state with no restrictions — the Legislature removed penalties four years before the high court legalized it in 1973 — and lawmakers wrote guarantees of access into state law in 2017.

Voters also have rejected five ballot measures between 1986 and 2018 to ban or restrict abortion or public funding.

Time and again, Oregonians have clearly affirmed their support for making abortion and other care safe and accessible to all,” House Speaker Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis, said in a statement Thursday announcing the task force.

“While other states roll back protections and attempt to criminalize health care access, this collaborative process with providers, clinics and elected leaders will make sure Oregon is prepared to support access to care in this changing landscape. We can’t be complacent.”

Legislative members are Reps. Travis Nelson of north Portland and Andrea Valderama of east Portland, and

Sens. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward of Beaverton and Kate Lieber of Portland. Nelson is a nurse and Steiner Hayward a physician. All are Democrats; no Republicans voted for the 2017 law guaranteeing access.

A spokesman for Rayfield said other work group members will be drawn from community groups, providers and clinics.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, which supports abortion rights, 23% of Oregon women lived in counties without access to abortion in 2017 — and that access could be reduced further if women in Eastern Oregon cannot turn to medical care in Boise and Meridian, Idaho. Idaho has passed a ban on abortions after six weeks; the law is set to take effect if the Supreme Court eliminates abortion as a federal right.

“The impact of overturning Roe will be felt largely by Black, Latino and Indigenous people, immigrants, people living with low incomes and people in rural areas,” Valderama said. “Our communities have long faced barriers to abortion access and will be a focal point of this work.”

State access

Oregon’s 2017 law requires private health insurance plans to cover abortion and other reproductive services — an exception is made for plans offered by religious employers — and provides access to services for low-income

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women who would otherwise qualify for state-supported health care, except for their immigration status. The Oregon Health Plan already covers abortion for low-income women, but only state funds pay for it, since Congress barred federal funds with

some exceptions in 1976. The Legislature in its 2022 session added \$15 million to expand the capacity of providers and support for patient needs.

According to preliminary 2021 figures from the Oregon Health Authority, out-of-state

patients accounted for 632 of a total 6,577 abortions.

According to Rayfield, recommendations from the work group may include policy, administrative and budget proposals to protect, strengthen and expand equitable access to all forms of reproductive care, gender-affirming care and quality of care.

Recommendations may also include protections for populations being targeted, including LGBTQ children, families and adults; reproductive and gender-affirming care patients and providers; health navigators and assisters; and more.



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