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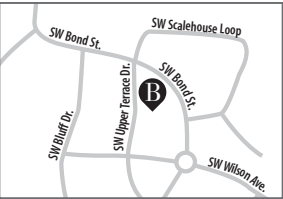
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

Planned Parenthood sues Idaho over 'trigger law' abortion ban

BY REBECCA BOONE

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A regional Planned Parenthood organization is suing Idaho over its "trigger law" abortion ban, contending the ban violates Idaho residents' rights under the state Constitution and that it is so vague that physicians will not know when they can legally help patients who are miscarrying or facing medical emergencies.

Dr. Caitlin Gustafson, an abortion provider, joined with Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky in the lawsuit filed in the Idaho Supreme Court on Monday. The Planned Parenthood organization operates two reproductive health care clinics in Idaho and is in the process of opening another just over the Oregon border in Ontario.

"It is abhorrent that we have now entered an era where the delivery of safe essential health care will be criminalized," Gustafson said in a news release. "Physicians take an oath to provide the care patients need to keep them safe, so we cannot stand by while the government intrudes on this deeply personal and complex medical decision."

The Idaho law, passed in 2020,



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Anti-abortion and abortion-rights protesters gather across from each other for rallies Jan. 20, 2018, in Moscow, Idaho. Planned Parenthood filed a lawsuit to stop an Idaho law that makes providing an abortion a felony.

makes it a felony punishable by up to five years in prison for anyone to perform or attempt to perform an abortion. The law says health care providers can attempt to defend themselves against criminal charges by saying that the abortion was necessary to prevent the death of the pregnant person, or that the pregnant person showed them a police report alleging rape or incest. The law also requires physicians to use the medical method that provides the "best opportunity for the unborn child

to survive."

Specifically, Idaho's trigger law requires a judgment from the U.S. Supreme Court, which follows the court's Friday opinion and allows time to allow requests for a potential rehearing. It's not clear when the court will issue its judgment, but it's expected fairly soon, starting the clock on Idaho's trigger law.

Planned Parenthood is asking the state's highest court to put the case on a fast track so that it can hear arguments and issue a decision before mid-August.

The Idaho Attorney General's Office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden generally declines to comment on pending litigation.

Earlier this year Planned Parenthood and Gustafson filed a separate lawsuit over another Idaho anti-abortion law that allows potential relatives of the fetus or embryo to sue medical providers who perform an abortion. That law is on hold while the lawsuit works through the Idaho Supreme Court, and a hearing in the case is scheduled for August.

Crash closes I-84 for about 8 hours

Associated Press

TROUTDALE — State transportation officials closed Interstate 84 for hours Monday between Troutdale and The Dalles along the Columbia River because of a crash that resulted in a fire and fuel spill.

The Oregon Department of Transportation said the incident, which occurred about 7 a.m. near the Bonneville Dam, included a semitruck hauling a crane boom and a flatbed trailer that crashed into the median barrier and spilled some 200 gallons of fuel, oil and antifreeze.

Eastbound lanes of I-84 reopened before 3 p.m., and the westbound lanes before 4 p.m.

The crash moved median barriers into the other lanes, which had to be resituated with heavy equipment, transportation officials said. In addition, crews cleaned up fuel and debris that spread across all lanes, which was shown in photos posted on Twitter by transportation officials.

Transportation crews will continue to make minor road repairs in the area in the coming days. It was unclear if there were any environmental effects from the fuel, oil and antifreeze spill.

LOCAL BRIEFING

COVID-19 community levels for Central Oregon

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.

Nine Oregon counties have reached high levels of COVID community spread.

The CDC listed the following levels for Central Oregon: **Deschutes County:** Medium

Crook County: Medium
Jefferson County: Medium

Precautions the CDC recommends for communities with low levels:

- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.

Additional precautions 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.

Forum to address Central Oregon transportation

A community forum next month will focus on the future of Central Oregon's transportation system.

The City Club of Central



Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin file

Ian Isaacson, Bend Park & Recreation District landscape architect, takes notes June 15 while calculating the amount of water used during each cycle of the sprayground feature at the Alpenglow Community Park, which is scheduled for a grand opening July 15. Isaacson said after water has circulated through the water feature it is reclaimed and diverted to irrigate vegetation in swales in the park's main parking lot.

Oregon will host the forum July 14 at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend and online, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Speakers are set to include Russ Grayson, Bend's assistant city manager; Andrea Breault, the transportation director of East Cascades Transit; and moderator Mike Riley, executive director of The Environmental Center.

The speakers will share updates on Bend's 20-year transportation plan and review upcoming state and federal funding opportunities. They'll also discuss how the region can prepare for the transportation options of the future, including bike and pedestrian access, increasing transit and accommodations for electric vehicles.

Registration is available on the City Club's website at cityclubco.org.

Alpenglow Community Park opens to the public

Bend Park & Recreation District has unveiled its newest park, the 37-acre Alpenglow Park in southeast Bend. A celebration to mark the park's completion is scheduled for July 15.

Located at 61049 SE 15th St., the park will serve one of Bend's fastest-growing neighborhoods, an area of newly-built housing developments near Caldera High School.

The July 15 event, scheduled for 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. is free to enter and will include entertainment and demonstrations

of the park amenities.

Alpenglow includes an open lawn area, a bouldering area, a playground, an event pavilion, off-leash areas for dogs, and 2.2 miles of multiple-use pathways. A demonstration garden is also planned for the park. The park also features a much-anticipated "sprayground," a play area where water shoots up from the pavement.

The soft opening for the park has allowed Bend residents to explore most areas of the park, although some portions of the park have yet to open, including the playground, which is expected to open next week.

The property for the park was acquired in 2014 with funds from a 2012 voter-approved bond measure. The 37-acre parcel was purchased from the J.L. Ward family for \$3.77 million.

Eight-hour standoff ends in police, SWAT team arresting La Pine man

A man who barricaded himself in a house was ar-

rested on Sunday after an eight-hour standoff with police and a local SWAT team, according to a press release from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Kelly Lee Clark, 42, of La Pine, faces a slew of charges, including second-degree assault, first-degree burglary, possessing a weapon as a convicted felon and menacing.

Police responded to the 16000 block of Sparks Drive in La Pine at 4:30 p.m. after receiving a report of a restraining order violation on the property. Clark fled inside a home and barricaded himself inside, police reported, prompting a response from the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office SWAT team.

Earlier that day, Clark had assaulted and pointed a gun at another man who had been at the home, police reported. The SWAT team spent eight hours trying to contact Clark before arresting him after midnight and booking him in the county jail.

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office said the investigation is ongoing.

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