

Attempted abduction of child at county fair

A subject is still at large after a reported attempted abduction at the Deschutes County Fair.

Redmond police report that on August 7, after midnight, officers from the Redmond Police Department, responded to the Deschutes County Fairgrounds for an attempted child abduction. When officers arrived on scene it was reported an approximately 20-year-old white male wearing black clothing and a black hat had tried to take a family's 5-year-old son.

The suspect was discovered while escorting the child, south, away from the south gate entrance to the Deschutes County Fair, nearest the livestock barns. The man reportedly ran west away from the scene. The

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office responded with a K-9 and an extensive search of the area was conducted. The suspect was not apprehended and is still at large.

The Redmond Police Department reminds those supervising children to maintain a watchful eye on them and to make sure they are close by at all times. Redmond Police Department is asking for the community's assistance in identifying and holding accountable the person who attempted to take this child from his family. If anyone in the community has information on the attempted abduction, the suspect or his whereabouts, contact the Redmond Police Department at 541-504-3400, or through the non-emergency dispatch number at 541-693-6911.

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To the Editor:

I was in Sisters in late July, helping my daughter scout housing for her family, who will be moving there this August. My husband and I are also looking at a move to Sisters, a town we have admired for many years.

While there, my daughter and I became aware of the situation that exists — and evidently will be escalating — concerning fairly far-reaching noise from a recreational plane enterprise. If I recall correctly, this noise has been disturbing residents in a radius of about three miles — a pretty big swath for a small town.

The upshot? Neither my daughter's family nor my family is interested in looking at houses for sale on the north side of town. I should think this trend would be disturbing to Realtors, let alone home owners! Is the City government turning a deaf ear to those who have made these concerns known?

I am reminded of something Spock said in the movie *The Wrath of Khan*: "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few." Is this only fantasy?

Donna Manion
Sammamish, WA

To the Editor:

During last week's meeting of Sisters Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, discussion was voiced that recognition and support be given to all law enforcement officers.

It was quickly decided that, to honor any and all first responders throughout our nation, a posting of our national colors would be appropriate.

As of this Wednesday morning, we can all see our U.S. flags blowing in the breeze up and down Cascade Avenue. We military veterans proudly say "thank you" to all those who are dedicated to preserving the peace throughout our nation.

A dozen veterans have been posting the colors around Sisters for the past eight years. It takes about an hour to put up and take down the 125 flags, normally at the crack of dawn. Throughout the year, flags are posted five times, during patriotic holidays. This week's posting is special.

As an added service to the citizens of Sisters, the veterans also collect and retire worn or tattered flags that need to be retired. Flags may be dropped off at our Sisters Chamber of Commerce office for proper disposal.

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