

Increasing diversity in the teacher ranks

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A teacher shortage has quietly taken root around the country, and the COVID-19 pandemic sure hasn't helped that ongoing issue. We value our teachers, and we know having great teachers who love what they do and who are highly skilled are a vital part of a successful school district.



Sheila Miller

We have great teachers, and we want more of them. As a step along that path, this year the Oregon Department of Education and the Educator Advancement Council awarded grants of nearly \$7 million to 26 school districts, community colleges and universities around Oregon. In Central Oregon, the High Desert Education Service District received funds to benefit the Redmond School District, as well as Sisters and Crook County schools.

The grant seeks to help regional and local partnerships — between colleges and

school districts, for example — to diversify the teacher workforce and eliminate barriers that prevent teachers from diverse backgrounds from carving pathways in education.

Right now, about 24% of Redmond School District's student population identifies as people of color. Approximately 6% of our teachers and administrators identify as such. We'd like our district's workforce to look more like our student population — it's a benefit to students when they see teachers who look like them and who may have shared life experiences.

The goal of the grant is to increase the diversity in our educator group, and in order to do that, Redmond's grant funding will be used to support existing teachers of color furthering their education — helping pay for tuition, licensure and other costs to obtain a master's degree.

The funds will also provide opportunities for classified employees to obtain their teaching degrees. And in order to encourage more diverse teachers in the pipeline, the district plans to create a cadet program with Central Oregon Community College

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for high schoolers interested in the teaching profession, and a mentor program that will support them.

"Helping people who live in this community grow and become future teachers and leaders of the Redmond School District is good for our students and good for our schools," Superintendent Charan Cline said. "We want a diverse workforce that is committed to the long-term social health of our community."

The district believes that by removing financial and other barriers for individuals of color who want to be teachers, we can soon have that diverse workforce we seek, and our students will benefit.

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Rian! Rian is a 5-6 month old kitten looking for a forever home. He arrived as a stray and was never claimed. Rian is very social, loves to cuddle, and enjoys playing with his favorite toys. He would make a great family cat. Rian tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and must be indoor only and the only cat in the home or live with other FIV+ cats. For more info, call BrightSide Animal Center at 541-923-0882.

NEWS BRIEFING

More than \$13,000 worth of tools stolen at Sisters equipment rental store

More than \$13,000 in equipment was stolen from the Sisters Rental equipment store Wednesday night, and Deschutes County Sheriff's Office deputies are searching for two men.

Deputies went to the site of the burglary Thursday morning and were told two men broke through the store's glass door and stole chain saws and a concrete saw, according to a sheriff's office press release.

The press release said authorities are looking for two Latino men in their late 20s to early 30s, and states that the pair allegedly drove a newer white Honda Civic with unknown license plates to the scene. The two men wore masks during the burglary, the release states.

If you have information about the burglary, deputies are encouraging the public to call the sheriff's office at 541-693-6911.



This image from a video surveillance camera shows one of the two men who the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office says robbed Sisters Rental on March 24.

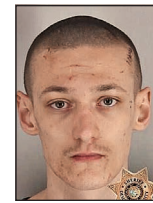
Three people arrested in connection to Circle K robbery, stabbing

Three people were arrested Saturday night in connection to a robbery and stabbing at the Chevron Circle K on U.S. Highway 97 earlier in the day, Redmond Police said in a prepared statement.

Abraham Sandoval Ruiz, 24, of Central Oregon; Brandon Petri, 21, of Bend; and Meaghan Webb, 31, of Madras, are being held at the Deschutes County jail, police said.

Police say the three suspects entered the Circle K about 3:30 a.m. Saturday, each wearing masks. They attempted to reach the cash register and one of them stabbed an employee multiple times, police said. The employee, a 27-year-old Redmond woman, was transported to St. Charles Redmond with serious injuries. Police said Sunday she was recovering.

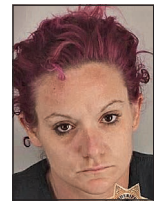
Police were told about 9:35 p.m. Saturday



Petri



Sandoval Ruiz



Webb

that the suspects had driven to the Redmond Walmart. When approached by police, the suspects drove off, leading officers on a chase.

Officers used tire deflating devices to slow the suspects, who had driven south on Highway 97 before turning west onto SW Tomahawk Avenue. Their car became disabled in a field, where officers arrested the three suspects.

The suspects face an array of charges, including first-degree robbery and first degree assault, police said.

— Staff reports

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable. For more information, call 541-548-2185.

Redmond Police Department

March 15

Burglary — A suspect was arrested on suspicion of burglary at 7:39 a.m. in the 1700 block of SW Pumice Avenue, and was also charged with criminal trespass, unlawful entry to a vehicle, coercion and menacing, and was arrested on two in-state warrants.

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 2:52 p.m. in the 2300 block of SW Yew Court.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

10:17 a.m. in the 900 block of SW First Street.
2:08 p.m. in the 500 block of SE Black Butte Boulevard.

4:48 p.m. in the 800 block of NW Cedar Avenue.
Vehicle crash — An accident with injury was reported at 8:08 p.m. in the area of SW Odem Medo Road and S. U.S. Highway 97.

March 16

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 3:14 p.m. in the 3900 block of SW 25th Place.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

2:52 a.m. in the 2000 block of SW Timber Avenue.
10:23 a.m. in the 500 block of NE Negus Loop.
9:28 p.m. in the 900 block of SW 27th Street.

March 17

Criminal mischief — Acts of criminal mischief were reported at:

11:16 a.m. in the 800 block of SW Rimrock Way.

7:22 p.m. in the 500 block of NE Apache Circle.

DUII — Joshua Anthony Roberts, 19, of Redmond was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants at 9:04 p.m. in the 300

block of SW Rimrock Way, and was also charged with reckless driving, reckless endangering and fleeing or attempt to elude a police officer.

Theft — A theft was reported at 10:53 p.m. in the 3600 block of SW 21st Place.

Unauthorized use — A vehicle was reported stolen at 1:18 p.m. in the 2800 block of SW Indian Circle.

March 18

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 2:05 p.m. in the 2900 block of SW Canal Boulevard.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 2:22 p.m. in the 700 block of NE Oak Place.

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

8:21 a.m. in the 300 block of NW Birch Avenue.

10:20 a.m. in the 300 block of NW Quince Avenue.

2:29 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.

Vehicle crashes — Noninjury accidents were reported at:

2:14 p.m. in the area of SW Highland Avenue and U.S. Highway 97.

2:35 p.m. in the area of NW 19th Street and NW Ivy Avenue.

March 19

Thefts — Thefts were reported at:

2:53 p.m. in the 2200 block of SW 21st Street.

3:03 p.m. in the 1000 block of NW Sixth Street.

8:58 p.m. in the 300 block of NW Oak Tree Lane.

March 20

Vehicle crash — An accident with injury was reported at 10:17 a.m. in the area of E. Antler Avenue and NE Ninth Street.

March 21

Criminal mischief — An act of criminal mischief was reported at 5:27 p.m. in the 700 block of NW Seventh Street.

Hit-and-run — A hit-and-run incident was reported at 1:20 p.m. in the 800 block of SW Sixth Street.

Redmond Fire Runs

March 15

2:42 a.m. Trash or rubbish fire, contained, 2631 NW Cedar Ave.

11:40 a.m. Authorized controlled burning, 2400 SW 79th St.

March 18

8:39 a.m. Cooking fire, confined to container, 1644 B Ave., Terrebonne.

4:19 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 10890 NW Kingwood Dr.

March 19

10:12 a.m. Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill, 1313 SW Canal Blvd.

3:17 p.m. Barkdust fire, 1250 Southwest Veterans Way.

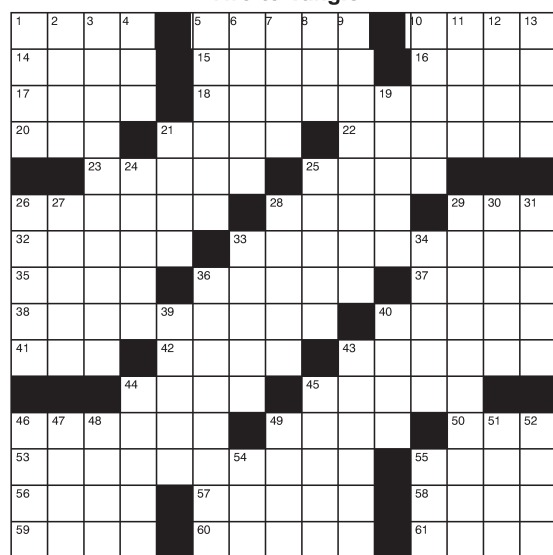
March 20

12:12 p.m. Natural vegetation fire, 3342 SW Helmholtz Way.

March 15-21: 86 Medical aid or transfer calls

CROSSWORD

Two to Tangle



CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

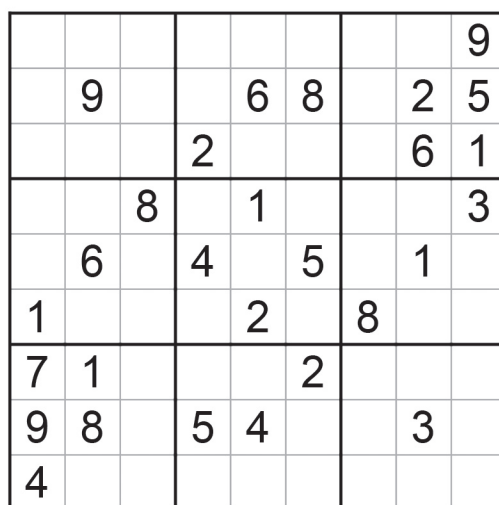
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Fill in the grid so every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9, with no repeats.



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WEATHER

FORECAST

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	74	34	Sunny
Thursday	69	32	Sunny
Friday	67	35	Partly cloudy
Saturday	65	34	Cloudy
Sunday	58	34	Partly cloudy
Monday	56	30	Cloudy
Tuesday	50	28	Partly cloudy

LAST WEEK

LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, March 22	53	30	0
Tuesday, March 23	52	15*	0
Wednesday, March 24	49	25	T
Thursday, March 25	48	25	0.01
Friday, March 26	60	17	0
Saturday, March 27	71	24	0
Sunday, March 28	68	25	T

Precipitation to date this year: 1.17 inches

* = daily record

National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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