

Schools

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"Seeing how limited that has been has definitely made everyone feel a little more comfortable," McKae said. "We're not seeing evidence of transmission at school, between students or staff members."

Not counting a February outbreak of Summit High School students — allegedly caused by a maskless party outside school — Bend-La Pine Schools has had 17 mini-outbreaks of COVID-19 in 2021, with 18 students and five school staffers testing positive, according to Oregon Health Authority data. Redmond has had four small school outbreaks, with three students

"The consistency of a schedule that they're used to, where they're here four days a week full-time, I think will be good."

— **Barry Branaugh, Ridgeview High social studies teacher and a board member of the Redmond Education Association**

and one staffer test positive.

The vast majority of these school-reported outbreaks only resulted in one student or staffer testing positive, according to state data.

Nationally, many teachers are also feeling more comfortable returning to their classrooms.

The American Federation of Teachers — a national union primarily representing educators with about 1.7 million members — conducted a nationwide survey of 1,702 members in late March and early April about returning to school.

Eighty percent of K-12 teachers said they were already vaccinated, and another 6% said they planned to get vaccinated, according to the survey.

Only 11% of K-12 school staff surveyed said their school district went too far in returning to in-person school.

Due mostly to the wide availability of vaccines for educators — along with rapid COVID-19 testing, enforced mask wearing and social dis-

tancing — many teachers nationwide feel more comfortable returning to in-person school, said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers.

"The vaccines have been a real game changer," Weingarten said. "The fact that educators have rolled up their sleeves, both to get the shot ... and to make sure they're meeting the needs of students, is pretty incredible."

Teachers in Oregon are mainly represented by the other major nationwide teachers' union, the National Education Association, but unionized Oregon school support staff are members of the American Federation of Teachers, Weingarten said.

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THURSDAY 4/15

Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting: The board will discuss the natural resource position with the County, grant updates, bonds and more; 9-11:45 a.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765740-0 or 541-550-6834.

City Club Forum: Envision Better Aging: How Can Central Oregon Adapt to the Needs of an Aging Population?; Noon-1 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/764499-0

On The Couch with Kelly Corrigan — An Evening of Connection and Conversation: Join four-time New York Times bestselling author of the upcoming book, "Hello World" and host of the "Kelly Wonders" podcast and "Tell Me More" PBS Series; 5:30-6:30 p.m.; \$50; online; go.evnt.com/759198-1 or 510-593-8844.

Reaping What You Sow — Refugee Caravans at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Tom O'Keefe of Stanford's Center for Latin American Studies will explore how U.S. policies and interventions have shaped the current immigration crisis; 6-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/765599-1 or 541-312-1032.

Crooked River Ranch Fire and Rescue Virtual Board Meeting: The board will discuss website hits and taking payments online, the disaster operational plan and more; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765752-0 or 541-923-6776.

Books in Common NW — Ethan Rutherford in Conversation with Paul Yoon: Rutherford will share his new short story collection, "Farthest South"; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/762712-1 or 541-549-0866.

FRIDAY 4/16

Virtual Coffee Clatter with MountainStar: The Redmond Chamber of Commerce will host a virtual discussion via Facebook Live with the local nonprofit working with vulnerable families; 8:30-9:30 a.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765623-0 or 541-923-5191.



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"What Happened Before the Big Bang?" — a virtual seminar with Ethan Siegel — will be held via Zoom 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Central Oregon Community College.

Spirit of the Enneagram: A two-day online workshop that explores the nine personality types of the Enneagram; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through April 17; \$250; online; go.evnt.com/747107-1 or 541-383-4179.

LandWatch Legislative Update: It's time for a legislative update with Central Oregon LandWatch on policies affecting our lands, water, wildlife and urban communities; Noon-1 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/754954-2

Sleepless Truckers: The outlaw country band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$10; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

SATURDAY 4/17

Farmer's & Artisan's Market: Handmade and homegrown items will be sold by local vendors and makers; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Old Fire Hall, 6730 SW. Shad Road, Terrebonne; go.evnt.com/765769-0

Wes Knodel Gun Show: The gun and knife show features a variety of local

and regional vendors; 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; \$8; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW. SE. Airport Way, Redmond; go.evnt.com/765631-0 or 503-363-9564.

Spring Gardening Seminar — Practical Irrigation: The seminar hosted by OSU Extension Service and presented by the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association will include information on irrigation; 10-11 a.m.; \$5; online; go.evnt.com/758725-1 or 541-548-6088.

Earth Day Spring Cleaning: Volunteers will be tasked with picking up garbage, painting over graffiti, pressure washing and more to clean up downtown alleyways with the potential to host future pop-up events; Noon-4 p.m.; Downtown Redmond, Redmond; go.evnt.com/765773-0 or 541-923-5191.

Build Your Own Terrarium: Learn about the care and feeding of air plants as you create your own mini Joshua Tree-inspired ecosystem; 1-2 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/742505-1 or 541-312-1063.

Merging Flavors — A Novel Idea Cooking Workshop: Gather ingredients and cook delicious meals inspired by the Novel Idea book "The Other Americans"; 3-4 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/765611-1 or 541-312-1029.

Four Bands for Trey: Four local bands including the High Street Band and members from Precious Byrd will perform the benefit concert; 5:30-9:30 p.m.; \$20; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; go.evnt.com/765715-1 or 541-527-4345.

SUNDAY 4/18

Wes Knodel Gun Show: The gun and knife show features a variety of local and regional vendors; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; \$8; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; go.evnt.com/765761-0 or 503-363-9564.

MONDAY 4/19

PTSD — Symptoms and Treatment: Discuss the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and resources for evidence-based trauma treatment; 1-2 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/765615-1 or 541-312-1029.

How the Pandemic Has Disproportionately Affected the BILAPOC Community: The virtual forum will feature panelists discussing the systemic inequities that the pandemic has exposed in the Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian and other communities of color; 3-4:15 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/765730-1 or 541-383-7412.

Redmond Planning Commission Meeting: A regular meeting will be

held; 4:30-6:30 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765585-0 or 541-923-7724.

RAB Middles Book Club: The RAB Middles books will be for readers approximately ages 8 years to 12 years; grades 3rd-5/6th. We will be discussing "Greenglass House" by Kate Milford; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/755681-0 or 541-306-6564.

TUESDAY 4/20

Big Falls Ridge Hike: The moderate 4 mile guided hike will highlight the use of navigation on the rolling trail-less terrain. Limited to eight participants; 8 a.m.-Noon; registration required; Big Falls Ridge, Lower Bridge Way, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com

Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765588-0 or 541-923-7763.

High Desert Speaker Series — Stories from the Sagebrush Sea: Join Oregon

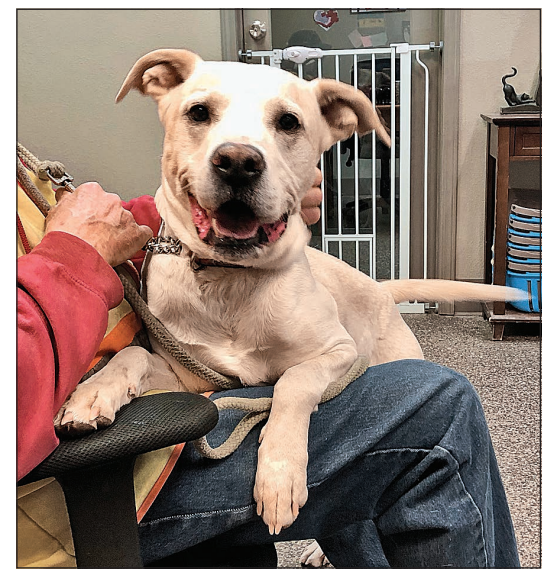
Natural Desert Association and Ed Jahn, Executive Producer of "Oregon Field Guide" for a behind-the-scenes tour of the captivating high desert stories Ed's crew has captured over the years; 5:30-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/757385-1

What Happened Before the Big Bang? with Ethan Siegel, Ph.D.: Dr. Ethan Siegel will share how the last 40 years of research has uncovered what happened before — and beyond — the Big Bang, and where the frontiers of knowledge are today; 6-7:30 p.m.; \$5; online; go.evnt.com/759992-0 or 541-383-7257.

Tuesday Night Trivia: A weekly trivia night will be held. Masks and social distancing required, free to play, winners can receive gift cards; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Initiative Brewing, 424 NW Fifth St., Redmond; go.evnt.com/765695-0 or 541-527-4380.

Virtual City Council Workshop: A regular workshop will be held; 8-9 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/765590-0 or 541-923-7710.

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Chub, a happy, active dog who arrived at the shelter as a stray and was never claimed by an owner. Chub is about 3-6 years old. He would love to be somebody's loyal companion. He can be a bit shy sometimes but he warms up quickly. He is affectionate and goofy. For more info, call BrightSide Animal Center at 541-923-0882.

Burbank

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And as any Angelino can tell you, avoiding the 405 — the interstate highway next to LAX that's frequently a parking lot — is a big plus.

"Anecdotally, we've heard from our customers a lot of support for a flight into Burbank," Bass said.

Jon Stark — executive director of the Redmond Economic Development Inc. nonprofit — said frequent flyers from many Redmond-based companies, particularly those in tech and manufacturing, have long desired a Los Angeles flight that avoids LAX.

"LAX is very congested and hard to get in and out of," Stark said. "It's just easier to do it through Burbank."

As for the brand-new Avelo Airlines, Bass said he and other

airport staff have been in discussions with their leaders since before COVID-19 hit last year. He knows many other airline leaders who left major companies to join Avelo, he said.

"We knew it was reputable and serious," Bass said of Avelo.

Bass hopes this new option to visit Los Angeles will maintain locals' loyalty with Redmond Airport. For every Central Oregon-based traveler leaving on a plane, 83% choose to fly out of Redmond, while only 16% choose to drive to Portland and 1% depart from Eugene, he said.

"Instead of driving over the pass and dealing with Portland, they choose us," Bass said. "So we keep trying to find them new opportunities and connections."

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