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garden, not
this deer

McDonald's owners mark 30 years

BY GERRY O'BRIEN
The Spokesman

REDMOND — Thirty years can go quickly if one is deeply involved in their business and their community.
For Kathy and Paul Rodby, it's been lightning quick.
The Rodbys are the owners/operators of five McDonald's restaurants in Central Oregon: Two in Redmond; one in Madras; one in Prineville; and one in Hines, just south of Burns.
The main Redmond restaurant is undergoing a \$1 million renovation with improvements to

its lobby, dining area, restrooms and now sports a dual drive-in setup. It was originally built in 1985.
The Rodbys, who met in college while in Phoenix, Ariz., aren't stepping away from the operations, merely giving the upcoming employees more experience at running the business.
"Thirty years have gone by fast," said Paul Rodby, 68. "We've put together such an incredible team. Some people have been with me the entire time and a few have been here for 15 to 20 years, through all the highs and the lows."

The couple purchased the Redmond operation on June 16, 1991. At the same time, the restaurant in Madras was under construction.
Having the Madras store at the Y intersection of state Highway 97 and 26, has really been a benefit, because families stop there the heading north to Portland or heading south to Bend.
"It's been a really good location for us," Rodby said. "Plus, we made sure that all of our restrooms stayed open during the COVID-19 pandemic, even though our dining rooms were not, and people appreciated that."
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New siding, a roof and interior will bring the Redmond McDonald's up to standards for the company's image.



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Ridgeview High School students Faye Davis, from right, Lucy Standiff and Kenzie Curtis load up several bags of donated food into the back of their car before heading out to make deliveries together on Thursday.

Redmond high schoolers fuel food drive

BY KYLE SPURR
The Bulletin

REDMOND — Kenzie Curtis, a senior at Ridgeview High School, met two classmates in the school parking lot Thursday and they filled her Nissan Xterra with large grocery bags full of donated food.
The three students then delivered the bags of mostly nonperishable snacks to elementary school students, who will need the food over the weekend.
"It's food that kids can eat on the weekends when they don't have access to the lunches at school," Curtis said. "It's food they can make on their own."
Students in leadership classes at Ridgeview and

Redmond high schools have shopped for the food and delivered it every week since March, when students returned to in-person learning.
The two high schools help up to 20 families with elementary school students and deliver at least two dozen bags of food each week.
The food drive program is funded and supported by the Family Access Network, a nonprofit organization that supports children's wellbeing in Central Oregon, and Jericho Road, a group that runs a food pantry in Redmond.
Each week, the students use gift cards from the Family Access Network to buy food at the Dollar Tree, Grocery Outlet and Fred Meyer. The students usually buy items such as peanut butter, crackers, soups, bread and bananas for the elementary school children.

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Business is so good for a Redmond manufacturer that repurposes medical devices that it is doubling its size while it keeps thousands of pounds of waste from going to the landfill and saving money for health care companies.

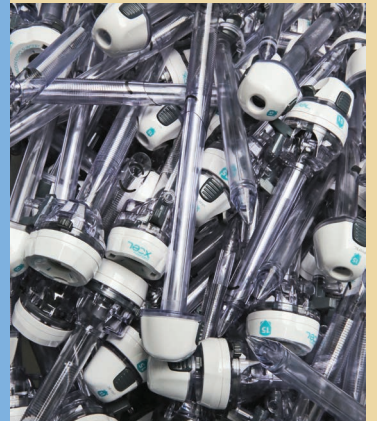
Ready for a RENEWAL

BY SUZANNE ROIG • The Bulletin



Construction is underway on an expansion that will double the size of Medline in Redmond.

Dean Guernsey/Bulletin photos



TOP: One of the surgical instruments that Medline remakes are trocars, which are used during surgery.
BOTTOM: Beverly Wilson assembles a tissue-sealing dissector at Medline.

Despite the pandemic and the cancellation of elective surgeries over the past year as a way for hospitals to keep their beds available for COVID-19 patients, business has been strong for the privately held company, Medline ReNewal. Construction is underway now to double its manufacturing footprint.
Last year, the company recycled about 5.2 million devices from a list of more than 4,300 different items, cleans them, sorts them and sterilizes them to be repackaged for reuse. It's a labor-intensive business that is on the upswing, said Frank Czajka, president of Medline ReNewal division. The Association of Medical Device Reprocessors said that it's a \$500 million industry with the potential to grow.
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Spokesman Calendar

Events in and around Redmond

The Redmond Spokesman welcomes event information for its community calendar. Submissions are limited to nonprofit, free and live entertainment events. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following Wednesday's paper. Items are published on a space-available basis and may be edited. Contact us at news@redmondspokesman.com or fax 541-548-3203.

WEDNESDAY 5/5

Hollywood Road Hike: Enjoy local color, history and geocaching on this leisurely paced hike with great views of the Crooked River Canyon; 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; registration required; Ranch Chapel Parking Lot, 5060 SW Clubhouse Road, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com

Teen Yoga Series: We will explore yoga, breathing techniques, sound healing, meditation, journaling, and building routines that will encourage a peaceful and happy life; 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Namspa Yoga & Massage, online; go.evnt.com/766829-0

This Too Shall Pass — Lessons in Resiliency: Hear powerful lessons learned from older adults about resiliency and peace during unsettling times; 4-5 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/769136-1 or 541-312-1029.

Redmond Budget Committee Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting: The committees will discuss the budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year specifically for the Redmond Downtown and south U.S. Highway 97 urban renewal areas; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/776921-0 or 541-923-7710.

Current Fiction Book Club: Discussing "The Thirty Names of Night" by Zeyn Joukhadar; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/769978-0 or 541-306-6564.

THURSDAY 5/6

In Conversation — Poets Elizabeth Acevedo and Mahogany Browne: Join Elizabeth Acevedo and Mahogany Browne for an afternoon of poetry and purpose; 4-5:30 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/776939-1 or 541-312-1032.

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