## THE REDMOND esman A special good morning to subscriber Robert Weeber



Assistance League provides clothing to 1,200 students

REDMOND — Through their Operation School Bell program, Assistance League of Bend is providing new clothing to 1,200 students in kindergarten through grade 12.

This second Walmart shopping campaign of 2021 is scheduled for Thursday and Friday in Redmond. The students will shop for new school clothes using a \$50 voucher provided by Assistance League of Bend and distributed by the Family Access Network advocates at each school.

Assistance League of Bend has modified the shopping events to help keep the students and volunteers safe and they are excited to be able to support students in person once again.

Assistance League of Bend continues to see a rising need to provide local children with basic clothing items, according to a press release. In addition to meeting essential clothing needs,

#### **About Assistance League**

Assistance League of Bend is an all-volunteer, 501©(3) nonprofit organization making a difference in the lives of children and adults facing hardships like poverty, homelessness and cancer in Deschutes County. Please visit their website www.assistanceleague.org/bend for details.

Assistance League of Bend has found that students who have new clothes feel more confident, have better attendance, and are less likely to be

Children with better self-esteem are more likely to complete their education, breaking the cycle of poverty.

Contact Susan Heberlein at osb@assistanceleaguebend.org or 541-389-2075, to learn more about the Operation School Bell program.



**Assistance** League is holding a shopping event for students Thursday and Friday in Redmond. Submitted photo

Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo likely to happen



Submitted photo, file

Carnival rides and the midway are traditional parts of the Oregon State Fair, which was canceled for 2020 because of the coronavirus.

## Decision will be sent to Deschutes commission to approve the event

## BY KYLE SPURR

The Bulletin

The Deschutes County Fair and Rodeo will likely be held this summer, but will be modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deschutes County Fair Board members agreed Thursday to move forward with plans for the fair after it was canceled due to the pandemic last year. The board also put its support behind Geoff Hinds, director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, as he organizes the The board's decision will be sent to the De-

schutes County Commission to formally approve having a fair this summer.

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Pigs rest at the California State Fair.

## Fairs are back but with changes

Official decision for Oregon State Fair will be announced in June

BY GEORGE PLAVEN AND SIERRA DAWN MCCLAIN

State fairs are making a comeback in 2021 across the

West, though they may look a bit different than in years

The California State Fair has been postponed for at least two months as the state continues to use the fairgrounds in Sacramento as a COVID-19 vaccination site. Planning for Oregon's state fair is underway — subject to COVID-19 guidelines released by the state.

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# Calenda:

## **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.

com/781057-0

Redmond Housing and Community Development Committee **Meeting:** A regular meeting will be held; 4-6 p.m.; online; go.evvnt. com/784415-0 or 541-504-3046.

Soul Drumming Online (Level 1): A 4-week beginning hand drum class series with local musician Shireen Amini. Improve skills, learn rhythms and songs. Includes live sessions, follow up materials, and culminating online performance; 5-6 p.m.; online; go.evvnt.

Redmond Caves — An Archaeological Treasure in an Urban Landscape: Discover remarkable insights into human use of the area over the last 4,000 years revealed by archaeological fieldwork at the Redmond Caves; 6-7 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evvnt. com/780561-1 or 541-312-1032.

Mystery Book Club: Discussing "Murder in Chianti" by Camilla Trinchieri; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evvnt.com/769991-0 or 541-306-6564.

Kriselle Cellars Wine Tasting: Join Scott Steingraber, owner and winemaker and Nora Lancaster, wine director of Kriselle Cellars will guide you and your guests through a tasting through three of their award-winning wines. Wine included; 7-8 p.m.; \$110; online; go.evvnt.

## THURSDAY 5/20

Positive Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia Care (PAC): Free, instructor-led designed to help anyone who cares for an aging Oregonian develop positive approaches to behavioral challenges common in those affected by Alzheimer's and dementia; 9-11 a.m.; online; go.evvnt.com/779594-0 or 1-800-930-6851.

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