

Seniors

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Payton will head to Oregon State University in the fall, where she plans to study social sciences, earn her master's degree and become a social worker for kids battling pediatric cancer. She's chosen that path because of her experience when she was in the hospital.

"I was old enough to where I knew what was going on but these little kids they don't know, they just know that they're sick and they feel bad," she said. "I think seeing their smiles would be super rewarding."

Barret Hemminger

Barret Hemminger has packed a lot of difficult life lessons into his 18 years. But the Ridgeview High School senior graduates next week with a positive outlook — and big plans.

Barret transferred to Ridgeview this year as a senior, having spent most of his life in Washougal, Washington. The move was a fresh start for Barret after losing a friend to a drug overdose and working hard to overcome his own addiction problems. There was a time, not so long ago, when Barret didn't expect to be crossing the stage and receiving his diploma.

"I definitely did not think I would be graduating, or in school now, or healthy or anything," he said.

To finish high school, Barret had a lot of catching up to do.



Submitted photo
Payton Rogerson, Redmond High senior.

He took three online courses on top of his full load of classes as a senior. It was a lot of work, but it was worth it.

Starting senior year in a new school hasn't been easy, especially amid the pandemic. It's hard to make friends, and he said it's been lonely. He looks

forward to a fresh start at the college level. He plans to start at Central Oregon Community College with an eye to earning a certificate in addiction science.

But he's not going to stop there. Barret is auditioning for admission to Boston's Berklee



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Barret Hemminger, Ridgeview High senior.

College of Music, one of the top music schools in the country. He intends to study music production and songwriting.

Barret has played trumpet for eight years, including with the Portland Youth Philharmonic, and got into songwriting about a year and a half ago. He plans to teach himself other instruments while developing his songwriting skills, and to take Berklee classes online until he's completed his coursework at COCC. His ultimate goal? To use music to help people struggling with addiction.

"I'm very empathetic toward

people with that problem (of addiction), especially if they work with music," he said. "So my main goal would be to work with people who like music and make music, and also have these issues."

And he has a simple message for others as he moves on to his next step.

"Everyone should be given a chance to do something in life. Just very simply that. And I think that listening to people is something that we need to do a lot more of, too."

Baldwin

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"People blame the little guy, when we're not looking at the auto industry and other industries that are bad for the environment," Baldwin said. "In fact, agriculturalists are the first environmentalists."

Lance Hill, an agriculture teacher and FFA adviser at Redmond High School, said Baldwin would make a great leader of future farmers.

"She has a huge passion for telling the story of agriculture," he said of Baldwin. "She has this innate ability and charisma that even for adults, she has a personality that you're drawn to."

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Free Redmond drive-thru COVID-19 testing in June

From a press release

REDMOND — Deschutes County Health Services is partnering with Central Oregon Community College and Oregon Health Authority to offer free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events on alternating Tuesdays in June.

Testing will be available from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on June 15 and 29 on COCC's Redmond campus (2324 SE College Loop, parking lot of the RTEC building).

This testing event is open to anyone. No symptoms or photo ID are required to be tested. Participants are asked to wear a mask and register online at www.doineedacovid19test.com. Staff will be onsite to register those who are unable to pre-register. Spanish-speaking staff will also be available throughout the events.

Individuals will self-administer a quick & pain-free nasal swab poly-

merase chain reaction (PCR) test. Test results are typically available in two to three days.

"We are excited to partner with COCC to offer free COVID testing in Redmond," said Nahad Sadr-Azodi, Deschutes County director of public health. "Increasing access and reducing barriers to testing is a key strategy in containing this virus."

"As a community college, COCC is

committed to collaborating with our public health partners across our district," added Jenn Kovitz, director of marketing and public relations and COCC's co-chair of its COVID-19 testing subcommittee. "We hope Redmond-area businesses, individuals planning summer travel, and symptomatic individuals will take advantage of this accessible, free, and recurring testing clinic."

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2095 SW Badger Ave., Redmond; go.evnt.com/788534-0 or 541-388-8331.

SATURDAY 6/5

Crooked River National Grassland Nest Box Trail Hike: On this easy two-mile hike, we will monitor eight bluebird and two kestrel nest boxes. We may see nests, eggs, and nestlings; 7:30-11 a.m.; registration required; Peninsula Road North of Crooked River Ranch, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com

Smith Rock Trail Improvement: Help work on the trails at the state park; 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; registration required; Smith Rock State Park, Terrebonne; eventbrite.com

Fiber Market Day: An annual Market Day with demonstrations by spinners and weavers, live animals, and sales by farmers and fiber artists, a gathering for fiber enthusiasts of any level; find supplies, tools and gifts; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; 800 SE Airport Way, Redmond; go.evnt.com/743802-0 or 541 815 3508.

Art at the Music Hall: An indoor art market featuring 21 local artists and artisans displaying a wide variety of work; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; High Desert Music Hall, 818 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; go.evnt.com/791445-0

Wine 'n' Shine Car Show: Join us for the annual car show in at the vineyard; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evnt.com/762222-0

Saturday Market: Featuring local vendors and artisans selling handmade and vintage items, food and more;



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Oregon High Desert Storm will take on the Idaho Horsemen at 7 p.m. Saturday at the First Interstate Bank Center at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds in Redmond

11 a.m.-3 p.m.; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

Pawssitive Pale Ale Release Party: The brewery will release a new beer benefiting BrightSide Animal Shelter and meet some four-legged friends looking for their new, happy forever home; 2-7 p.m.; Cascade Lakes at Seventh St., 855 SW Seventh St., Redmond; go.evnt.com/790008-0 or 541-388-4998.

Patty Davis Band: The Americana trio will perform. Advanced tickets required; 6-9 p.m.; \$15; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evnt.com/791494-1 or 541-526-5075.

Matt Borden: The local country artist will perform on the outdoor stage; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$10; General Duffy's Waterhole,

404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

Oregon High Desert Storm vs. Idaho Horsemen: The local indoor professional football team will take on the Idaho Horsemen; 7-10 p.m.; \$12; First Interstate Bank Center, 3800 SE Airport Way, Redmond; go.evnt.com/791459-1

MONDAY 6/7

Redmond Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4-6 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/791425-0 or 541-504-2000.

Redmond Planning Commission Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/791427-0 or 541-923-7724.

Beginning Ukulele I: Learn the basics of the instrument. Ukuleles available for rent from the instructor. Ages 14 and up; 4:30-5:30 p.m. through June 28; \$78; RAPRD Activity Center, 2441 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond; go.evnt.com/782220-0 or 521-526-1847.

Beginning Ukulele II: Take the next step in learning new tunes and techniques of the ukulele. Instruments available to rent from instructor. Ages 14 and up; 5:45-6:45 p.m. through June 28; \$78; RAPRD Activity Center, 2441 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond; go.evnt.com/782222-0 or 521-526-1847.

TUESDAY 6/8

Whychus Canyon Preserve: Enjoy hiking through this 930-acre preserve along the Whychus Creek. Wildflowers will be abundant so be sure to bring your native plant book; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; registration required; Whychus Canyon Preserve, 69899 Goodrich Road, Sisters; eventbrite.com

Beth Alvarado & Kelsey Freeman 'Writing Across Difference': The local authors will discuss how to write about race in a racialized society and the challenges that occur; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; registration required; online; go.evnt.com/791440-1 or 541-312-1063.

Redmond Virtual City Council Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 6-8 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/791430-0 or 541-923-7710.

Zoom Author Event — Girls at the Edge of the World by Laura Brooke Robson: The author, who grew up in Bend, will discuss her book "Girls at the Edge of the World." Set in a world on the edge of an apocalyptic flood, this heart-stoppingly romantic fantasy debut is perfect for fans of Rachel Hartman and Rae Carson; 6-7 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/788574-0 or 541-306-6564.

Virtual Urban Renewal Agency Board Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 8-9 p.m.; online; go.evnt.com/791436-0 or 541-923-7710.

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