

**FLASHBACK**

# Veterans memorial set in place at Redmond cemetery in 1996

**100 years ago**

**Oct. 27, 1921 — Surprise birthday party**

A surprise birthday party was given at the Tumalo school Friday in honor of Genevieve Nelson's eleventh birthday. She was given a peanut shower and received several presents.

**75 years ago**

**Oct. 31, 1946 — Larive explains school dismissal**

The recent dismissal of Redmond Union High School for the purpose of aiding in the potato harvest was explained today by Supt. M.E. Larive, who pointed out that the school board and faculty were prompted in their action by the critical labor shortage and danger of a freeze ruining the present crop.

With many potatoes still in the ground after that period, pupils, who were needed and willing to work, were dismissed

for another week, with all teachers being instructed to progress slowly on regular school-work so that a minimum of make-up work would be required.

**50 years ago**

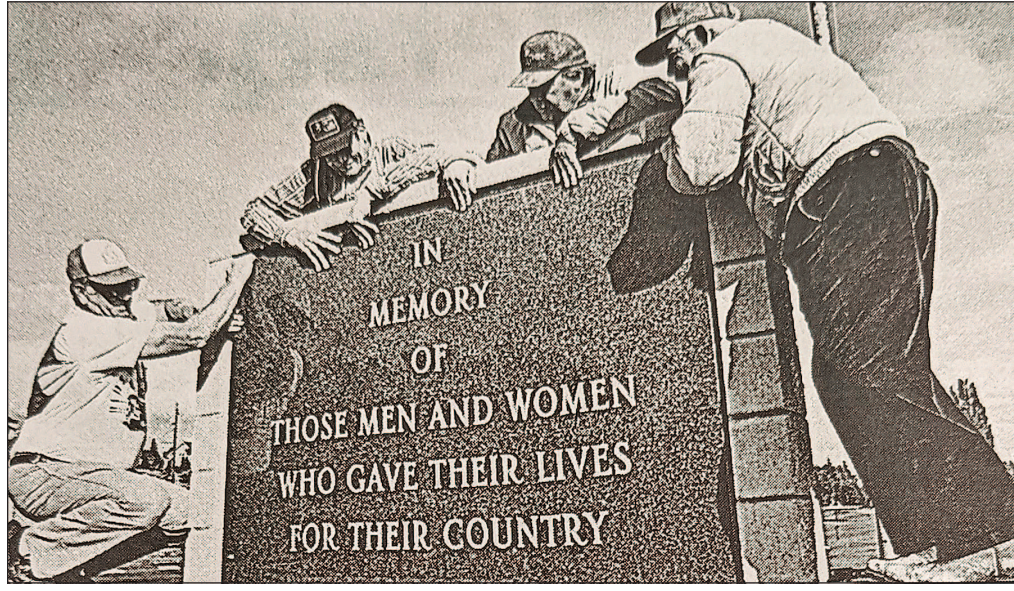
**Nov. 3, 1971 — Homecoming royalty**

Spurring the Panthers toward victory Friday night at Pollock Field will be Redmond High School homecoming princesses Colleen Moore, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moore; Jacki Towe, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Towe; and Karen Arnett, junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett.

**25 years ago**

**Oct. 30, 1996 — Vets finally get their monument**

Anchoring the vast expanse of green lawn, the three-tiered centerpiece sits solidly in the middle of Redmond Memorial



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**Walt Winter (left), Bill Petrofska, Bud Alexander (of Central Oregon Monuments) and Bill Melhase place new veterans memorial in place at Redmond cemetery in 1996.**

Cemetery. Under the U.S. flag rests a 6-foot-tall black granite flanked by two welcoming cinder block arms. Inscribed on

the stone are the words, "In memory of those men and women who gave their lives for their country." It's been six long years in the

making, but the veterans memorial at the cemetery finally is standing. But even though it's up, the monument won't quite be

ready for dedication on Veterans Day as originally planned. "We still need to raise a little more money for the paving stones to go around the memorial," Walt Winter said.

Trees and shrubs still need to be planted, too, so contributions totaling \$1,000 are needed to finish the project.

The monument provides enough space to engrave 400 names of U.S. veterans in the cinder block walls. Memorial spaces are still available at \$25, and veterans don't have to be buried in Redmond, Winter said.

Winter is a member of the Voiture 147 of the Forty and Eight, which is sponsoring the memorial.

A number of other vet groups have contributed to the monument's construction over the past year, and all the work has been done by veterans, Winter said.

Dedication is planned for Memorial Day 1997.

**Renewal**

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She said the support was the difference between being able to open and expand and not being able to.

"I'm just really proud that (Redmond) has grown the way it has, and I feel like there's been some really good planning involved in that," Dahl said.

Over the last several years, the changes in downtown have been dramatic. The city's historic downtown hotel was renovated and reopened as SCP Redmond, helping spur new development. City hall moved into a revamped former school; Centennial Park doubled in size, and more parking has been added.

Five other businesses have moved into downtown Redmond this year, along with dozens of others in the past two years.

Chuck Arnold, the city's economic development and urban renewal program manager, said that as of June, the city's urban renewal has invested \$21 million in downtown since 2013, contributing to an increase to the tax base of \$98 million.

The average annual growth of property valuation in downtown is 7%, he said, and for every \$1 spent by urban renewal, \$4 in private investment is realized.

Arnold estimates that about 75% of the new businesses have had support from urban renewal resources whether it be helping with design, business development services, grants or loans.

Out of the about 100 retail spaces in downtown, 88% of them are filled.

"It is definitely on a very strong trajectory, and demonstrative that there's a lot of interest in doing business in Redmond," Arnold said. "As Redmond grows, so does downtown."

Since 2010, Redmond's pop-



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**Lauri Dahl, owner of Tite Knot Craft Coffee in Redmond, prepares a cup of coffee while working on Thursday.**

ulation has grown by 27% from 26,215 residents in 2010 to 33,274 in 2020. City officials have tracked two to five people moving to the city every day over the past two years.

As the city rapidly expands, the City Council has prioritized community livability. It is also having growth manage-

ment policy work sessions on key issues, including housing, infrastructure, traffic circulation, parks and urban growth boundary expansion.

"The quality of life that we've tried to preserve and enhance in Redmond is attracting people and attracting people to come live here and invest in

properties," Arnold said. "It is attracting entrepreneurs to come start up their business here."

Arnold said the city is guided by what the community wants. "We look at businesses that we think will be complementary, and sometimes we just go right out and approach them," he said.

People choose Redmond because they love its small town feeling, he said.

"But while they love the small town, they want a complete town that has as many options as possible so they can shop and dine and do everything they like to do in their life, just in Redmond," he said.

Holly Filley, the owner of Halo Donuts & Deli, which opened in August, said there has been bigger demand than she expected.

Filley moved to Redmond

from Clackamas County in 2020. She said she has long wanted to move to Central Oregon to live near her family. She decided to open her business after retiring from the U.S. Post Office.

Filley said she drove past the former deli Soup 2 Nuts one day and noticed the for lease sign.

She had an idea. She talked to her husband and sister, who

also owns a business in Redmond, about opening a new deli and serving fresh doughnuts. "I was like, 'All right, let's do this,'" Filley said.

Arnold said the changes downtown are dramatic.

"People get their wheels turning when they see that and they get excited and we get excited about it," he said.

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