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New councilwoman to hit the ground running

BY BILL BARELETT

For The Spokesman

Redmond's newest City Council member is immersing herself in reams of documents, studies, procedures and proposals as she prepares to join the City Council on Jan. 3. Having already served as vice chair of Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission, Zwicker has a head start in knowing the workings of the seven-member body.

Catherine Zwicker, known to everybody as Cat, was appointed to fill the vacancy of Jon Bullcock who himself was appointed,

not elected, to council in 2017. Zwicker was chosen from among 17 applicants.

She is head of Desert Sky Real Estate and the incoming president of Central Oregon Association of Realtors.

The Spokesman sat down with Zwicker last week to get a sense of what drives her and what she hopes to achieve on the council.

The two words she used the most were "community" and "infrastructure," the latter covering a broad swath of subjects from housing to water. "I'm a military

brat," she said, adding: "Living on military bases you learn about community. Military families are a close-knit, cohesive bunch who look out for and take care of each other from their shared experience and sense of risk."

Zwicker says that she sees a lot of that kind of community in Redmond in spite of its rapid growth, up nearly 4,000 in just two years and now sitting at 36,000, a 35% spurt since the 2010 census. It's this growth that excites Zwicker.

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REDMOND GETS CHARGED UP



Bill Bartlett photos

Rapid charging at Fred Meyer 'fills' your electric tank by the time you finish shopping.

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Pull into the Redmond Freddie's, Safeway or Walmart and it's easy to assume that Redmond identifies more with pick-ups and SUV's than EV (all electric) or hybrid vehicles. Drive into The Home Depot or Lowe's and you'll find that Redmond drivers are clearly more at home in that Chevy, Dodge or Ford truck just as dad or grandpa drove all those years.

Given its ranching and farming heritage, it's understandable that drivers here would favor the heftier, multi-purpose usefulness of a light duty truck or roomy SUV. Years running, pickups are the best-selling passenger vehicles in America with Ford's F-150 perennially at the top of the sales rankings, followed this year by Dodge Ram and the Chevrolet Silverado. Through November these models have sold a combined 1.25 million vehicles. Pickups held the number 11

and 12 spots too.

For the first time an all-electric car, the Tesla Model Y, made Car and Driver's list coming in at number 19. That list looks a lot like Redmond. But experts say that's all going to change.

The year 2022 could be the year EV sales take off. More than a dozen new models are expected to launch, adding to 20 already on the market in 2020.

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Redmond folks looking for Tesla superchargers must go to Bend, Eagle Crest Resort or Black Butte Ranch.

RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Mother of injured cheerleader sues district

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin

The mother of a Ridgeview High School cheerleader who broke her arm at practice is suing the Redmond School District.

Freshman Reese Evenhus was attempting a group stunt called a 360 in 2019, according to a lawsuit filed Thursday in Deschutes County Circuit Court.

Reese's mother, Amy Evenhus, alleges the stunt was beyond her daughter's abilities as a junior varsity athlete and is seeking \$850,000 in compensation for alleged permanent injuries.

The district has yet to respond to the suit. A spokesperson said Monday the district cannot comment on pending litigation.

The accident took place Oct. 2, 2019, at cheer practice at the Ridgeview campus on SW Elkhorn Avenue. It was the girl's first season as a cheerleader.

According to the lawsuit, JV coach Kyra Roediger prepared the team to execute a 360 by showing them an instructional video on her cellphone.

On the day in question, Reese was designated the "flyer," the team member lifted into the air by members of the "base." Reese's mother states the girl hadn't demonstrated she could consistently perform easier stunts, and she had expressed to her coaches she was not comfortable attempting the 360.

Members of the base lifted Reese to shoulder-height. From there, she was boosted upward. While attempting to rotate her body around, she fell, breaking her left arm in numerous places.

The lawsuit alleges the ground was unpadded and the coach failed to employ spotters who could have caught Reese.

Evenhus is seeking \$100,000 for medical expenses and \$750,000 in noneconomic damages. She says Roediger was improperly trained and supervised as a coach and the district should have used safety measures like spotters and floor padding.

Evenhus is represented by attorney David Rosen of High Desert Law in Bend.

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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 12/29

Aaron Rehn & Grace Cooper: The guitar duo will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$5; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/GeneralDuffys or 541-527-4345.

Trivia Wednesdays: Go with a team or team up there to play genuine UKB Trivia live and possibly win gift certificates; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Initiative Brewing, 424 NW Fifth, Redmond; facebook.com/InitiativeBrew or 541-527-4380.

THURSDAY 12/30

Holiday Lights: A walk-through holiday light show spanning 100,000 sq. ft. with more than 3 million dazzling lights happening daily;

4-10 p.m.; \$25 per person, \$65 family four-pack, \$95 family six-pack; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; holidaylightexperience.com or 541-548-2711.

Coyote Willow: The roots-country-Americana duo will perform; 5:30 p.m.; free; Brasada Ranch, 16986 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Powell Butte; brasada.com or 541-526-6865.

Irish Trad Music with The Ballybogs: The Ballybogs will perform; 6-8 p.m.; free; Porter Brewing Co., 611 NE Jackpine, Ct. 2, Redmond; porterbrewingco.com or 541-504-7959.

Parker Steers: The country, rock artist will perform; 6:30-10 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/GeneralDuffys or 541-527-4345.

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