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REDMOND | HOMELESS YOUTH

Prevention to be bolstered by state grant

BY ZACK DEMARS
The Bulletin

Youth on the brink of homelessness in Redmond have new resources to stay housed on the horizon.

J Bar J Youth Services, a nonprofit that provides support for youth experiencing homelessness in Central

Oregon, plans to use funding from increased state investment announced last week to help prevent homelessness among youth in the city.

A new program, called a "basic center" and funded by a one-time \$50,000 grant from the state's Department of Human Services, should

open in the next month and will work to keep kids housed through family mediation services and youth homelessness prevention, according to Eliza Wilson, a program director for J Bar J.

"We've always offered some services in Redmond, but this will really change to be full-time in Redmond, at

the Redmond office, focused on the Redmond community," Wilson said. "A lot of times, the focus has been Bend because there's more people in Bend, but really Redmond has grown, and we need to have more resources for youth there."

Family mediation can prevent

homelessness from the outset of family issues, Wilson said.

If a family is having trouble with a child's behavior, for example, mediators provide strategies to improve family communication before a child runs away or gets kicked out.

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DESTINATION REDMOND



Maple Street Bridge welcomes visitors to Redmond.

Bill Bartlett photo

BY BILL BARTLETT • For The Spokesman

REDMOND — Putting tourism and Redmond in the same sentence may seem odd to readers. That was the takeaway when The Spokesman dropped in on the regulars at Proust Coffee. Speaking for the java group, Don Patterson said: "Tourists coming to Redmond? I can't imagine people wanting to vacation here." His caffeine buddy, Brady Connor, added: "Maybe some folks just passing through."

As longtime residents, they weren't being derogatory. They were simply putting it in the context of destination tourism locations like Las Vegas, New Orleans or Anaheim (Disneyland). Nobody's going to mistake Redmond for Orlando, but it would be an error to think that Redmond doesn't have a healthy tourism industry with thousands of visitors annually.

The key word is visitors. The word tourist is being eradicated by the meeting, convention and hospitality industry as tourists are not always welcome creatures in a community.

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Submitted photo

Climbers from all over the world take on Smith Rock, then chill out in Redmond

"Redmond sells itself. With what we have to offer, Redmond is growing as the gateway to Central Oregon tourism."

— Eric Sande, Visit Redmond executive director

Local man walks every street in Redmond

BY BILL BARTLETT
For The Spokesman

Reid Sanford, 64, of Redmond, is the first — and for now — the only known person to have walked the entirety of all paved, public streets in town — north to south, east to west. He did it over a stretch of nearly eight months, starting in May and finishing two weeks ago. The 270.7-mile trek took 85 hours and he averaged 3.19 mph.

Sanford, a retired engineer with Nike, moved to Redmond with his wife, Jenny, in 2019. He is an avid walker but neither compulsive nor record-setting. The idea and inspiration came from reading about a Bend couple who ran every street in Bend.

"I didn't set out to create any records or attract attention," Sanford told The Spokesman when we sat down with him to learn about his walkabout.

He is quick to point out that there were no rules or precedent so he made his own.

"I didn't include non-motorized ways such as trails. I avoided trespassing when I encountered a gate or other signage indicating that I was about to enter upon private property even if that property was on a public street," he said.

He was clearly not in a rush and didn't walk when it was raining or otherwise unsavory weather. His wife accompanied him on parts, completing about a fourth of the distance. It was never her intention to be part of the venture.

Along the way his worst encounters were with stray dogs. He carried mace, but never having to deploy it, always able to calm the dog with his own demeanor that is immediately apparent.

"I met people along the way, naturally," Sanford said, adding, "There was the obvious curiosity and surprise when I'd say why I was in any given place. I got quite a few words of encouragement."

He walked into some areas where he received hard stares as if he was crossing some imaginary line that indicated strangers were not welcome.

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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 1/26

Redmond School Board Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 5:30 p.m.; free; Redmond School District, Online; redmondschools.org or 541-923-5437.

Blues and Brews: Get a chance to show off your guitar or vocal skills and join Casey Hurt and The Goodnights, The General Duffy's House Band, who will prepare a setlist of classic and modern blues songs; 7-10 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

Nature Night — A Low-to-No Snow Future: Join the Deschutes Land Trust and register for a virtual session to learn

how you can help make a difference in our, hopefully, snowy future; 7-8:30 p.m.; free; Deschutes Land Trust, Online; deschuteslandtrust.org or 541-330-0017.

THURSDAY 1/27

Thrive Central Oregon Walk-In Consultations: Connect and get help with housing, medical, mental health, veterans services, social security resources, and more; 1-4 p.m.; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; host@evanced.info or 541-312-1050.

Prevent Diabetes Central Oregon: The Diabetes Prevention Program is proven to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes; 4-5 p.m.;

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