

New turf fields make big impact for community

BY SHEILA MILLER

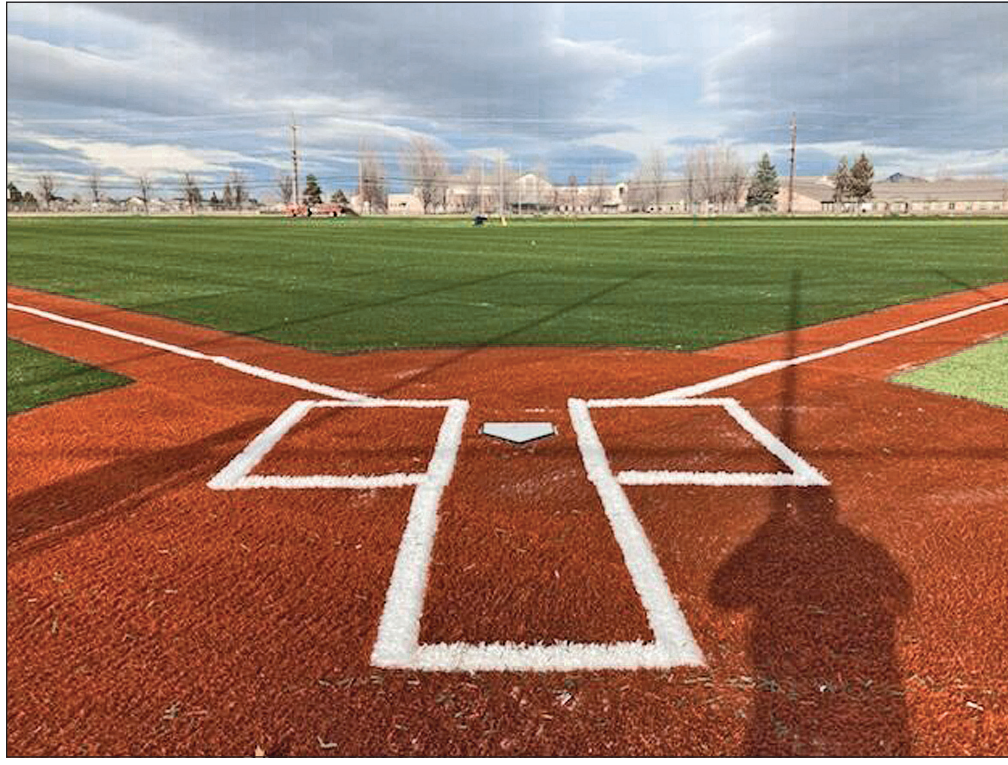
Redmond School District

Anyone who has driven along West Antler Avenue recently has likely noticed an oasis of bright green in an otherwise drab, winter landscape.

The Redmond Rotary Fields at the David M. Jaqua Sports Complex have undergone a massive transformation over the past six months, most notably with the addition of the city's first turf field — both a baseball field and a full-size soccer field, which can be used for a variety of sports, including football, lacrosse and softball.

The Redmond School District funded the project primarily with proceeds from a \$2 million sale of a donated 40-acre property at 9th Street and Antler Avenue. The property was donated to the school district in 2009 by Central Oregon Irrigation District and was purchased by Wild Mike's Ultimate Pizza. No 2020 bond funds were used for this project.

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Marc Horner photo

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facility. Eventually, the district will add spectator seating, a

concession stand and permanent bathrooms, as well as

fencing, a PA system and other upgrades.

And yes, it looks really cool — but there's more to the project than just being pretty. For one thing, it will save the district money. The turf is a low-maintenance product that is traditionally replaced every 10 to 15 years and undergoes cleaning — but it also saves the district's maintenance staff tons of time and money that is spent mowing and fertilizing, and most notably on water. The district estimates the district will conserve nearly 4 million gallons of water per year by installing the turf, which also translates to a savings of more than \$9,000.

Besides being a smart financial move for the district, the project also will be a boon to athletes of all ages and abilities. It provides valuable outdoor space for teams — not just from the Redmond School District — to practice and play on a state-of-the-art field. And it's a benefit to our community, because a facility of this quality will bring regional tournaments and other programming to the area. Those people will stay in our hotels, eat in our

restaurants and shop in our local stores.

The improvements would not have been possible without the generosity of multiple partners, most of them local businesses. The Redmond School District secured an agreement with the Community Sports Development Council, which covered 70% of the cost of the artificial turf. Hayden Homes donated funds for lighting, York Bros Excavation provided site excavation, Smith Rock Electric provided electrical work, and H.A. McCoy Engineering and Surveying provided services for the city's approval process. All will serve as sponsors of the project.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Redmond also began donating as much as \$15,000 each year beginning in 2019 for the project.

Stay tuned for a grand opening celebration sometime this spring — we can't wait to show the community this special new space!

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Redmond foster care program given \$10,000 for child clothing

From a press release

Every Child Central Oregon received a \$10,000.00 grant from the United Way of Central Oregon to support its clothing bundle program and provide funding for car seats for Jefferson County and The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, according to a news release.

Children entering foster care in Central Oregon often come into care with few personal belongings. In a moment of transition into a foster care home, providers often have to leave, run to the store, and buy a few days' worth of adequate clothing for the child entering their care.

Every Child Central Oregon's clothing bundle program provides one full outfit, one pair of pajamas, socks and underwear to each child entering care. This simple clothing bundle allows a child and their foster provider at least 24 hours of clothing necessities so that no one must immediately rush out to a store.

Clothing bundles are a small way of providing support to a child as they enter a new environment and allows both the child and foster family time to adjust before needing to go shopping. The Clothing Bundle program offers clothing for boys, girls' and gender neutral/gender non-conforming, options sizes newborn-adult XL to ensure every child entering care has equitable access to the program.

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ery child entering care should have a safe, age/size appropriate car seat of their own to help ensure their safety. Foster families often welcome children into their home without much, or any, lead time and are left trying to source a safe car seat immediately upon the child arriving.

In Jefferson County and for The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, this poses an extra challenge due to a lack of stores that are open late and consistently stock car seats in a reliable quantity and in every needed size.

To learn more about ECCO, how to become a foster provider, donate, or volunteer, visit www.everychildcentraloregon.org

PET OF THE WEEK

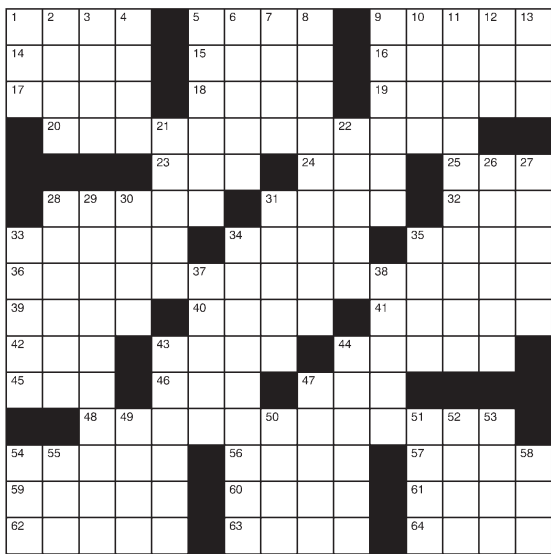


Submitted photo

Meet Quinn! Quinn came to BrightSide as a stray and very quickly showed us all his personality. Quinn has shown us that overall he is friendly and loving but can also have a lot to say sometimes. He is a kind and goofy dog that has shown us his stubborn side occasionally. Quinn is most noisy when confined, but we are making progress on that. If you think you're the perfect fit for Quinn or would like to learn more about him please come to BrightSide!

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Three Sisters



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By Charles Preston

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WEATHER

FORECAST	HIGH	LOW	
Wednesday	41	26	Partly Cloudy
Thursday	50	23	Partly Cloudy
Friday	55	25	Partly Cloudy
Saturday	54	24	Partly Cloudy
Sunday	55	27	Partly Sunny
Monday	56	29	Partly Cloudy
Tuesday	55	31	Partly Cloudy
LAST WEEK	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
Monday, Jan. 24	62	28	0
Tuesday, Jan. 25	51	18	0
Wednesday, Jan. 26	34	17	0
Thursday, Jan. 27	29	24	0
Friday, Jan. 28	52	15	0
Saturday, Jan. 29	55	19	0
Sunday, Jan. 30	54	23	.01

Precipitation to date this year: .73 inches

* = daily record

National Weather Service broadcasts are on 162.50 mhz.

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