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REDMOND SCHOOLS

District sued in 2017 student death

Officials failed to follow anti-bullying policies, family of Brehm says

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
The Bulletin

The family of a 12-year-old girl who died by suicide in 2017 has sued

the Redmond School District, alleging it was negligent in allowing her to be bullied ruthlessly in her last year of life.

Maranda Riboli, mother of Brooklyn Marie Brehm, originally filed her lawsuit in federal district court in 2019, naming as defendants the girl's English teacher at Elton Gregory Middle School and the classmate said

to have regularly and frequently harassed Brooklyn at school.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane dismissed all but one of Riboli's claims. The judge ruled the remaining claim, negligence, would have to be pursued in state court.

On Tuesday in Deschutes County Circuit Court, Riboli filed a \$700,000 lawsuit

naming only the Redmond School District as a defendant.

A district spokesperson declined to comment, citing a policy against discussing pending litigation.

According to the federal lawsuit, when Brooklyn started middle school at Elton Gregory in the fall of 2016, she had a positive attitude and loved

school.

But throughout the 2016-2017 school year, a boy in her sixth-grade class shamed her for her weight, called her names like "hungry hungry hippo" and ridiculed her for having a crush on a boy he said would never like her because of her weight, according to court documents.

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Homeless get new shower trailer, share their stories



Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin

Jenny Gall, who camps on Bureau of Land Management property outside of Redmond, gathers supplies before using the Jericho Road mobile shower trailer during a homeless camp outreach program Friday in Redmond.

BY JOE SIESS • The Bulletin

Redmond's homeless individuals often live on the High Desert surrounding the town, with some of the only resources available to them provided by a local outreach program.

The outreach program includes organizations like Jericho Road, which is now providing its new portable shower trailer for people who live without access to bathing facilities. Mosaic Medical, which has a portable clinic on site, and a team that provides outreach through organizations like Bestcare Treatment Services and Deschutes County Behavioral Health are also part of the program. Members of the community also provide hot meals.

The new shower trailer first arrived in February, and will now be available for people to use every Friday at the end of East Antler Avenue.

Mark Keener, of Jericho Road, said it took months to acquire the shower trailer, mainly because of the global supply chain issues. He said volunteers are also in short supply,

but the organization has considered having some of the unhoused members of the community help run the operation.

"This serves a basic need we all take for granted," Keener said of the shower trailer. "It provides a basic health care need. Maybe being able to get clean is going to keep somebody out of the emergency room."

Keener said the organization hopes to get another shower trailer, but the big issue is they need more volunteers.

The importance of a shower cannot be understated, especially for someone like John Griffith, 57, who is known around the area as "Tractor John," and lives in homeless communities on the desert land out-

side of Redmond.

Griffith said he has gone over a year without taking a shower in the past. Griffith wanted people to know that not all homeless people are the same.

"Nobody should judge anybody as a category. They should always judge them as a person," Griffith added.

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A new spokesman for the Spokesman



Tim Trainor, editor for The Redmond Spokesman.

New editor takes reins of Redmond newspaper

BY TIM TRAINOR

Redmond Spokesman

My name is Tim Trainor. I'm the new editor of what will be a new Redmond Spokesman.

I've been hired to reimagine this newspaper and give it a renewed focus on local issues, events and people. And I'm not the only change. EO Media Group, which owns 15 papers across the state, will bring on more journalists to write stories that matter to you.

We will also open a brand new downtown location where readers can stop by and pull our ear any time — whether it be a hot tip about a new restaurant or to give us guff about a typo.

That door will always be open to feedback and ideas, criticism and support.

It will be fun to bring a hometown perspective to Redmond journalism as the city hones its identity. This is a place distinct from its neighbors, worthy of its own coverage and confronting its own challenges.

Sometimes that may prove difficult, thanks to that cultural behemoth down the highway and the worldwide pressures on local journalism. But from our perspective, there's a real opportunity here to serve readers who want Redmond news and want it to come from folks who live and work alongside them — folks who are as invested in the town and its success as you are.

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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 3/9

Proposed Recreation Facility Open House Meeting: Redmond Area Park and Recreation District is hosting a second community Open House to get public input on recreation amenities and the design of a potential new community center; 6-7 p.m.; free; Elton Gregory Middle School, 1220 NW Upas Ave., Redmond; raprd.org.

Thursday 3/10

Redmond: The Library Book Club: Discuss "Norse Mythology" by Neil Gaiman; 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-

312-1050.

23rd Annual Central Oregon Sportsmen's Show: This year's show features outdoor cooking demonstrations plus renowned hunter and public lands advocate, Randy Newberg and duck decoy painting for the kids; Noon-8 p.m.; \$12 adults, youth \$5; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; thesportshow.com or 541-548-2711.

Simple Resumes for Teens: Get help creating your resume and learn about local job resources. This is an in-person program.; 3-4 p.m.; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1050.

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