

# Student

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He told her she should kill herself because she was "a waste of space and no boy would ever like her," the documents state.

Around December 2016, Brooklyn told her mother about the boy picking on her. Riboli knew the boy's parents but didn't talk to them about his behavior at Brooklyn's request.

Three months later, Brooklyn's English teacher emailed Riboli to voice concerns about Brooklyn's declining grades and a change in her classroom behavior. Riboli replied that she too noticed changes in Brooklyn, and that Brooklyn had mentioned she'd had issues with a bully.

Riboli met in-person with the English teacher in February 2017 and they discussed keeping Brooklyn away from the boy.

Around this time, her parents agreed she would live with her father in Sisters and see how she liked school there. She wasn't happy about the change, according to court documents.



Bulletin file

The family of a 12-year-old girl who died by suicide in 2017 has sued the Redmond School District.

In April 2017, a friend of Brooklyn's reported to the school counselor noticing cuts on Brooklyn's arms and a change in her emotions. The counselor called Riboli shortly after and they set up an in-

son meeting for mid-April.

On April 17, 2017, before the meeting could occur, Brooklyn died at her home. Her suicide notes and journal refer to feelings of being unwanted, "mean" parents, bul-

lies, boys she had crushes on, and a classmate who told her to go kill herself, according to court records.

According to the 2022 lawsuit, the district failed to supervise its staff and acknowledge

## Mental health resources

**24/7 Crisis Hotline:** National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Network- www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

1-800-273-TALK (8255) (Veterans, press 1)

**Crisis Text Line:** Text TALK to 741-741 to text with a trained crisis counselor from the Crisis Text Line

**Veterans Crisis Line:** Send a text to 838255

reports that Brooklyn was being harassed and had engaged in self-harm.

At the time of Brooklyn's death, the Redmond School District had several policies on bullying and harassment, and a reporting system for such conduct. When bullying is reported to a teacher, the teacher has discretion in handling it based on severity. The report may be handled in the classroom, reported to the school counselor, or to the school principal for investigation. Additionally, teachers at Elton Gregory undergo various annual trainings on adolescent suicide.

According to court records, between 2015 to 2017, the school documented 75 instances in which the school disciplined students for bully-

ing, harassment, fighting and physical aggression.

On Feb. 2, the federal judge issued his 14-page opinion in the original lawsuit, ruling that because Brooklyn's family had failed to show gender-based discrimination and deliberate indifference, her federal claims failed.

McShane noted that testimony showed Brooklyn was exposed to drug use and domestic violence in her home life.

"The Court is not suggesting that Brooklyn was not deeply loved by her parents, but the record does amplify the fact that Brooklyn was witness to some trauma and chaos at home," McShane wrote.

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# Trainer

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That's not to say we're going to be cheerleader for the chamber of commerce, city government or schools. We're going to celebrate our success and our eccentricities when it's appropriate, but we're also going to take a look at the warts that hold us back. As the saying goes, sunshine can be a great disinfectant. We hope to add a bunch of sunshine to how local municipalities operate, while also convincing the weather to add snow to our mountains and water to our irrigation canals. Sunshine and storm clouds, coming right up thanks to the new *Spokesman*.

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If you know a great writer full of

tales of old Redmond, put them in touch.

We'd love to have their voice become a regular part of the paper.

If you have recommendations about where we should direct our limited reporting capacity, shoot me a line.

If there's always something you wanted to know about your town, tell me. If you're wondering how a street

got its name, or what line at Smith Rock offers climbers the best view of a Central Oregon sunset, we can help answer that. I won't know everything, but I get paid to find stuff out.

A bit about me: I grew up in Ohio and moved west right after graduation, working first in the Idaho timber town of St. Maries then in the Montana mining town of Butte. After that, I spent five years as an editor in Pendleton, working for our sister paper the *East Oregonian*. While there, I certainly let 'er buck. I then made a quick dip back into academia, picking up a master's degree in multimedia journalism from the University of Oregon, then putting that into practice for the past year at the *Herald and News* in Klamath Falls.

Which brings me here to this

fine town and this opportunity. The *Spokesman* is Redmond's oldest business, which means it has been around a long time but also that it needs to change to adapt to 2022. I'm here to help do that.

And, hopefully, you can help me succeed in that task.

For now, the best way to get in touch with me is via email at ttrainor@redmondspokesman.com. Once the details are ironed out and all our tacks is hung, I'll invite you to our new storefront downtown.

There, you'll be able to see where the sausage gets made and be welcome to add your own spices to the recipe. Something exciting is brewing in Redmond and I'm happy to be a part of it.

Tim Trainor is editor of the Redmond Spokesman.

# Calendar

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**Britnee Kellogg — Range Music Series:** The local country musician will perform; 5:30-8:30 p.m.; free; Brasada Ranch, 16986 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Powell Butte; brasada.com or 855-318-4960.

**Tony Buckman:** The country musician will perform; 7-10 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

## Friday 3/11

**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.

**2021 Redmond Annual Awards Banquet:** Celebrate Redmond Chamber members at this banquet; 5-8:30 p.m.; Eagle Crest Resort, 1522 Cline Falls Road, Redmond; visitredmondoregon.com or 541-923-9644.

**Erin Cole-Baker:** New Zealand singer-songwriter will perform her original songs and a few choice covers on both acoustic and electric guitars; 6-9 p.m.; free; Niblick and Greene's, 7535 Falcon Crest Drive, Redmond; facebook.com/erincolebakermusic or 541-548-4220.

**Precious Byrd:** The pop band will



Benjamin Edwards

Precious Byrd will perform on Friday at The Redmond Social Club.

perform; 6 p.m.; \$15; Redmond Social Club, 491 SW Veterans Way, Redmond; facebook.com/redmondsocialclub or 541-410-2572.

**Northern Lights Festival — Saint Patty's Day Edition:** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Redmond with two weekends of illumination; 7-9 p.m.; free; Grace & Hammer Pizzeria, 641 SW Cascade, Redmond; graceandhammer.com.

**Central Oregon Comedy Scene presents Standup Comedy:** Local comedians will perform; 7-10 p.m.; \$15-\$20; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/gneralduffys or 541-

527-4345.

## Saturday 3/12

**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; 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; \$12 adults, youth \$5; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; thesportshow.com or 541-548-2711.

**Jesse Meade:** The local singer-songwriter will perform; 5-8 p.m.; \$15; Faith, Hope and Charity Vine-

yards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; faithhopeandcharityevents.com or 541-526-5075.

**Fogline:** The Southern Oregon-based country band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$10; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

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## Sunday 3/13

**Sunday Brunch and Karaoke:** Join for brunch and Karaoke; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

**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; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$12 adults, youth \$5; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; the-

portshow.com or 541-548-2711.

## Monday 3/14

**Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC) Meeting:** A regular meeting will be held; 5-7 p.m.; Redmond City Hall, Online; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

**Open Mic:** First timers to pros, everyone's welcome to sign up for open mic; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; generalduffys.com or 541-527-4345.

## Tuesday 3/15

**Writers Writing — Quiet Writing Time:** Enjoy the focus of a quiet space with the benefit of others' company; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; free; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1050.

**Redmond Commission for Art in Public Places Meeting:** A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, Online; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

**You Thinned Your Forest. Now What?:** This series will cover common topics related to Eastern Oregon forest management; 6 p.m.; free, must register online; OSU Extension Service, Online, Redmond; beav.es or 541-548-6088.

**Trivia Tuesday:** 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.; free; Initiative Brewing, 424 NW 5th, Redmond; facebook.com/UKBTrivia or 541-527-4380.

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