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Tour connects women of Redmond history

BY TIM TRAINOR

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A dozen of the most interesting women in Redmond history are included in an auto tour, presented by the General Foundation of Women's Clubs. Connect them all and finish the quest to win prizes and help raise funds for a local nonprofit.

The "Ladies, Legacies and Landmarks" tour is available through April 30. It finishes with a party and fundraiser on that date, from 1-3 p.m. at Centennial Park. A guide to the quest is available online or can be picked up at the Redmond Chamber of Commerce, 446 SW 7th, and winners will be chose at the park

on April 30. To be eligible for prizes, an individual must donate \$5 to the fundraiser, or a team can donate \$25. All money raised will be donated to Saving Grace of Redmond, which helps support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

According to the GFWC of Central Oregon, the goal of

the project was to learn about some of the many women who helped shape the city of Redmond and its culture.

"The hardest part was narrowing it down to 12," said Ginny Weeber, a member of the local GFWC chapter. "There are so many that could have been included ... it was really fun to research and

learn about all of them."

The women featured include Princess Helen August Victoria Beatrice Bruckner von Gathan, who claimed she was a member of German royalty and grew up among the wealthiest families in Europe. She eventually renounced her title and lived much of her life in Redmond. People who

complete the dozen stops will learn about Princess Helen, as well as a woman who kept a monkey in the basement of the Redmond Hotel and another who arrived on the first passenger train that stopped in town. It also includes still-living legends, like Jo Weigand and Carrie Novick.

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THE WINNING PICK

Redmond man wins \$80,000 at keno after offering server choice of tickets

BY TIM TRAINOR
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Alma Rodriguez was midway through her shift at Ashley's Lottery Café in Redmond when a customer asked her to choose between two keno tickets. He was winning a little bit and wanted to tip his server, hoping to keep karma on his side and his good luck going.

There was a slip of paper in his left hand, one in his right. In a few minutes, one one them would be worth more than \$80,000. The other, nada.

Alma chose wrong. "We knew right off it was a big winner, but didn't know how much," she said. "We put it in the machine and it just said 'SEE LOTTERY.' That's when we knew it was really big."

They were playing 8-spot, a jackpot game where the payout for going 8-for-8 on keno numbers goes up with each bettor — until someone hits all eight and takes the pot. When the winning numbers were chosen at the Redmond cafe, the pot had reached \$80,022.

The winner was a Redmond resident who chose to be identified only as Robert "Bobby" H. According to the Oregon Lottery, he plans to save some of his prize money and use the rest to buy a new truck.

He also recalled giving Rodriguez her choice between the two tickets.

"If she'd picked that one, she would have won," he told the lottery. "It must have been karma for me."

Rodriguez sees it as karma, too. She claims she is not pained by coming so close to a big winner. She felt excitement, not regret, even in the first moment when the magnitude of her choice became clear.



Photo by Tim Trainor

Alma Rodriguez works the register at Ashley's Lottery Cafe in Redmond. On an earlier shift, she sold a keno ticket that was worth \$80,000.

"I'd never seen anybody win so much," she said. "There was no way to not feel happy for him. He was such a nice guy, it was really cool to see him win."

She says, strongly, that she would have not kept the money if she'd chosen the winning ticket instead of the loser.

"I would have given it back to him and asked him to cut me a share," she said. "I don't want to take his money, take his winnings."

Rodriguez did receive a \$100 tip.

Like everyone, she could have used the \$80,000. Two nights a week, she works the 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. shift at Ashley's Lottery Cafe, located in a strip mall next to Grocery Outlet. During the week, she works days at BasX Solutions and adds her extra shifts at the late-night gaming spot in order to help pay bills and supplement her savings.



Photo courtesy Oregon Lottery

A Redmond man, identified only as Bobby H., won \$80,000 playing Keno at Ashley's Cafe.

Still, she'd rather wait for her own karma than glom on to someone else's.

"It was his money. They were his numbers. It was his ticket," she said. "Someday, I'll hit my own jackpot."

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— Alma Rodriguez, Ashley's Lottery Cafe

REDMOND

Single-family home prices hit new highs

BY SUZANNE ROIG
The Bulletin

Homebuyers who thought last month's median single-family home price in Redmond was the highest, now have a new yardstick: The median single-family home price reaching a record \$520,000, according to the Beacon Report, which is produced by the Beacon Appraisal Group in Redmond to track single-family home prices in Central Oregon.

In all markets, the number of days on the market were less than two weeks, with homes in Sisters averaging two days before being sold. Low inventories are tied to demand, Donnie Montagner said.

"This is how robust the market is," Montagner said. "The only way to temper that is rising interest rates and raising the inventory levels. The inventory is a key part of this. As long as we're hovering around a half-month's supply the price trajectory will continue to go up."

In Redmond, the \$520,000 median single-family sales price is \$37,000 higher than it was in February. A year ago the median sales price of a single-family home in Redmond was \$373,000.

The Beacon Report uses the median sales price, which is the midpoint value of all transactions in a month. Prices have been soaring upwards since before the pandemic.

In March, there were 64 Redmond single-family homes that sold using a conventional mortgage and 21 with cash, according to the report.

The median single-family home price in Sisters was \$695,000 in March, a \$70,000 increase over the prior month.

La Pine's median sales price of a single-family home hovered around the same \$455,000 level in March compared to \$434,000 the month before.

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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.

Tuesday 4/19

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.

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 Fifth St., Redmond; facebook.com/InitiativeBrew or 541-527-4380.

Wednesday 4/20

Emotional Health Class: Learn how emotions affect our bodies and how you can improve your emotional health; 11 a.m.-Noon; free; Redmond Senior Center, 325 NW Dogwood Ave., Redmond; 541-548-6325.

Business Expo & Job Fair: The fair will take place; 1-6 p.m.; free; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; visitredmondoregon.com or 541-548-2711.

Housing and Community Development Committee Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4-5:30 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, Online; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

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