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## Wide-open race for Redmond mayor

**BY TIM TRAINOR**  
Redmond Spokesman  
On May 31, seven-term Redmond Mayor George Endicott announced he will not run for re-election in November.  
The next day, a number of local candidates threw their hats in the ring in a bid to replace him.  
As of press time, four candidates had declared their candidacy to become mayor: current city councilors Ed Fitch and Jay Patrick, as well as

Charles Baer and Ben Schimmoller. As of press time, only Fitch and Baer had officially filed for the position.  
Endicott, who recently turned 74, has been mayor since 2008. He said he will finish the remainder of his elected term, which runs through the end of 2022.  
In his 14-year tenure atop city government, Endicott said his proudest accomplishments include building Hope Playground, which at the time of its construction was the larg-



Endicott



Schimmoller



Fitch



Baer

est park in the state accessible to people with disabilities. He also noted major city projects he helped see to fruition, such as the 2009 Redmond Airport expansion, construction of Centennial Park, downtown

rehabilitation projects and restoration of the arch across Sixth Street, the 2017 project to locate city hall in the old Redmond Union High School, opening the Homestead Park bike pump track and — just

this month — passing the public safety bond to fund construction of a new police station.  
He said he plans to remain in Redmond after his term ends, but hopes to spend more time traveling and relaxing.  
“Several factors have played into my decision,” he said. “I’m not getting any younger and have an extensive bucket list which includes travel. It’s also time for some younger and new blood to occupy city hall.”

Endicott argued that the next leader of Redmond should have a local focus, while also keeping an eye on larger issues.  
“Mayors can have a great deal of influence, and when exercised wisely, can make an impact on public policy outside of their individual cities,” he said.  
With that in mind, he endorsed Schimmoller, 29, as his replacement.  
Schimmoller moved to  
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### SOUNDS FAST SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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## Chase Rice, Daughtry to kick off 2022 county fair musical acts

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**T**he 2022 Deschutes County Fair & Rodeo announced its musical acts for its 102nd edition, set for August 3-7.

Country singer Chase Rice will take the stage to open the free Sounds Fast Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, August 3. The Nashville-based star with more than 2 million album sold has multiple number 1 hits, including “Drinkin’ Beer, Talkin’ God, Amen (feat. Florida Georgia Line)” and Platinum-certified Top 10 hit “Lonely If You Are,” along with double platinum #1 single “Eyes On You.”

On Thursday, August 4, Daughtry takes the stage. The band has sold more than 9 million albums and 16 million singles worldwide and its debut, self-titled album was the top-selling album of 2007. It produced four Top 20 platinum-selling singles on the Billboard Hot 100 and became the fastest-selling rock debut album in Soundscan history.

On Friday, August 5, classic rock superstars and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame members Cheap Trick will play. With multiple top 10 hits and having sold over 20 million albums since their formation, Cheap Trick have a streak of certifiably classic tunes, from “California Man” and “Dream Police” to “Surrender” and “I Want You To Want Me.”

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### Cheap Trick



Chase Rice

## Man arrested in connection with murder investigation

**Spokesman staff report**  
The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office arrested a 22-year-old Redmond man Friday and charged him with the death of Tina Klein-Lewis.  
Alexander Mark Smith was arrested shortly after sheriff’s deputies arrived at a property on Jordan Road and West U.S. Highway 20. Sgt. Jayson Janes, public information officer for the sheriff’s office, said at around 3:23 p.m. someone called from the property requesting a paramedic for Smith, who was on the property. Janes said Smith arrived on the caller’s property requesting a paramedic, prompting the call to 911.  
When deputies arrived, they spoke to Smith and discovered evidence linking him to the death of Klein-Lewis, Janes said.  
Klein-Lewis, 55, was found about 10:39 p.m. Tuesday at property in the 60000 block of Cloverdale Road near Sisters. Sheriff’s investigators have refused to release details about Klein-Lewis’ death, but did say Friday that there is “a large amount of evidence that still needs to be processed and analyzed.”  
Smith was arrested and is being held at the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office Adult jail on charges of second-degree murder, second-degree abuse of a corpse, second-degree burglary, second-degree trespass, unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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