

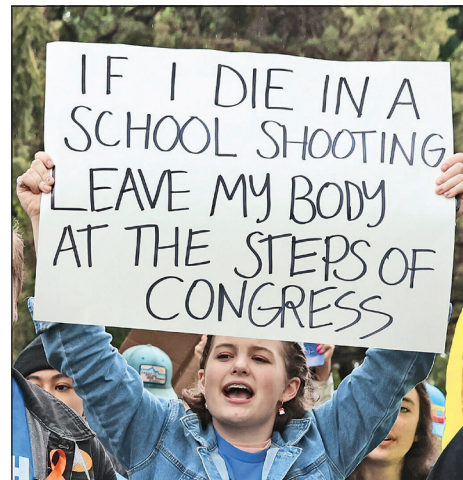
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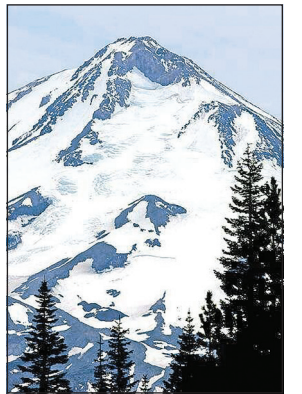
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A special good morning to subscriber Stan Clark

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Dean Guernsey photos/The Bulletin
 ↳ Isabelle Richards chants during March for Our Lives, a gun violence protest in Bend Saturday.
 ◀ People of all ages gathered during March for Our Lives, a gun violence protest in Bend Saturday.



Courtesy photo
 Reaching more than 14,000 feet above sea level, Mount Shasta is one of California's tallest peaks. A climbing guide from Redmond died after a fall on Jun 6.

'PROTECT KIDS NOT GUNS' Redmond students organize for gun reform

BY JOE SIESS • CO Media Group

Chants of “protect kids not guns” and “thoughts and prayers are not enough” echoed on the streets of downtown Bend on Saturday as hundreds of protesters marched in support of gun reform.

The March for Our Lives started at Drake Park and was arranged by high school students from Redmond. A number of speakers, including a teacher, an emergency room doctor, and gun reform activists, spoke prior to the march.

The group marched from Drake Park along NW Riverside Boulevard, through downtown, and back.

“I have not consented to die for your Second Amendment rights,” Isabelle Richards, a 16-year-old Redmond Proficiency Academy sophomore and one of the event’s organizers, told the crowd prior to the march.

Richards, along with Juniper Rook, 16, also a sophomore at Redmond Proficiency Academy, helped plan Saturday’s event. In January, the two students also staged a walkout at their



Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin
 Fifth-grader Nick Blauwkamp shows support during March for Our Lives, a gun violence protest in Bend Saturday.

school to protest gun violence.

“When you think about school shootings, you never really think it is going to happen to you,” Richards said. “But that is happening to people every single day, and I have never personally been a victim, but I can still understand how that would feel because I am in a classroom every single day.”

Rook recalled doing school shooter drills in middle school about twice

a year. Now in high school, she said drills happen about once a year. She is also concerned by the Redmond School Board’s recent decision to deny a policy that would prohibit guns on school grounds.

“We are still doing drills actively in school, while our school board is choosing to deny policies that would keep us safe from guns in our classrooms,” Rook said. “It is pretty hypo-

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— Juniper Rook, Redmond Proficiency Academy sophomore, one of the organizers of March for our Lives

critical, honestly.”

Rook added that when gun violence occurs, it affects everyone, so people must come together to demand change. “It affects everyone surrounding it.

The teachers, the parents, everyone is affected in some way,” she said. “Every one of us can be a victim of gun violence in some way.”

Tracy Miller of Bend was at Drake Park holding a cardboard sign that said, “Hold congress accountable” and said she believes legislators need to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines.

Miller, a gun owner herself, said passing common sense gun laws is not incompatible with the Second Amendment.

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Redmond woman dies after fall on Mount Shasta

Spokesman staff report

A climbing guide from Redmond died after a fall while climbing Mount Shasta on June 6.

Jillian Elizabeth Webster, 32, was among five injured climbers who were airlifted from Avalanche Gulch in three separate rescue operations Monday, according to the Siskiyou County Sheriff’s Office. Webster, 32, was pronounced dead at a local hospital. The others survived.

Webster’s fall was reported at 8:35 a.m. and involved two climbers and Webster, their guide, who were tethered together while ascending the mountain above Helen Lake, according to a release from the sheriff’s office. One climber lost footing, causing all three to slide down snow and ice 1,500 to 2,500 vertical feet down the side of the mountain, the release said.

Webster was rendered unconscious from the fall, the sheriff’s office said. A nurse, who was climbing nearby, administered CPR on Webster, who was then airlifted to Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta, where she was later pronounced dead, the release said.

The other two climbers were taken to area hospitals, where they are recovering.

Two other climbers injured in separate incidents Monday were also flown to Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta. Their conditions are unknown.

Attraction Petersen Rock Garden is for sale

BY JAMIE HALE

The Oregonian

Petersen Rock Garden, one of the last of the region’s roadside attractions, is for sale.

The property at 7930 SW 77th St. between Bend and Redmond and its collection of detailed structures created from and decorated with local rocks and shells, is in search of new ownership, as the family who has owned it for generations is looking to move on.

Kaisha Brannon, the real estate broker in charge of the sale, said the 12.36-acre property will officially be on the market Friday at an asking price of \$825,000. That includes all the rock sculptures, the rock museum with all of its contents, two houses, an old diner and several out-buildings — as well as the 25 peacocks that roam the land.

The rock garden started in 1935 as the pet project of Danish immigrant Rasmus Petersen, who built the sculptures on the land surrounding his house.

In 2013, Petersen Rock Garden was added to the National



Register of Historic Places.

“We’re hoping to find someone that will love the property and isn’t looking to necessarily come in and tear down the structures,” Brannon said. “We’re hoping we can find someone that will keep it alive

and fix it up and bring it back to what it was.”

Susan Caward — Petersen Rock Garden owner and manager, and also Rasmus Petersen’s granddaughter — wants everyone to know the attraction will remain open during

the sale, Brannon said. The hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with donations accepted as admission.

“We would hate for people to think, ‘Oh, we wish we had gone there one last time,’” Brannon said.

LEFT: The Petersen Rock Garden is one of Oregon’s best-loved roadside attractions, started in 1935 as a pet project of Danish immigrant Rasmus Petersen, who constructed intricate sculptures out of locally-sourced rocks and shells.

BELOW: Thundereggs are embedded into a sculpture at Petersen Rock Garden.

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