

**PET OF THE WEEK**

Meet Elsa!

This sweet love bug was brought to Bright-Side to find her forever home! While big changes happened in the previous home, Elsa's previous owners trusted us to match her with the best home we can! Here at the shelter Elsa has been a curious and gentle pup who is still a bit shy and adapting to her new surroundings. Elsa has been gentle and easy going especially on a leash! As well as good leash skills, Elsa knows sit, stay, and down, and is so eager to please and learn more!

Still being a pup and learning all the time,

Elsa has show us that she is both treat and socially motivated to do her best! Elsa is a good candidate for many types of homes and does well with people of all ages, we require a meet and greet between her and other dogs in the home, and at this time we are not sure how Elsa does with cats.

If you are looking for a fluffy and fun pup, come meet Elsa today!



**TRUCK OF THE WEEK**

**Name of truck:** El Poblano  
**Location:** 818 SW Forest Ave., behind High Desert Music Hall  
**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Mondays  
**Owner:** Luis Rivera  
**Opened:** May 2022  
**Type of food:** Mexican  
**About the cart:** Luis Rivera opened the cart after doing restaurant work in the United States and Mexico for more than 20 years. It serves Mexican food in the distinctive style of the State of Puebla, located southeast of Mexico City. The name Poblano is translates as "little boy from Puebla."

**Your first order should be:** Luis recommends the cemita, a sandwich popular in his home region. It starts with breaded and fried skirt steak then piles on the fixings — pickled jalapeños, onion and papalo (a cilantro-related herb) just to name a few. Also try the fish or chicken tacos made Puebla style — no sour cream or guacamole. The aquachile is unique as well. It's sort of like ceviche, but tossed in chile water instead of marinated in citrus.

**Fun fact:** Rivera emigrated from a small village of roughly 50 families outside Puebla, Mexico. His grandmother and mother were both great cooks. When there was a wedding or birthday in his village, they all asked his grandmother to make her famous mole. Rivera started helping out in the kitchen when he was 11 years old and picked up most of his recipes from her.



Photo by Tim Trainor  
**Luis Rivera and Hannah Espinoza are the brains and brawn behind the El Poblano food truck, parked at edge of dining area behind High Desert Music Hall.**

# Five Redmond residents among 20 arrested in sex crime sting

BY **BYRCE DOLE**  
 CO Media Group

Bend police arrested 20 people over a monthlong sting operation meant to crack down on child sex crimes in Central Oregon.

Those arrested, who come from across the region and are between the ages of 20 and 73, face a slew of charges for attempting to lure and have sex with minors, according to a press release.

Half of the people arrested are from Bend, police reported. Five of the people are from Redmond. The other five are from Sisters, La Pine, Prineville, Madras and Oxnard, California.

About a dozen officers were involved in the investigation, and police conducted the arrests in motels, parking lots, parks and other places across town, according to Bend Police spokeswoman Sheila Miller.

Police also arrested eight more people on adult prostitution charges, six of whom are from Bend, the release said. They were cited and released

after being charged with a misdemeanor.

During an investigation from May 19 through Aug. 23, police posted online advertisements and posed as minors over texts and phone calls, the press release said. Police reportedly received more than 200 calls from different phone numbers responding to the advertisements.

Miller said the ads were posted on websites and apps specifically used by people seeking prostitutes.

Police identified themselves as minors, and many of the callers "immediately" cut off communication, the release said. Others agreed to meet and were arrested and booked in the Deschutes County jail. Some face additional charges because they brought drugs or alcohol with them to give to the officers posing as youths.

Yet police reported that "of the 200-plus people who answered Bend Police's online ads and learned of a minor child being trafficked for sex, not one subsequently shared that infor-

mation with law enforcement."

At the beginning of the project, police were inundated with calls from people who saw the ads. By August, they were receiving fewer. Police also reported seeing fewer sex workers around town and seeing fewer advertisements on the websites they were using.

As the investigation unfolded, "multiple" people reported to police that they were victims of the accused. Police also reported that during the investigation, the demand for sex work and the amount of sex workers in the region declined.

The following are the 20 people embroiled in the police investigation into child sex crimes in Central Oregon.

- Mathieu Ackah, 46, of Oxnard, California.
- Christopher Arroway, 30, of Bend.
- Gage Bergeron, 31, of Bend.
- David Burnham, 73, of Bend.
- Forrest Dodge, 28, of Bend.
- Cody Fortune, 32, of Bend.
- Ryan Frye, 23, of Bend.
- Rene Hernandez, 28, of Bend.
- Joshua Huddleston, 45, of Bend.
- James Kapsalis, 26, of Redmond.
- Miles Leffler, 40, of Sisters.
- Devin Linker, 34, of Redmond.
- Ian McCord, 38, of Prineville.
- Jorge Beltran Mendoza, 29, of Redmond.
- Waynerd Montgomery, 47, of Redmond.
- Jacob Schneider, 36, of Bend.
- Connor Strupith, 22, of Redmond.
- Isaac Testerman, 41 of Bend.
- Eduardo Vega-Ruiz, 22, of Madras.
- Dylan Zook, 20, of La Pine.

Police are asking the public to report any further allegations against these people to the nonemergency dispatch: 541-693-6911.  
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# 70th anniversary Doris and Malcolm Edmunson celebrate platinum anniversary

Doris and Malcolm Edmunson of Bend will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17 with an open House from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at their family home in Bend.

The couple were married September 14, 1952, at the Old Presbyterian Church in Redmond, OR.

Mr. Edmunson is a retired county assessor. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1957 and is a fourth generation Oregon born. His ancestors traveled over the Oregon Trail to settle in Oregon.

Mrs. Edmunson moved with her family to Oregon at age 14, from South Dakota. She graduated from Redmond High School in 1952 and worked at the Pentagon her first year of marriage when Malcolm was assigned to Fort Belvoir in Washington, DC.

They were married when Mr. Edmunson was home on



Submitted Photo  
**Doris and Malcolm Edmunson**

leave from serving in Korean, then they left the next day for his next assignment in Washington, DC Fort Belvoir for one year before returning to Oregon.

After Mr. Edmunson retired from the LA County Assessor's office, the couple moved back home to Bend 43 years ago.

# Fire expands, air advisory for Deschutes County

BY **MICHAEL KOHN**  
 The Bulletin

Wildfire smoke in parts of Central Oregon reached unhealthy levels on Monday and the Department of Environmental Quality has issued an air quality advisory for Deschutes County.

The Air Quality Index registered 387 in southwest Bend at 10 a.m. on Monday and 446 in La Pine. Any level over AQI 300 is considered hazardous and people are advised to stay indoors.

The Cedar Creek Wildfire burning west of Waldo Lake, the primary source of smoke impacting Central Oregon, has burned 86,000 acres. The size of the fire increased four-fold over the weekend as an east wind event fanned the flames.

Some areas schools have canceled outdoor recess and activities in order to minimize smoke exposure to children.

Bend Park and Recreation District has closed its indoor pools at Juniper Swim & Fit-

ness Center and Larkspur Community Center due to the smoke. Spokesperson Julie Brown said smoke has gotten into the buildings. The Bend

Senior Center is also closed and its programs are canceled.

Outdoor pools are not in use due to previously scheduled seasonal maintenance.

Group fitness classes are being held as scheduled, said Brown.

"Conditions are being monitored hourly for impacts

for outdoor sports that are scheduled for late afternoon and evening," said Brown.

Smoke levels in Redmond, Prineville, and Madras are

between 100 and 150, considered unhealthy for sensitive groups.

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Local obituaries are paid advertisements submitted by families or funeral homes. For death notices, specific guidelines must be followed. When submitting, please include your name, address and contact number.

- Call 541-385-5809 for deadlines or other information (Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Email: classified@redmondspokesman.com

**A Night of Music with Mosaic**

**Mosaic is turning twenty! To celebrate, we are hosting a free, fun-filled evening of music!**

- Live bands: Blackstrap Bluegrass and iChiringa!
- Prizes for the first 100 people to RSVP! Register online at mosaicmedical.org
- Special award presentation + learn more about our Prineville roots!

**CELEBRATE WITH US! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**Friday, Sept. 23, 2022**  
**5:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

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