

# Local News

## Redmond shooting victim remembered by friends as a kind and generous man

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Ric Hall called Trevit C. Law four times on Sunday, but unlike most days, his best friend wasn't calling back.

They had plans that day to repair a window in the car used by Hall's wife. The unanswered calls were unusual.

Hall and Law had known each other since childhood. They met when they were both nine years old and growing up across the street from each other in Prineville. They became such good friends that Law became the godfather to Hall's son.

Hall is disabled and cannot use his right hand and arm. He sometimes joked that Law was his "right-hand man." On Friday, they spoke over the phone about the window and Law's plans for the weekend.

"I love you man," Hall said to his friend, who, like him, was 46. "I'll see you Sunday."

But on Sunday, Hall found Law's cousin at the front door with the reason for the unreturned calls: Law was dead.

"I was on the floor," Hall said.

Police say Law was shot and killed at a home at 5677 SW Young Ave. in Redmond on Sunday by Skyler R. Myers. The 32-year-old Myers was the focus of a law enforcement manhunt for seven hours before he took his own life. Police have not revealed a motive or even a connection between the two men. But four of Law's friends said Tuesday that Myers was the son of Law's girlfriend.

Aside from hearing that the shooting occurred after a dispute, Law's friends know little about what transpired. Now, they are grieving the loss of their good friend, a father of four who is the latest victim in a year repeatedly marked by homicides across Deschutes County.

"I really want to know what the hell happened," said Hall, who added: "Now the world's short a superhero."

Hall's friends described him as a kind, generous man who always made



Law



Trevit C. Law

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time to help his friends and his children. He was an average-sized man with a scruffy brown and gray beard who lived in Redmond. He worked a slew of jobs — doing construction, driving dump trucks, working in the hemp industry, restoring hotel rooms, testing out people's cars.

He was a jack of all trades, his friends say.

"He would always find work to support the family," said Nicki Randolph, a caregiver from Prineville who previously dated Law and remained close with him during the 10 years she knew him.

What stuck out to Randolph about Law was how much he cared for his children. A single dad, he had a son and three daughters. Randolph would join Law and his children at their home, selling lemonade and snow cones during the summer.

"He was the best dad I've ever known," she said.

He was also someone who would go out of his way to be there for people in times of need, Randolph and other friends said. When Randolph's husband died in a car accident in 2019, Law was there. He showed up the minute he heard what happened. He listened to her as she grieved. He stayed with her as she fell asleep.

"I've never met any person who didn't love him," Randolph said. "I can't believe anybody would hurt him."

Law did have a criminal history in Oregon, including a 1995 robbery conviction. In 2012, he also pleaded no contest to fourth-degree attempted assault for an incident in front of minor children.

He was also a lively man, cracking jokes that could light up a room and keep everyone laughing, his friends



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Samantha Godat, 23, and Trevit C. Law at her wedding in Newport in August.

said.

Mel Beitz, a 47-year-old construction worker from Prineville who met Law in the fourth grade, said they would make so many puns together that their girlfriends would get tired of hearing them. The two would go camping along the John Day River, rafting in the Crooked River and fishing in the Prineville Reservoir.

If Beitz needed help with his car, moving things, working around the house, Law was there. He was someone Beitz could vent to about anything: work, relationships, "everything under the sun," he said.

Now, Beitz is in shock. "I feel lost," he said.

In August, Law drove Hall and his wife to their daughter's wedding in

Newport. Hall cannot drive because of his disability, and his wife doesn't like to drive that far, he said. To Hall, that's the kind of man Law was: generous.

Parts of Hall's friendship with Law remain around the house. There is Law's Harley-Davidson motorcycle and tractor, which sits in the backyard. There is Law's garbage trailer, which sits in his driveway. There's a small boat in the backyard. The two were planning to take it out in the water sometime in the next month, but now, Hall is calling Law's family to come gather his things.

"To know Trevit was to love him," said Hall, who added: "We were brothers."

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## Council to endorse Parks and Rec bond, levy

BY **TIM TRAINOR**  
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The Redmond City Council plans to endorse both the bond and operations levies that the Redmond Parks and Recreation District has placed on the November ballot. Many councilors voiced their support of the measures at their Sept. 27 meeting.

"It's sorely needed," said mayor George Endicott. "I don't know of anyone up here who doesn't support it ... I hope the citizens feel the same way."

A number of councilors agreed.

"We really do need (a recreation center)," said councilor Clifford Evelyn. "It's good for the kids, it's good for the adults, it's good for senior citizens and it's long overdue."

Councilor Jay Patrick said he encouraged voters "very much" to support it, as did councilor Shannon Wedding.

"It's very limited — the resources we have in town with the current rec center," said Wedding. "I 100 percent sup-

port moving forward with the bond for the new center."

Councilor Cat Zwicker also noted her support for the measure, saying the current center is "dated and aged and did not grow at the rate our community has." She said the new facility, which would be built on a 10-acre plot, would have the ability to expand to meet any future growth.

An official resolution will be brought before the Redmond city council at their next meeting, set for Oct. 4.

Council also:

- Approved a raise for city manager Keith Witcosky to \$186,000 a year, effective from June 1, 2022. As a comparison, Bend city manager Eric King makes \$226,405 a year.
- Approved bid of \$745,025 to Knife River for the 2022 Redmond stormwater improvement plan. Planned work in northwest Redmond includes Canyon Drive, and in southwest Redmond near Quartz and Salmon avenues and Volcano Circle.

- Awarded contract of \$543,170 to Cumming to be the owner's representative during the building of the new police station. Cumming is a local business and has overseen a number of public safety facilities in Oregon.
- Approved bid of \$269,388 to replace the pond liner at the main pond at Juniper Golf Course. The 18-year-old membrane is original to the course. The pond acts as the primary reservoir of water used on the course.

- Approved contract amendments with Keeton King Contracting, LLC for a change order of \$85,898 to increase the size of electrical conduit line in Quartz Park to 2 inches. The line will power the restroom, rapid flashing beacon, parking lot lights and trail lights.
- Reminder that the Oct. 4 city council meeting will be held at the Redmond Airport Administration Building. The public is welcome.

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## Hartfield resigns from Redmond School Board seat

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Shawn Hartfield resigned Sept. 28 from her seat on the Redmond School Board.

Hartfield moved to Central Texas three weeks prior to help her family-owned auto parts business, Buckstop Truckware, open a new manufacturing facility there.

"I just felt it was time for me to step back," Hartfield said of her decision to leave the board.

Hartfield served on the board for seven years. She told the *Spokesman* Sept. 29 that she hopes her seat is filled by someone who has board experience

and understands how the district works.

"We have to stand up for our local government and our local needs, even when the state is mandating things," she said.

During the pandemic, Hartfield opposed mask mandates in the district, which made statewide news.

Hartfield said she'll miss the people of Redmond, but that she knows they are in good hands.

"They have a good board and they'll find the person who is



Hartfield

meant to fill my seat," she said.

She said the highlight of her time on the board was watching students cross the stage at graduation and shaking their hands every year.

"That gives me so much joy to be a part of that," she said. "Kids are worth it. They're the shining star of our society."

Michael Summers, current board chair, said losing the most senior member of the board is difficult. He, too, hoped to fill

Hartfield's seat quickly.

"She leaves big shoes to fill," he said. "She has a very keen business sense and she's an excellent leader."

Summers said Hartfield had been a rock when he was new to the job and that she was a steady hand throughout his time on the board.

The Redmond School District will now have four of their five school board seats up for election in the May 2023 election, with Summers' seat extending another two years. The district, however, is looking to fill Hartfield's empty seat before next

year's election.

"This is a really good opportunity to support the school system and our staff and our community," said RSD spokesperson Holly Brown. "It's a real chance to have an impact."

While COVID-19 has slowed, the new appointee will help the district catch up on learning losses in math, reading and science, as well as helping kids recoup social and emotional learning losses during the pandemic, according to Summers. Additionally, RSD Superintendent Charan Cline's contract will be up for renewal later this year.

Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 17. The board will meet on Oct. 26 to determine which applicants to interview on Nov. 9 and the final candidate will be sworn in on Nov. 30.

Those interested must be registered voters and residents of the Redmond School District for one year prior to the appointment. The person chosen to fill Hartfield's seat will serve through June 30, 2023.

Contact Gina Blanchette at 541-923-8250 or visit [www.redmond-schools.org](http://www.redmond-schools.org) for information or to apply.

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