

Local News

Westside Taco Co. damaged by fire — again

BY NICOLE ROGERS
For the Redmond Spokesman

A fire destroyed the Westside Taco Co. food truck Oct. 3, marking the second time in less than a year that the business had been damaged by a blaze.

Firefighters received a call at 10:57 p.m. from a passerby who saw flames coming from the food truck, located at 245 SW Sixth, in the courtyard of the Kobold taphouse. Redmond Fire Chief Tom Mooney said crews arrived on scene just five minutes later.

Mooney said that the fire's cause has not been determined. He said there were "too many potential ignition sources" in the kitchen to identify a specific one.

Amber Amos, who owns Westside Taco with her husband Aaron Notarrianni, said the cart is "totaled." She

hasn't been able to go inside to assess the damage, but she estimates the cost to rebuild could be \$40,000-\$50,000.

The company's former brick-and-mortar store, located on SW Fifth, was damaged beyond repair by another fire back in March.

Amber said the couple has another cart that they can cook out of temporarily, but it will take some time before that is ready. She says they can still do some catering jobs using mobile cooking equipment, but for now the rest of her employees are out of job.

Amos said that it has been a rough year for her and her husband, but she is trying to stay positive. Their goal is to figure out how to rebuild "and be back up and running for this community and everyone that depends on us."



By Nicole Rogers/Redmond Spokesman

The Westside Taco Company burned for the second time this year, leaving their downtown Redmond food truck destroyed.



Nick Rosenberger/Spokesman

County Commissioner candidates Patti Adair, left, and Morgan Schmidt debate local issues in a forum at the Redmond Senior Center on Oct. 4 in Redmond.

Commissioner candidates spar in Redmond meeting

BY NICK ROSENBERGER
Redmond Spokesman

Deschutes County Commissioner candidates Patti Adair and Morgan Schmidt met Oct. 4 at the Redmond Senior Center and squared off to questions submitted by the Redmond Rotary, Kiwanis and Executive Association.

The forum saw Schmidt, a pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Bend, on the offense — challenging Adair on a variety of her stances and actions since becoming a county commissioner in 2018. These included her response to COVID-19, perspectives on land use and hesitancy toward psilocybin treatment. Adair, meanwhile, defended her positions by emphasizing her professional experience.

Topics included the use of American Rescue Plan funds, the lack of child care in Deschutes County, PERS, drought, housing and public safety. Candidates had one minute to respond to each question. Much of the forum focused on the candidate's abilities to deal with county funds and ideas for more affordable housing.

On housing, Adair emphasized her participation in Habitat for Humanity and said she worked on a plan to build a 57-acre manufactured home park plan north of Bend that Senator Tim Knopp presented. She added that the plan was dropped, likely in the Legislature.

"(Commissioners) really appreciate the housing crisis and we are trying to do exactly everything we can," she said.

Schmidt mentioned that the county needed to work better with cities, like Redmond, to bring more types of affordable housing.

"I don't think the answer is a far-fetched idea dependent on a legislative exception for 57 acres of sprawl into our rural areas," Schmidt said.

When asked how they'd manage the county's ever expanding budget amid rapid growth, Adair spoke about how her professional experience as an accountant had proved beneficial for her role in the commission — watching out for dollars and trying to spend as carefully as possible.

She said they'd just started a

pilot project to build more than 300 single-wide homes north of Bend and that her other project is to get rid of "those flammable ... water-sucking junipers."

Schmidt, meanwhile, said she was aware of Adair's background as a CPA but added that she hasn't had any fines from the Secretary of State's office while Adair had been fined \$700 for misreporting funds. Schmidt later mentioned that Adair cut taxes while trying to

expand some social services such as the county's response to homelessness.

In response to questions about drought, Schmidt said that Deschutes County has antiquated water laws that aren't serving the new reality of climate change. She said the commission needs to be proactive in water use and cognizant of land-use decisions.

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Police Log

The Spokesman will update items in the Police Log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable.

Arrests Fri., Sept 30

10:08 a.m. NW 6th St. Arrested: Danielle Elizabeth Moss, 35, Redmond. Charges: DUII, Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW)
10:15 p.m. NW Oak Tree Ln. Arrested: Jennifer Lee Hoefler, 46, Redmond. Charge: Theft II — Shoplifting
11:06 p.m. NE 5th St./NE Maple Ave. Arrested: Clarence Earl Harding, 44, Redmond. Charge: Driving While Suspended (DWS) — Felony

Sat., Oct. 1

5:08 p.m. SE Jesse Butler Cir. Arrested: Candice E. Matayo, 31, Redmond. Charge: Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle (UUMV)

Sun., Oct. 2

7:18 a.m. NW Hemlock/NW 19th St. Arrested: Felipe Angel Gonzalez Luna, 27, Redmond. Charges: Reckless Endangering, DUII, Criminal Mischief III
10:15 a.m. SW 23rd St./SW Kalama Ave. Arrested:

Jessica Nicole Rodriguez, 35, Redmond. Charge: Driving While Suspended (DWS) — Misdemeanor
3:47 p.m. SW 7th St./SW Evergreen Ave. Arrested: Blayke Aaron Valentine, 20, Redmond. Charge: Sex Offender Failed to Register — Felony
5:16 p.m. W Antler Ave. Arrested: Carri Lynn Newman, 34, Redmond. Charge: In-State Warrant

Mon., Oct. 3

8:44 a.m. S HWY 97/SW Veterans Way. Arrested: Jordan Wayne Tuma, 27, La Pine. Charge: Unlawful Possession Firearm
12:40 p.m. SW Rimrock Way. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 15, Terrebonne. Charge: Theft III
7:46 p.m. 1600 Block NW Larch Tree Ct. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 16, Redmond. Charges: Theft II, Harassment

Tues., Oct. 4

1:35 a.m. SW 17th St. Arrested: Juvenile Males, 12 and 14, Redmond. Charge: Criminal Trespass II
8:18 a.m. NW Larch Ave. Arrested: Alvaro Zapien, 32, Redmond. Charge: Improper Use of 911
8:30 a.m. 600 Block SW Rimrock Way. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 16, Terrebonne. Charge: Harassment

11:45 a.m. NW Upas Ave. Arrested: Juvenile Female, 13, Redmond. Charge: MIP — Marijuana
12:01 p.m. SW 17th St. Arrested: Clarence William Wetherald Jr., 49, Bend. Charges: Forgery I, Theft I — Aggravated, Identity Theft

2:00 p.m. NW Oak Tree Ln. Arrested: Louie Eusebio Villa Sr., 60, Redmond. Charge: Theft II — Deception/False Pretenses
3:00 p.m. NW Larch Tree Ct. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 16, Redmond. Charge: Menacing
3:26 p.m. NW Rimrock Way. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 16, Redmond. Charges: Criminal Mischief I & II, Unlawful Entry Vehicle (UEMV), Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle (UUMV), Theft III
9:33 p.m. NW 7th St. Arrested: Rohn Buttolph, 57, Redmond. Charge: Harassment

10:14 p.m. NW 6th St./NW Fir Ave. Arrested: Brian John Lelacheur, 45, Redmond. Charge: Driving While Suspended (DWS) — Misdemeanor

Wed., Oct. 5

8:09 p.m. NW Canal Blvd. Arrested: Jeremy Michael Nielsen, 46, Bend. Charge: In-State Warrant

Thurs., Oct 6

8:26 a.m. SW Canyon Dr. Arrested: Nicholas Ryan Hurley, 38, Redmond. Charges: In-State Warrant, Criminal Trespass II

Thefts

Reported from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6 on the following blocks in Redmond:
SE LAKE RD. Theft II — Deception/False Pretenses
NW 27TH ST S HWY 97 NW UPAS PL SW 15TH ST NW OAK TREE LN NW 17TH ST NW JACKPINE PL NW 5TH ST SW HIGHLAND AVE SW UMATILLA AVE SW DESCHUTES AVE SW RIMROCK WAY SW ELKHORN AVE SE OCHOCO HWY/E HWY 126 SW CANAL BLVD SIR WILLIAM CT

Burglaries Fri., Sept. 30

3:09 p.m. Reported at NW 17th St. No arrests.

Mon., Oct. 3

12:06 p.m. Reported at NE Greenwood Ave. No arrests.

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