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Boneyard Beer bought by Deschutes Brewery in landmark acquisition

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Boneyard Beer, one of Bend's scrappy upstart beer makers, has been acquired by crosstown rival Deschutes Brewery. The deal is expected to help Boneyard expand its capacity to can beer, a process that proved challenging during the pandemic.

Financial details of the acquisition were not disclosed because both companies are privately held, said Gary Fish, founder of Deschutes Brewery Inc. Boneyard Brewery owner Tony Lawrence will retain ownership of the Boneyard pub on Division Street in Bend.

While both companies compete in the craft beer market and both are based in Bend, the similarities end there. Deschutes Brewery is considered an old hand in the craft brew market, established in 1988. It remains among the 10 largest craft brewers in the country by sales volume. Its label and image conjures up bucolic scenes of pure mountains and rivers. Boneyard Beer, founded in 2010, is more skull and crossbones, a brash upstart perhaps best known for its RPM IPA with a lineup that also includes Skunkape, Hop a Wheelie and Notorious IPA.

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Scruppy Boneyard beer, taproom shown above, will soon have access to Deschutes Brewery's canning capabilities and distribution network, production facility shown at right.

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Union declines St. Charles' request to halt strike

Hospital had made it a condition for bargaining

BY SUZANNE ROIG
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The union representing 156 technicians, technologists and therapists at St. Charles Bend rejected an offer to return to the bargaining table with the hospital administration because it included a request to cancel the planned walkout for Thursday.

Sam Potter, the external organizer for The Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, said the union would agree to return to the bargaining table, however, if the hospital agreed to a strike delay.

"We are more than happy to come to the bargaining table with a mediator," Potter said in an interview. "We've offered to bargain every single day, mediator or no. But (the hospital's) one condition to come to the table is to call off the strike. Anyone familiar with negotiations knows this is a farce. We would be coming back to the table having given up every single piece of leverage."

The hospital and the union have met 28 times over the course of more than a year. The workers voted to form a union in September 2019.

The strike is currently set to begin at 8 a.m. Thursday. Had the union agreed to cancel the strike the union would have had to start the process all over again, including taking a strike vote of its members and issuing a 10-day notice of intent to strike.

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Redmond man gets prison in fatal car wreck

BY GARRETT ANDREWS
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Over three police interviews, Devin Lee Cooper blamed everyone but himself for causing the 2019 wreck on U.S. Highway 97 that claimed the life of 19-year-old Sara Ann Edwards of Redmond.

He blamed the drivers he said never yield to people from his neighborhood.

He blamed the driver of the concrete truck who struck Edwards' vehicle.

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Cost of new Redmond park could double for parking, bathrooms

BY JACKSON HOGAN
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The cost of Redmond's first new neighborhood park in 15 years may double, as the city parks department's plans get more ambitious.

The long-planned Quartz Park — which will be built on the southern end of the Dry Canyon, off SW Quartz Ave-

nue — has grown in scale as the planning process has continued, said Annie McVay, manager of Redmond's parks department.

Community surveys from fall 2020 indicated that the public wanted two things at Quartz Park that weren't included in initial plans: a parking lot and restrooms, McVay said. But

those two items resulted in cost estimates jumping from \$1.5 million to between \$2.7 million to \$4 million.

"It's not that it's over-budget, we just (initially) estimated not fully knowing what was going to be in the park," McVay told The Bulletin on Tuesday afternoon.

In the current plans, Quartz

Park will be nearly 8 acres.

A typical Redmond neighborhood park is between 3 and 5 acres, McVay said. But unlike those other parks, which are typically crammed into tight spaces, Quartz Park has much more open space to grow, due to its location at the mouth of the Dry Canyon.

Quartz Park will serve a part

of south-central Redmond that doesn't have a community park nearby. The closest city parks — Hayden Park and Baker City Park — are about a mile and a half-mile away. And both are much smaller.

"The south (end of Redmond) has grown pretty dramatically, and that is one area we could definitely use more

parks," McVay said.

Mayor George Endicott agreed that Quartz Park will be in a great location. He noted that there are multiple apartment complexes that will soon be built nearby, including a massive development off SW Canal Boulevard about a half-mile away.

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