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The **Deschutes County Commissioners** have appointed **Judy Trego** and **Jim Fister** to serve on the Deschutes County Budget Committee.

Trego and Fister will serve as two of the committee's three citizen members. The budget committee, which includes the Board of County Commissioners, reviews the County's proposed budget and recommends a final version for adoption.

Trego, a Bend resident, currently serves as CEO of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce and is the

founder of the Sisters Community Foundation. She will serve the remainder of an existing term through December 31, 2022 with the opportunity for reappointment to a subsequent term.

Fister, a Sunriver resident, owns a consulting business and operates an art gallery. He has previously served on the Sunriver Service District and Sunriver Owners Association boards. He will serve the remainder of an existing term through December 31, 2024 with the opportunity for reappointment to a subsequent term.

Budget committee members are asked to serve three-year terms and are not paid for their time.

The budget committee will convene during the week of May 23 to review the County's FY 2023 budget.

The **Deschutes County Public Health Advisory Board** (PHAB) announced its 2022 Health Hero award recipients.

The awards, which are presented annually in conjunction with National Public Health Week in April and Mental Health Month in May, honor individuals and groups which demonstrate excellence in promoting and protecting behavioral and public health. This year, the PHAB is also recognizing outstanding work and contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's individual Health Hero award winner is **Donna Mills**, executive director of the Central Oregon Health Council (COHC). The COVID individual award winners are **Gwen Gist** of St. Charles and Dr. **Logan Clausen** of Central Oregon Pediatric Associates (COPA). Gist and her entire laboratory services team at St. Charles processed thousands of COVID-19 specimens. She also spent many weekends staffing the COVID-19 drive-through testing tent at St. Charles Bend to make sure the testing site could function through bad weather and staffing shortages. Clausen led the way on COVID care in pediatrics over the last two years. Her leadership was referred to as "positive, thoughtful, extremely intelligent and with a foundation of hard work and dedication."

The Organization and COVID Organization award goes to **Mosaic Medical** and their Mobile Medical Clinic. Its team is credited with serving more than 840 patients in the past 18 months. The Mosaic Mobile Team worked tirelessly through the pandemic, collaborating with partner agencies to bring COVID-19 testing, reliable information and vaccinations to emergency shelters and meal sites. It also provided holistic care beyond immediate clinical needs.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hundreds of volunteers who have worked throughout our community to keep people safe during the pandemic. Their heroic efforts during the past two years are worthy of recognition in their own right.

Lynn Baker recently joined **Stemach Design & Architecture** as an interior designer project manager. She is a graduate of Oregon State University and The Ohio State University. Baker is an NCIDQ Certificate holder, with 14 years of experience in the design and construction industry. Her project portfolio includes numerous tenant improvements, dental and medical offices, restaurants, multi-family and hospitality — and most recently, regional utility company headquarters.

Baker is assisting the firm with interior design and construction documentation, and construction administration, for a variety of commercial projects.



Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) recently announced that Future School Lab Founder, **Vanessa Wilkins**, joins the Foundation's Board of Directors. Wilkins replaces outgoing Board member, Romy Mortensen, and follows in the footsteps of previous Central Oregon board members Trish Smith, Linda Moore, Sue Hollern and Robert Chandler and other community leaders in representing Central Oregon. Wilkins brings expertise in business, education, finance, innovation and social entrepreneurship to her new role with OCF's Board of Directors.

Wilkins officially joins the OCF Board of Directors



today, May 5, 2022, following unanimous Board approval at her first OCF Board meeting. Wilkins, who currently is a member of OCF's Central Oregon Leadership Council, will become its Chair, as well as serve on the Board's Education Committee, Development and Marketing Committee and the Community Engagement Committee.

Wilkins also serves on the board of Construct and on the national board of directors for Friends of the Children where she is co-chair of the Racial Equity Committee.

As the founder of Future School Lab, Wilkins speaks globally about innovation in education, consults with purpose-driven brands and leaders and serves as an expert-in-residence at Harvard Innovation Lab.

Previously, Wilkins served as North America Community Impact Director at Nike, leading a statewide education initiative in Oregon, managing key partnerships, and engaging Nike leaders to innovate in education. Prior to Nike, she co-founded the consultancy Partners in Scale (now Impact Giving Advisors), served as VP for Worldwide Human Resources at EF Education and was managing director at Friends of the Children.

Wilkins lives in Sisters with her family.

RE/MAX Key Properties announces that two of their brokers have been selected for the top two real estate awards from Central Oregon Association of Realtors:

REALTOR of the Year — **Brent Landels**, principal broker and president-elect COAR; and Rookie of the Year — **Eric Wilson**, broker.

Each year COAR presents the EnCOAR awards, which honors those members that have given back to



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the association through volunteer work. Honorees are also selected for their level of involvement in their community and respect among their peers.

Landels' resume reflects a strong dedication to the real estate industry and his community. He is Central Oregon Association of Realtors (COAR) President-Elect and State Director and sits on the organization's Government Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors. At the state level, Landels is an Oregon Association of Realtors (OAR) ORPAC Trustee, as well as a member of the Government Affairs Key Committee, Board of Directors and a Legislative Key Contact Representative. At the national level, he is a Campaign Services Trustee with National Association of Realtors (NAR). Landels is also very involved

in volunteer organizations including Central Oregon Veterans Outreach and Central Oregon Public Safety Chaplaincy.

Wilson's professional resume includes a seat on COAR's Professional Standards Committee where he is involved in Grievance review of Ethics and Arbitration. His community involvement stretches from coaching local youth sports to being involved in RE/MAX Key Properties' group volunteer efforts. Always willing to lend an extra hand when the opportunity calls, Wilson is a standout community member outside of his real estate work.

Ashley and Vance Engineering, Inc. welcomes two new members to their Bend civil engineering team.

Jack Mitchell, PE leverages his civil design expertise on a wide range of projects including transportation, utility, mixed-use commercial and residential subdivisions while he participates in both public and private projects with the AVE team. Originally from the Portland-Metro area, his keen interest in construction and the building process led him to pursue a career in engineering, and he attended Oregon State University where he was an active member of the Civil Engineering Co-op (CECOP) Internship Program while he completed his degree. Now, as a professional engineer, Mitchell enjoys following projects from the early stages of development through construction while forming partnerships in the engineering, development and construction communities. Away from the office, Mitchell enjoys skiing, mounting biking and fishing with his wife, Emily, and his dog, Ruby.

A new member of the civil engineering industry, **Emily Passey** has also joined the AVE civil group where she utilizes her background in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering to augment the team. Originally from Santa Cruz County, a long family history of general contracting sparked her interest in the construction and engineering fields. Passey attended California Polytechnic State University and participated in engineering internships and the Natural



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Resource Conservation Service prior to joining AVE. Passey loves being a part of the engineering community and working on projects that help improve the city. When she steps away from the office, Passey enjoys mountain biking, hiking or any outdoor activity with her boyfriend, Quinn, and dog, Robby.

Join us in honoring **Ryan Gibler** from **Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 9027** as we acknowledge his achievement in earning their Eagle Scout Rank. Gibler served their local community by planning, coordinating and implementing their service project: building an honor wall for Redmond veterans. Gibler demonstrated his knowledge and skills that they developed in Scouting. As one of the highest honors for our youth in Scouting, we want to recognize the hard work that Gibler has put into their time in Scouting.

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after demonstrating the knowledge they've learned in Scouting and after a lengthy review process. Service to other people is what Scouting is all about. In many ways, the journey to earning the Eagle Scout rank reflects who these young leaders are and what they have accomplished. The Eagle Court of Honor acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the Eagle Scout, as they coordinate and execute their community service project to better their local community.



Ryan Gibler

Bend-based **10 Barrel Brewing** announced that **Tonya Cornett** secured three medals — including one gold, one silver and one bronze — at the World Beer Cup, held recently in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The World Beer Cup is often described as The Olympics of Beer Competitions, and one of the most prestigious beer competitions in the world. The 2022 edition winners were chosen on May 5 during an award presentation broadcasted live by the Brewing Network. The three medals also set 10 Barrel apart as the most awarded Oregon brewery.

Cornett proudly led 10 Barrel's team of brewers, which brought beers from all of 10 Barrel's Brewing locations and pubs, representing five locations and six brewers, for a total of 30 10 Barrel Brewing beer entries. This trio of medals comes hot on the heels of the 10 Barrel Brewing team's seven medals — 2x Gold, 4x Silver, 1x Bronze — won at the Oregon Beer Awards in April.

Beer submissions were segmented into 103 judged categories. 226 judges from 28 countries took 18 days to taste and bestow 307 of the 309 possible awards; Category 68: Belgian-Style Witbier did not have a gold or silver medal awarded. The 2022 World Beer Cup produced the largest number of entries ever, with 2,943 breweries presenting 10,542 individual beers from 57 countries. 10 Barrel Brewing was able to take home three medals in three different categories.

10 Barrel Award-Winning Beers from the 2022 World Beer Cup:

- Gold, Money Cat, Tonya Cornett — Contemporary American Lager
- Silver, Brilliant, Tonya Cornett — American Sour Ale
- Bronze, Cucumber Crush, Tonya Cornett — Field Beer

The **Deschutes Land Trust** (Land Trust) recently announced that eight new members have joined the Land Trust's Board of Directors. Each brings unique skills, expertise and passions for conserving and caring land in Central Oregon to the Land Trust. New board members include:

Breck Flanagan-Caldwell enjoys a deep connection to the high desert landscape after having grown up in Bend. Flanagan-Caldwell holds a bachelor of science in Natural Resource Management from Oregon State University, and has worked with the U.S. Forest Service and Swalley Irrigation District. Currently, in his current role with the Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District, Flanagan-Caldwell provides technical assistance to local landowners, cooperators and the public in the wise development and stewardship of our region's natural resources. Flanagan-Caldwell is a graduate of the Leadership Bend Foundation Class of 2022, is a volunteer youth mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon, but is most motivated by his pursuit of constantly evolving as a father for his son, Arlo, and sharing in his exploration of the natural world. Flanagan-Caldwell joined the Board in 2022.



Breck Flanagan-Caldwell



Logan Clausen

Dr. **Logan Clausen** of **COPA** is recognized as a Deschutes County COVID Health Hero.

The entire team at COPA is proud of Clausen's leadership from the very beginning of COVID. She worked tirelessly to research published medical information, stay connected with Federal and State authorities and offer timely pediatric medical direction for healthcare organizations and schools in the tri-county region. During the first 18 months of the pandemic, official information changed continuously and Clausen has been a key conduit for the community regarding the most up-to-date medical learnings about COVID in children.

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Stacey Forson

Stacey Forson grew up on a working cattle ranch east of Bend, developing a deep appreciation and connection to the land. She is retired from 38 years with the Forest Service where she lived and worked in Prineville during her most recent post as the Forest Supervisor for the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland. Forson currently lives in La Pine and is the president of the Friends of Fish Lake, a nonprofit partner with the Forest Service for the restoration, maintenance and interpretation of a historic site and developing education center located on the Willamette National Forest. She is also a co-coordinator of Firewise activities in her neighborhood. Forson joined the Board in 2022.

Rob Garrott has lived in Bend since 2015. He works for LinkedIn Learning as a content manager designing curriculum and recruiting instructors for Architecture, Engineering, Construction (AEC) and 3D visualization education content. With a background in 3D animation, motion design and video production, he taught for 12 years at Art Center College of Design and has created logos, graphics packages and entire shows in the entertainment industry. When not in front of a computer, Garrott can usually be found riding one of several bikes around town and out in the forests or skiing at Mt. Bachelor. Garrott joined the Board in 2021.



Rob Garrott



Daniele McKay

Daniele McKay is a geologist who studies recent volcanic activity in Central Oregon and teaches at the University of Oregon. She has lived in Bend for more than 20 years, during which she worked for several conservation groups and as an interpretative ranger. She grew up hiking and skiing in the Cascades, which inspired a life-long passion for exploring wild areas. This prompted her to travel the world extensively and ultimately to examine natural processes in detail by studying geology. In addition to contributing to the scientific understanding of volcanoes in Central Oregon, McKay also enjoys sharing her interest in science with people of all ages. McKay joined the Board in 2022.

Gonzalo Mendez lives in Redmond and is a fisheries biologist with Portland General Electric. He is responsible for Test and Verification studies associated with juvenile fish migration at the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project. This passage work supports the goals of reintroducing spring Chinook, sockeye and summer steelhead to the upper Deschutes River Basin. Mendez earned a bachelor's degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation at University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 2002. He has been conducting fisheries-related science for more than 20 years and in that time he has worked in marine environments, participated in Atlantic salmon reintroduction and conducted fish passage work and stream habitat assessments. In his spare time, he pursues a variety of interests with his wife Hannah, and his newly rescued pup Pip. Hannah and Mendez have been connecting with the Central Oregon community through various activities in the arts, early child education and exploring streams. Mendez joined the Board in 2022.



Gonzalo Mendez



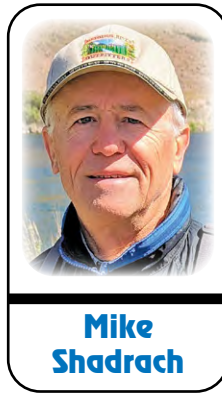
Amy Miller

Amy Miller brings professional experience in social justice and nonprofit management to the Land Trust Board, including serving as the executive director of Youth, Rights & Justice, a nonprofit law firm and juvenile public defender office. In her current role, as assistant deputy state court administrator for Programs and Innovation, she oversees state court programs and works hard to support access to justice for all Oregonians. In her spare time, Miller enjoys spending more time outside than inside. She loves to snowboard in the backcountry, hop on her paddle board and go on long hikes. Her favorite place to be is in the mountains, and she tries to climb as many of our peaks as time allows. Miller joined the Board in 2021.

Austin Smith Jr. has lived in Central Oregon most of his life. He grew up on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and is an avid hunter and fisherman, exercising his rights as a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs like his ancestors before him. Smith is a wildlife biologist with the Tribes and has 11 years of experience as a field wildlife specialist with game and habitat management, including reintroduction programs of big game species like Rocky Mountain goats, bighorn sheep and monitoring projects for gray wolves and other terrestrial animals on and off the reservation. Currently, Smith oversees the Wildlife, Range and Agriculture programs for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources. Smith enjoys his time with his family taking adventure trips to the "Inche'Wana" (Columbia River) and exercising his treaty hunting and fishing rights. Smith joined the Board in 2022.



Austin Smith Jr.



Mike Shadrach

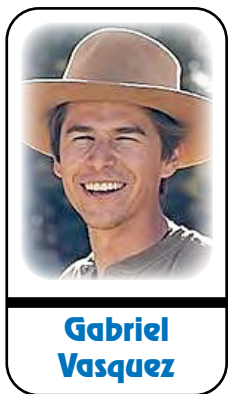
Mike Shadrach is a retired certified public accountant. He spent 11 years in public accounting and 17 years in corporate finance with several companies. He retired in 2007 as the vice president of Strategic Planning and Business Development for AutoZone, Inc. Shadrach moved to Bend in 2007 to enjoy the many outdoor activities offered in Central Oregon, and, over the years, has participated in many of the activities offered on Land Trust Preserves including planting parties, weed pulls, fence pulls, nature walks and bike tours. In 2017, Shadrach completed the Oregon Master Naturalist program offered by Oregon State University. Shadrach joined the Board in 2022.

The Deschutes Land Trust envisions a future of strong and healthy natural and human communities—where we work together to conserve and care for the lands that make Central Oregon an incredible place to live, work and grow. As Central Oregon's locally-based, nationally-accredited land trust, the Deschutes Land Trust has conserved and continues to care for more than 17,523 acres since 1995.

The Land Trust would also like to extend a warm welcome to their new stewardship associate, **Gabriel Vasquez**.

Vasquez is working with our stewardship team, maintaining and improving the infrastructure and trails at all of your favorite Land Trust Community Preserves, keeping his eye on pesky weeds and working with volunteers to help restore habitat for our community, as well as for fish and wildlife.

Vasquez has a decade's worth of experience in residential and agricultural land care. He also has an extensive background in the fly fishing industry and managed a local fly shop where he was able to engage the angling community in respectful resource use and cold-water habitat stewardship.



Gabriel Vasquez

SMART Reading Teams Up with SELCO Community Credit Union to Get Books to Kids

by JENNIFER ZARDINEJAD, Central Area Director — SMART Reading

Children's literacy nonprofit SMART Reading received a \$2,500 grant from SELCO Community Credit Union to sponsor two book giveaways in Bend, meaning that each of the 500 students served at eight local sites received two new books to keep and share with their families. "SELCO is committed to empowering our members and community—and for students, what's more empowering than opening a new book of their own?" says Cheryl Cauthon, manager of SELCO's Old Mill and West Bend branches. "As organizations that are passionate about removing barriers to learning, SMART and SELCO couldn't be a better fit."

For three decades, SMART Reading has paired community volunteers with PreK through third-grade students for in-person, one-on-one reading sessions. The organization also provides students with a collection of 14 new books to keep. "We're so grateful to our community partners like SELCO for their ongoing support," says SMART Reading Central Area Director Jennifer Zardinejad. "It's been a challenging couple of years for kids, and ensuring they have access to high-quality books at home is more important than ever."

Given the ongoing health precautions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SMART Reading has focused on continuing to get books to students — distributing over 12,000 books to Central Oregon students so far this school year — and has new virtual models for providing reading support for its students.

Recent national studies by Reading Is Fundamental and the Stanford Graduate School of Education show that kids' progress in reading has been significantly impacted by the pandemic. "This is a huge concern for our community because reading is a gateway skill that opens the door to success



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in school and beyond," says Zardinejad. "These studies point to the need for more access to books, reading practice time, motivation around reading, and social-emotional support — all things we provide through our programs and that SELCO helps fund."

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