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Wesley B. Price, III

Wesley B. Price, III announced his retirement as managing partner from **Price Fronk & Co.** effective June 30, 2022. During the transition process, Price stayed on as a partner emeritus, working closely with the firm to ensure all client relationships are smoothly transitioned. Partner emeritus is an honorary title, which holds counsel, historical perspective and other leadership services and research privileges within the firm.

Price is an Oregon native who dedicated most of his career to Price Fronk & Co. He joined the firm in 1979 and became a partner in 1989. For 33 years, Price served as a leader in the firm's corporate business group and concentrated his practice in business and tax planning issues for closely held businesses and their owners. A major focus of his practice included business acquisitions and dispositions and all related tax issues for the business owners.

R&H Construction welcomes **Matt Simpson**. Simpson joins the team as project manager and has already kicked off several tenant improvement projects. Simpson brings years of Central Oregon industry and project management experience to the team.

When asked what he enjoys outside of the office, he said 95 percent of the time you can find him outdoors doing any adventure with his two dogs, Libby May and Maximus Mojo, including bouldering, snowshoeing, trail running and night hiking. A solid high desert enthusiast and great addition to the team.



Matt Simpson

Four umpires with local connections will enjoy post-season regional and national assignments this summer.

Paul Eaton of Redmond will be a member of the 12-man crew staffing the **Senior League Softball World Series** at Lower Sussex in Delaware from July 31 through August 6, 2022. This will be Eaton's first national assignment after umpiring at the 2010 Major Softball Western Regional (Vancouver, Washington), the 2015 Major Baseball Western Regional (San Bernadino, California) and the 2016 Senior Softball Western Regional (Missoula, Montana).

Dave Kramer of Bend is one of three Oregon umpires who will join 11 other men in blue to staff the **Little League Baseball Mountain, Northwest and West Region Tournaments** in San Bernadino, California from August 6 through 12, 2022. Kramer has served at national, regional and high school post-season tournaments including the 2016 5A Oregon State High School Softball Championship and the 2016 Big League Softball World Series.

Scott Vernon of Bend will be heading to Tucson, Arizona, to serve on the umpire staff for the **Western Regional Junior Softball** tournament from July 23 through 28, 2022 — his first regional or national assignment.

Derek Gillespie will be a member of the 13-person staff at the **Junior League Baseball World Series** in Taylor, Michigan. Gillespie, who got his start with Bend North Little League before relocating to Sparks, Nevada and then, Bradenton, Florida, has served the 50/70 World Series and Western Regionals for Majors, Juniors and Seniors.



Rick Heider



Kathy Murch

Congratulations to **Rick Heider** and **Kathy Murch** for their recent hole in ones at **Awbrey Glen Golf Club**.

Heider's hole in one happened July 11 on Hole #13. Heider used a 7 Iron from 225 yards for his first hole in one.

Murch's hole in one happened Wednesday, July 13 on Hole #11. Murch used a 6 Hybrid from 128 yards.

NAI Cascade's property management team welcomes **Julia Sutter**.

Sutter brings an impressive business acumen to NAI Cascade which can only come from 25+ years' experience in business operations and management. Sutter's real estate knowledge is derived from her time as a licensed general contractor and owner of a custom home building and design company, an escrow officer and mortgage loan coordinator.

Sutter moved to Bend in 2005 with aspirations of being a horse wrangler at Rock Springs Guest Ranch. She joined the ranch's hospitality department where she helped to coordinate staff and events as well as leading guests on trail rides. Sutter is a master event planner and has facilitated events all over the U.S.

United Way Central Oregon's Executive Director, **Ken Wilhelm**, is retiring after 34 years of service to the region.

Whitney Swander, who will serve as interim executive director, will lead the organization's transition with a focus on reinventing United Way's local business model and enhancing impact through an equity and social justice approach. Swander brings more than 14 years of community outreach and engagement experience to United Way, including leadership positions with Foundations for a Better Oregon and Better Together Central Oregon.

Wilhelm said he's looking forward to road trips, camping and hiking with his wife, visiting family, enjoying his three grown children and playing Opa and Nana to their first granddaughter.

Swander's vision includes strengthening the organization's regional impact through building relationships and understanding the current community needs for collective action.



Ken Wilhelm



Whitney Swander



Jim Wilcox

Central Oregon Community College (COCC) announced that **Jim Wilcox**, manager of the Small Business Management Program at COCC, has been selected as Oregon's 2022 State Star, a nationally recognized award for exemplary SBDC performance.

Each year at the Association of Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) annual conference, a star performer is honored from each state in recognition of exemplary performance. State stars are selected by the Oregon State Director and Associate Director and recognized and honored at a private reception that is attended by upwards of 600 peers from all over the country.

Accounting firm **Kernutt Stokes** promotes **Jonathan Davenport** and **Charlotte Kreitlow** to manager, and three associates to senior associates

Davenport, CPA, is promoted to tax manager. He works with family owned businesses, along with real estate and foreign taxation projects. Davenport joined the Kernutt Stokes team in 2016 and works in the Eugene office. He is a member of the Eugene Springfield Tax Association and prior to joining the firm, he earned a bachelor of science in accounting from BYU-Idaho, and amasters of accountancy from Idaho State University.

Kreitlow, CPA, is promoted to virtual accounting manager in the Kernutt Stokes' virtual accounting department. Kreitlow works with a number of small- to medium-sized businesses, maintaining and analyzing their business finances. She joined the firm in 2018 and is a member of the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA), and volunteers as treasurer for the Mount Pisgah Arboretum. Prior to joining the firm, Kreitlow earned a bachelor of science in environmental studies with a minor in business administration from the University of Oregon in 2008.

Randy Dean, CPA, is promoted to tax senior associate. Dean joined Kernutt Stokes in 2018 and works in the firm's Bend office.

Veronica McCauley, CPA, is promoted to senior associate in the firm's Employee Benefit Plan team. McCauley joined Kernutt Stokes in 2017 and works in the Eugene office.

Liz Spreier, CPA, is promoted to audit and assurance senior associate. Spreier joined Kernutt Stokes in 2019 and works remotely.



Jonathan Davenport



Charlotte Kreitlow



Randy Dean



Veronica McCauley



Liz Spreier

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The **Bethlehem Inn** Board of Directors announced that **Linda Jackson-Shaw** and **Linda Levinson** have been elected to its board.

Jackson-Shaw has a passion and empathy for homelessness and hunger, which stems from her personal experience. While she no longer is faced with homelessness, she has a continuing passion to help others. Serving on the Board provides her with an opportunity to work with a team of likeminded people who reach out and help those in need. She also assists families find resources and support for their loved ones who struggle with mental health.

Levinson is a certified employee assistance professional (CEAP) with many years of experience in administration and hands-on organization of multidisciplinary mental health and addiction programs. She has been an advocate for the mentally ill working with families to assist them in finding resources. Levinson's volunteer



background includes Special Olympics, Aid Support Group, Junior Achievement, Well in the Desert, PIT homeless count (Palm Springs) and is currently a member of Redmond Rotary and their Homeless Task Force Committee.

Bethlehem Inn also announced the promotion of **Liz Clemens, LCSW** and **Tara Feurtado** to directors. Both have been with the organization since 2011, though Clemens started in 2010 as an Americorp volunteer.

Clemens obtained her master of social work degree from Portland State University and is now a licensed social worker. She achieved these degrees while working full time at the Inn. Clemens received her undergraduate degree in social work from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, served on Central Oregon's Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (2014-2016) and served as co-chair on the Family Access Network steering committee. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Homeless Leadership Coalition, is a member of the National Association of Social Work and serves on the advisory board with Fair Housing.

Feurtado earned her masters from Portland State University in 2006 with a certificate in curriculum and instruction and specialization in early childhood development and education. She received her bachelors from Portland State University in 2002 majoring in child and family studies with emphasis in family support and advocacy. Feurtado served as secretary for the Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition from 2017 to 2018. She also served on the Board of Directors of the Bend International School for two years. Currently, she chairs the Regional Shelter Committee of the Homeless Leadership Coalition and was selected to serve on the City of Bend's The Emergency Homelessness Task Force for the City of Bend.

The Families First and Next Steps Programs provide programmatic direction for the Inn, through a trauma-informed lens. As co-directors, Clemens and Feurtado implement policies, and manage operational staff as well as supervise resident services staff through collaboration with our 70+ partner agencies. Important aspect of these roles include monitoring program effectiveness through pertinent metrics and regular reports. program co-directors work to guide communications with allied community organizations, a multitude of agencies and the general public.

COCC Abuzz with National "Bee Campus" Recognition

Central Oregon Community College (COCC) recently received Bee Campus USA designation from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation for its dedication to improving landscapes for pollinators.

Among its efforts, the college has planted pollinator-friendly native plants, created gardens, regulated pesticide usage and disseminated information about habitat and pollinator issues to internal and external audiences. COCC becomes just the sixth college or university campus in Oregon to be an affiliate of the Bee Campus USA program.

"Many pollinator species — about 40 percent — are facing potential extinction in the coming years due to things like shrinking habitats and pesticide practices," said Noelle Copley, COCC's sustainability coordinator. "At COCC we've done things to help mitigate that, like planting a milkweed garden and other native flowering plant gardens and trees on the Bend campus and developing an integrated pest management plan that stresses prevention and limits the use of pesticides."

According to the Xerces Society, a national nonprofit organization based in Portland, pollinators such as bumble bees, sweat bees, mason bees, honey bees and others are responsible for the reproduction of almost 90 percent of the world's flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food.

There are 140 Bee Campus USA affiliates across 45 states. Bee Campuses renew their affiliation each year and report on accomplishments from the previous year.

For more information, contact Noelle Copley at 541-383-7779 or visit cocc.edu/committees/sustainability/bee_campus_usa.aspx.
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Businesses Serving Community

VOLUNTEERS IN MEDICINE CLINIC OF THE CASCADES

Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades recently received grants from Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance and Chambers Family Foundation.

The Central Oregon Health Quality Alliance (COHQA) has awarded a Health Within Reach grant of \$30,000 to Volunteers in Medicine Clinic of the Cascades (VIM). The grant will sponsor a new pilot program for diabetes education with oral health and healthy food support for economically disadvantaged, Latino/a/x patients in Central Oregon.

For VIM patients, oral health is substantially untreated. In fact, individual interviews with 150 VIM patients showed that 40 percent had trouble eating or sleeping due to dental pain. The issue is most pronounced for diabetic patients. VIM has built an integrated, multispecialty, bilingual, culturally competent diabetes management program that includes RN case management, pharmacy, behavioral health, certified educators, primary care and specialty care at no charge to the patient and all at the same location.

The Chambers Family Foundation has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to VIM. The grant will sponsor four low-income, uninsured Deschutes County patients for one year so they can receive free-of-charge medical care.

LATINO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Generous local donors have pushed the Latino Community Association (LCA) across the finish line in its campaign to meet a \$75,000 challenge match from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Thanks to the support of 31 returning donors and 165 new donors since July 2021, the Trust has granted LCA an additional \$75,000 to advance its work to empower Latino families to thrive in Central Oregon.

TOUCHMARK AT MOUNT BACHELOR VILLAGE

The retirement community Touchmark at Mount Bachelor Village recently held an celebration and raised more than \$14,500 for the Alzheimer's Association. The summer solstice is an annual awareness and fundraising event that seeks to raise awareness of the darkness of Alzheimer's on the day of the year with the most light. This year's fundraising efforts included a silent auction and partnership with Beach Hut Deli, with Touchmark team members and residents beginning the day with a mountaintop sunrise yoga session.