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**Sean Passage**

**HWA Engineering and Surveying** announced that **Sean Passage**, PE has been promoted to principal. Passage joined HWA in 2012 and has designed and managed projects of all sizes and scopes including the Robal Retail Center, the Jackstraw apartments (under construction), The Current Bend apartments, Northstar Elementary School, the Hayden Homes Amphitheater stage expansion, and the 2023 City of Bend Neighborhood Street Safety Program (NSSP) to name a few.

Prior to joining HWA in 2012, Passage was a 2006 graduate of Oregon State University with a bachelors in civil engineering. He raced collegiately with the OSU cycling team and pursued a competitive international professional road cycling career until late 2011.

Passage is a Bend native, attending St. Francis School in what is now McMenamins, and graduated from Mt. View High School. He and his wife have two kids who love art, soccer, riding bikes and dancing.

**Bend Wealth Advisors** recently announced the addition of experienced financial advisor **Renee Sopko** to their team. Bringing 27 years of expertise, most recently from Crux Wealth Advisors, Sopko strengthens Bend Wealth's ability to provide personalized financial guidance to a wider range of clients.

Sopko is known for her client-centric approach, crafting custom investment strategies that align with each individual's unique financial goals and risk tolerance. Her experience in hand-selecting stocks complements Bend Wealth's existing financial planning services, offering clients an additional layer of strategic wealth management.



**Renee Sopko**



**Morgan Sartin**

**Partners In Care** welcomes **Morgan Sartin**, MNLM, as its new philanthropy manager overseeing fundraising and donor relationships. With over seven years of development and fundraising experience, Sartin is excited to be on the Partners In Care team and to make meaningful connections in the Central Oregon community.

**The Environmental Center** welcomes **Kayla**, their newest intern through the Children's Forest of Central Oregon Green Jobs Program. She will be supporting TEC's marketing/outreach efforts and youth education summer camps for the summer of 2024.

After graduating from Bend Senior High School in 2025, she hopes to pursue international business and/or environmental studies. She is a passionate learner, outgoing leader, creative thinker and loves the outdoors. In her school community she contributes as the vice president of the business club (DECA), a four-year leader of the Cross Cultural Club, an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate and a four-year member of the girl's varsity tennis team. Outside of school she is a brown belt in taekwondo, a Girl Scout ambassador and works at The Dance Connection during the school year. She enjoys exploring outdoors, dancing, playing piano and making jewelry for her small business.

As an intern she is excited to not only gain valuable communication and leadership skills but also make an impact on the community through networking opportunities and her contributions to TEC.

Interns in the CFCO Green Jobs program get together at the beginning of the summer to prepare for their internship placements and get to know one another as a cohort. Kyla selected The Environmental Center because she's had experience with TEC programs in the past, and is interested in learning more about sustainability through marketing, outreach, communications and youth education.



**Kayla**



(L-R) ST. CHARLES NURSES RECEIVING THE DAISY AWARDS FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING CARE ARE: KATIE PINK, KRISTA MUNNS, JANNA RABER-STEVENS AND RILEY SCHAFFER



OUTSTANDING ST. CHARLES NURSE LEADERS RYAN HUEBSCHER, KELLI JO HAMMACK AND BETHANY KLIER | PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. CHARLES HEALTH SYSTEM

**St. Charles Health System** recently recognized several nurses for their extraordinary service and abilities. Four nurses received the DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nurses, a national award that recognizes the outstanding, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day; and, new this year, three nurse leaders received DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Leaders.

The nurses earning DAISY awards are:  
**Krista Munns**, a medical services nurse in Redmond, was recognized by a family for her care and compassion.

**Katie Pink**, an emergency department nurse in Bend, was recognized for her "fervent application of clinical knowledge honed with her compassion and patience."

**Janna Raber-Stevens**, a medical services nurse in Prineville, was honored by a patient specifically for her ability to find a creative way to help them get some sleep.

**Riley Schaffer**, a wound ostomy nurse in Madras, was recognized by a patient for her tremendous care helping with a slow-healing wound.

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St. Charles' inaugural winners of The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Leaders are:

**Ryan Huebscher**, assistant nurse manager, emergency department, Bend, was honored for his "empathy, gentleness and strength."

**Kelli Jo Hammack**, nurse manager, inpatient services, Madras, was recognized for caring, approachable style and her tremendous clinical knowledge.

**Bethany Klier**, nurse manager, wound ostomy, Madras, was recognized for being intelligent, strong, loving and fearless.

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurse Leaders gives staff members a way to express gratitude for the compassionate environment fostered by nurse leaders. They are recognized for creating an environment where attributes of trust, compassion, mutual respect, continued professional development and ethical behavior are modeled and supported. They promote and enhance the image of nursing within the organization, community and the profession. DAISY nurse leaders are accessible, available and advocate for their teams, encouraging compassionate, skillful, patient-centered care.



PHOTO | COURTESY OF BEND ENDURANCE ACADEMY

**Bend Endurance Academy** sent three climbers to the USA Climbing Youth Lead Nationals that ran July 7-9. **Nathaniel Perullo**, MYA, put together three great rounds of climbing through qualification and semis, and secured a spot in finals. He took eighth place overall, and earned a spot on the USA Development Team. **Vance Stanfield**, MYA, made a great run into the semifinals, ending up in 17th place out of 58 climbers. **Drew Childers**, MJR, competed in qualification rounds against the top 54 athletes in the country in his category, earning 37th place against a stacked field of climbers.



(LEFT) MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT — REDMOND SAFE PARKING IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RICK RUSSEL. (RIGHT) DRY CANYON ARTS ASSOCIATION — LEND ME YOUR WALLS/FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK IS SECRETARY, BETH HANSON | PHOTOS COURTESY OF REDI

**Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI)** celebrated two winners of the 2024 THRIVE (Trailblazing Heroes of Redmond's Innovation & Victory for the Economy) Award. The THRIVE Award recognizes significant initiatives, programs, projects or partnerships that support economic and community development in Redmond. Applicants are evaluated based on six different criteria including economic and community impact, innovation, creativity and impact.

The winners were **The Redmond Safe Parking Program**, which helps those experiencing homelessness by providing safe legal parking options for people living in vehicles as they work towards stability with case managers. There are currently seven locations with 28 parking spaces. In the last year, The Safe Parking program has served 96 people where 30 have found permanent or positive transitional housing. The THRIVE Award spotlights this program which shows the potential to contribute to the local economy through building a workforce to empower those in need on a transitional basis. It has also expanded its model to other communities within the state. Visit the Redmond Safe Parking Program to learn more.

**Dry Canyon Arts Association** through its art shows, educational art programs, Lend Me Your Walls, and First Friday art walk in downtown Redmond, uniquely combines economic development with cultural enrichment. Providing local artist's ways to display and sell their work in collaboration with local businesses also brings prosperity through visual arts avenues making Redmond a more attractive place to live, work and visit. It is testimony that when a city is thriving economically, the arts thrive as well. Having a vibrant arts and culture identity provides a quality of life that appeals to a diverse community in a growing city. Find out more by visiting the Dry Canyon Arts Association



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