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Kristen Warner

Summit Bank has announced the addition of **Kristen Warner** to the bank as VP, treasury management officer for the Central Oregon region. In this role, Warner will use her treasury management expertise to build, manage, and grow business banking relationships with small to medium-sized business clients.

Warner brings 17 years of experience in banking and professional services, focusing on building and maintaining strong treasury management relationships.

Warner is originally from the Willamette Valley in the Wilsonville/Stafford area and has lived in Central Oregon for 24 years. She holds a bachelor of science from Oregon State University and is a past board member of the Humane Society of Central Oregon.

Volunteers in Medicine, Clinic of the Cascades (VIM) welcomes two new clinical staff to their team. **Whitney Bernhisel**, RN, BSN, joins VIM as the new nurse manager. She comes to this integral role at VIM as a former volunteer, and benefited from working alongside our longtime nurse manager, recently retired, Jennifer Fuller, RN. An Oregon local, Whitney worked for the last decade as a nurse for various hospitals and health systems throughout the country, most recently with St. Charles Health System.

Karina Romero, CMA-AAMA, joins VIM as a medical assistant and will also support patients with referrals to our dedicated pro-bono provider network as our patient care coordinator. Karina has been a medical assistant for nearly a decade, previously working in pediatrics and women's health.



Whitney Bernhisel



Karina Romero

KPOV 88.9 FM High Desert Community Radio announces **Linda Orcelletto** as its new executive director. Orcelletto brings nearly 25 years of combined nonprofit experience to the KPOV team of three other staff and more than 100 volunteers.

The duties and responsibilities of this position are the culmination of her experiences working and volunteering with nonprofit organizations in fundraising, board, operational and financial management, community engagement, grant writing, donor management, marketing, strategic planning, plus project management.

Orcelletto feels her super power is the ability to create community by finding similarities versus focusing on differences of various perspectives. She has worked with, and volunteered for, various nonprofits including United Way, the

Deschutes Historical Museum, Bend Chamber, Humane Society of C.O., Skeptoid Media, 100+ Women Who Care Central Oregon and SAGE. Orcelletto is the current City Club of Central Oregon board chair. As the owner of Orcelletto Communications, she has assisted other organizations with fundraising, board development, event management, grant writing, and content management, and is a published author.

Orcelletto follows Chris Gossard, who retired from the position earlier this spring.

Audio Visual Bend welcomes **Steve Morgan**, director of business services, and **Evan Woodford**, lead installer/LEA.

Morgan is a seasoned professional with over 25 years of combined experience in account management, sales engineering, and technical project management. He is an expert in both commercial and residential AV, including lighting, control systems, and networking, as well as in the low voltage security industry, specializing in surveillance, intrusion, and door access systems. Morgan has excelled in the design, sale, and implementation of audio/visual and security solutions, managing sales, project management, and installation services across Central Oregon. Morgan holds a bachelor of science in project management and technical writing from Eastern Michigan University and is a Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM). His technical acumen, customer relations, problem-solving, and communication skills make him a valuable asset to Audio Visual Bend.

For the past two decades, I have passionately pursued hobby audio engineering and speaker and room design, honing my skills and deepening my knowledge in this field. This personal interest has been a consistent thread throughout my career, reflecting my dedication to high-quality audio and acoustics.

Professionally, Woodford has spent eight years in the electrical field, gaining extensive experience and expertise in both Limited Energy (LEA) and Limited Energy-B (LEB) systems. His journey began with a focus on Commercial A/V in Portland, where he spent three years mastering the intricacies of audio-visual systems and achieving his LEB license. This period was pivotal, as it laid the groundwork for his technical proficiency and professional growth in the A/V industry.

For the past five years, Woodford has been based in Bend where he has continued to refine and expand his skills as an LEA. His work has encompassed a wide range of systems, including fire alarm systems, security, door access, video surveillance, and network infrastructure. This diverse experience has equipped Woodford with a comprehensive understanding of various technologies and their integration, allowing him to deliver robust and reliable solutions to clients.

The Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) announced that Dr. **Arianne (Ari) Powell** has joined the team as executive director of the health care nonprofit.

Powell has a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to improving healthcare accessibility and quality. She holds a doctorate of behavioral health from Arizona State University and an executive business certificate from Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Over her decade-long career, Powell has held various leadership roles in integrated healthcare and behavioral health, including founder and CEO of Global Health Leaders, chief operating officer at RISE Services, and director of clinical strategy & analytics at Terros Health.

Born and raised in Bend, Powell is excited to be returning home with her eight-year-old son to enjoy all that Central Oregon has to offer. At the Central Oregon Health Council, Powell is dedicated to driving initiatives that enhance healthcare accessibility and quality in the region. Her strategic vision and expertise in data-driven healthcare solutions will be instrumental in advancing the Council's mission.

New team members joined the **Latino Community Association (LCA)** this spring and others moved up in the organization:

Jazmin Murguia is a new part-time client service assistant in Redmond. She was born in Anaheim, California and moved to Bend when she was 12. After high school, Jazmin helped individuals with disabilities at Central Oregon Collective and worked as a teller for Wells Fargo Bank. Members of her family benefited from help they received from LCA and she wants her work to empower other families.

Cindy Paguaga was hired as full-time client service assistant in Bend, rounding out the team in the busy office. Cindy was born in Managua, Nicaragua and now lives in Bend. Currently, she is studying at Central Oregon Community College, where she hopes to complete a degree. She wants to offer information and support to people who come to LCA in search of guidance.

Rosangela López Terrazas, client services assistant in Prineville, was born in Redmond to parents from Guanajuato, Mexico. After high school, she worked in restaurants and manufacturing until she discovered a passion for helping her community. She trained to assist taxpayers in Prineville in early 2024 and watched her client services coordinator act to make a positive impact on people's lives. She said working with LCA has helped her discover her qualities and abilities.

Maricruz Valdovinos has transitioned into full-time volunteer coordinator for LCA. She was born in Guerrero, Mexico, and moved to Madras in 2005. She studied English, earned her GED, and completed her associate's degree in web development at COCC. She ran a house-cleaning business and volunteered to teach Spanish in the Jefferson County School District. At LCA, she has worked as an office assistant in Madras, an intern for Latino Fest 2023, and then as interim volunteer coordinator.

Former volunteer coordinator **Joanne Mina** returned as part-time advocacy coordinator. She was born during a dictatorship and grew up in the aftermath of military occupation in Panama. She learned from an early age about the power of each individual to impact their community. After high school, she studied English and psychology at Brookhaven Community College in Dallas, Texas. In 2010, she moved to Bend and worked at Volunteers in Medicine, LCA, and the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice. Currently, she serves on the Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

Lourdes Reyes, senior community health worker, has moved up to Healthy Families program coordinator. She was born in Oaxaca, Mexico and lived in Los Angeles before her family moved to Madras, and finally settled in Redmond in 2004. Reyes studied English and computer skills at LCA and then worked for Volunteers in Medicine as liaison for eligibility and as a county health outreach worker. LCA is grateful to have a former student on its team, using her skills to connect people with medical care.



Leath Tonino

Leath Tonino has been officially selected as the winner of the tenth annual Waterston Desert Writing Prize by guest judge and acclaimed *Law and Order* actor Sam Waterston.

Tonino's winning submission, *Limbo Wilds: A Journey into the Wilderness Study Areas of the Desert*, captures a deep sense of introspection and urgency regarding wilderness conservation. Throughout the piece, the protagonist navigates conflicting desires between enjoying Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and advocating for its protection in the face of legislative challenges.

A full-time freelance writer from Colorado, Tonino emphasizes that true desert literacy transcends mere knowledge of a place. Rather, he says that he embraces the complexities and mysteries of our environment. With a rich background in creative nonfiction, Tonino has contributed over 150 pieces to publications like *Outside*, *Men's Journal* and *High Country News*, and is the author of several essay collections and a forthcoming book of nature poems.

The two finalists for this year's Prize are **Paige Buffington** of Gallup, New Mexico and **Charles Hood** of Palmdale, California.



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Buffington (Navajo) received a bachelor of fine arts in creative writing from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2013 and a master of fine arts with a focus in poetry in 2015. She's won various writing awards for her poems.

Hood has spent his career working and living in the Mojave Desert and has won numerous awards for his poetry and nonfiction work. This is his fourth time as a Waterston Prize finalist.



Deborah Flagan

Hayden Homes Vice President of Community Engagement and Giving **Deborah Flagan** is grateful to be selected to join Governor Tina Kotek's Regional Solutions Advisory Committee (RSAC) for the Central Oregon Region. The appointment was announced in July.

The committee will provide input and recommendations around community issues and economic development. Flagan brings a unique perspective to the group with a deep background in housing and community engagement across the Northwest. Governor Kotek chose the committee members for their leadership, exceptional skills, and dedication to their communities.

Flagan has served as a leader at Hayden Homes for more than 24 years, where her focus on community engagement, philanthropic giving, workforce development, and marketing initiatives that support housing solutions have been instrumental in the company's growth to become the largest private home builder in the Northwest. Deb has also helped support Hayden Homes' contributions to-date of more than \$70 million in charitable giving to community needs.

Flagan will join committee members including COIC Executive Director Tammy Baney, who is also the convenor of the committee; Jefferson County Commissioner Kelly Simmelink; Bend City Manager Eric King; EDCO Executive Director Jon Stark; The Roundhouse Foundation Grants Manager Chaney Coman; and Tribal Representative Gordon Scott.

NeighborImpact announces the appointment of **Christopher Kealey** as the organization's new chief development officer. Kealey brings a wealth of experience in the nonprofit sector and a strong commitment to community service, making him an invaluable addition to the NeighborImpact team.

Born and raised in Southern California, Kealey graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara with a major in Political Science. He furthered his education by earning a master's degree in business administration from Claremont Graduate University. Following his academic pursuits, Kealey joined the Peace Corps, serving in Costa Rica for two years, where he developed a deep passion for service and community development.



Christopher Kealey

Kealey began his nonprofit career by founding and serving as executive director of Peace Works International, an organization dedicated to immersion language study and volunteer programs. His career trajectory includes significant roles in Fundraising and Development at prestigious institutions such as Caltech, AbilityFirst, and Cal Poly Pomona. His leadership was pivotal in his role as Executive Director of HomeAid Los Angeles, where he contributed to the fight against homelessness.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Kealey has been an active volunteer for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association for the past 20 years, demonstrating his long-standing commitment to community engagement and service.

Kealey and his wife Heather now reside in Bend where they enjoy the vibrant community and natural beauty of the region. Their son is currently a junior studying Chemical Engineering at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Kealey will be spearheading NeighborImpact's development initiatives, focusing on expanding reach and resources to better serve the community. With his leadership, NeighborImpact is poised to enhance its impact and continue its mission of supporting people and strengthening communities.



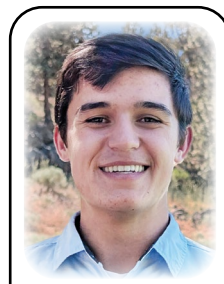
Michael Sipe

Vistage, the world's largest executive coaching organization for small and mid-sized businesses, has appointed **Michael Sipe** as chair of the Bend Vistage Group #667. Vistage provides private advisory boards for 45,000 CEOs, executives and business owners in 35 countries around the world. For more than 65 years Vistage has been helping leaders solve their toughest challenges through a comprehensive approach to success. At the core of the proven formula are confidential peer advisory groups and executive coaching sessions. Sipe has been associated with Vistage for over 30 years as a member, consultant, speaker and mergers and acquisition advisor to Vistage members. Now he will lead a local Vistage group, comprised of top Central Oregon business leaders. Sipe also leads four peer groups for Central Oregon business leaders in the 10x Catalyst Groups program he founded, which is independent of Vistage. He also owns CrossPointe Private Equity Advisors, a local mergers and acquisitions firm he founded 34 years ago. Sipe is a past Bend Chamber board member, a past president of Rotary Club of Greater Bend, and the producer of the Bend Christmas Parade, the Central Oregon Community Leaders Prayer Breakfast and the Central Oregon Business Forum.

Mid Oregon Credit Union has announced that it has grown to 48,000 members as of June 30, 2024. Mid Oregon has grown membership by 20 percent over a three-year period. Mid Oregon has much to celebrate in recent years, named a top workplace in Oregon two consecutive years and earning the #1 credit union in Oregon two years running from *Forbes*. The credit union exceeded \$736 million in assets in June

2023. A new headquarters branch is currently under construction in Bend's Old Mill District and slated to open in the early part of 2025.

Other initiatives that contribute to Mid Oregon's growth rate include its strong presence and support in the community, industry leading digital banking, newly enhanced business services, innovative choices for certificates, and the success of Simply Free Checking accounts. A significant portion of Mid Oregon's membership growth is referred by existing members.



Kai Myers

The Family Access Network (FAN) announces our newest team member, **Kai Myers**. Myers will be joining the FAN Foundation team as the stewardship coordinator, with a focus on donor relations, events, and marketing.

Myers grew up in Washington State before moving to Arizona to attend college at Grand Canyon University. He completed his bachelor's degree in government with an emphasis in legal studies, while also minoring in public administration. Myers comes from a nonprofit background — he worked with St. Vincent de Paul (Phoenix) in the Community Drives department, primarily building relationships with local businesses to organize donation campaigns. His commitment to serving the community brought him to FAN, where he is excited to make an impact on the lives of children and families across Central Oregon. Myers spends his free time hiking with his dog and finding all of the best fishing spots Bend has to offer.

Oregon's 2019 Small Business Person of the Year, **Marshall Doyle**, owner of Beck Investment Group LLC and other small businesses, has been appointed by Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman, head of the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**, to serve on the agency's Regulatory Fairness Board.



Marshall Doyle

In 1999, Doyle purchased Cal-Cert, a two-person company providing calibrations in the Pacific Northwest. Under his leadership, the company has grown to a national brand and is now owned by a private equity where he remains a shareholder and member of the board of directors. The company is expected to exceed \$100 million in revenue by the end of 2024. Doyle also owns an independent hotel in Astoria, Oregon; computer repair company in Eugene, Oregon; and an industrial vacuum pump repair company in Southern California. Doyle also currently owns Beck Investment Group LLC, a real estate and small business investment company.

Shortly after acquiring Cal-Cert, Doyle utilized the services of the Small Business Development Center to address business challenges and opportunities then began mentoring fellow businesspeople in 2002. His mentoring experience spans a variety of industries and he also provides private coaching through his company Strategic Business Coaching LLC.

The all-volunteer Regulatory Fairness Board advises the SBA's Office of Ombudsman on matters of federal regulatory concern to small businesses. The Office of Ombudsman works with small businesses to assist them with excessive federal regulatory issues.

At its July meeting the **Central Oregon Community College (COCC)** board of directors elected **Laura Craska Cooper** of Prineville to serve as chairperson for the 2024-25 year. At the same meeting, the board elected **Erica Skatvold**, of Bend, as vice chair for the term.



Laura Craska Cooper



Erica Skatvold

Craska Cooper has served on the COCC board since 2012, having previously been board chair from 2014-15 and 2018-20, and representing Zone 2, or Crook County. A founding partner of Brix Law, she is chair of the Central Oregon Regional Housing Authority and past president of the Deschutes County Bar Association.

Skatvold, who was elected to the board in 2017 and served as chair during the 2020-21 year, represents Zone 4, which covers most of Bend. She is the director of quality management at St. Charles Healthcare System and serves on the Deschutes Public Library System's budget committee.

COCC's seven-member board of directors are elected for four-year terms from geographic zones within the tri-county district.

Four **Bend Endurance Academy (BEA)** climbers competed at the USA Climbing Youth Boulder and Speed Nationals, from July 11-13. **Vance Stanfield**, MYA, made it all the way to finals, earning a seventh place spot, and a place on the U.S. Development Team. **Drew Childers**, MJR, and **Will Hunzicker**, MJR, both competed in qualifying rounds against a large field of athletes. Childers competed in his second boulder nationals, and improved his ranking by ten spots. Hunzicker competed in his first ever boulder nationals, coming in top 30. **Soren Hasselblad**, MYB, competed in his second straight nationals, with a solid time of 11.666 in speed, and 32nd place in bouldering.



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