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Laurie Hill

Laurie Hill, a business leader with more than 20 years of executive leadership experience, has been appointed chief business officer for Oregon State University – Cascades. She will begin her new role on October 14 and serve on the campus's senior leadership team and oversee finance, facilities and business operations, and serve as a key partner in the campus's strategic planning.

As chief business officer, Hill will report to Bloomer and join leaders across campus in the development and execution of a strategic and financial business plan to support OSU-Cascades' goal to enroll 2,200 students by 2030.

Since 2022, she has served as chief executive officer of Central Oregon Pediatric Associates, where she oversees a staff of 27 clinical and allied health professionals and 180 employees across four sites. She also leads the development of strategic community alliances to improve regional access to pediatric health.

Previously, Hill spent more than a decade in the health care industry in California. She oversaw clinical operations for Huntington Health in Pasadena, California; outpatient operations for the Adventist Health Physician Network in the Glendale and Los Angeles markets; and clinical practices at Cedars-Sinai Medical Group in Los Angeles.

Before working in health care, she spent more than 10 years in the television industry, working as a vice president of development, management consultant and executive producer.

Hill has served on the board of directors of the Bend Chamber of Commerce since 2022 and on its executive committee since 2023. She is a former member of the operations committee of the Central Oregon Health Council.

Hill holds an MBA from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in political science from Occidental College.

Recently, the Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, announced Oregon's 2024-25 Regional Teachers of the Year. Over the past week, communities all across the state have held celebrations recognizing these 18 regional winners.

Christa Rohrbach and Debra Sayre were named as one of Oregon's 18 Regional Teachers of the Year. Rohrbach teaches English at Jefferson County Middle School in Madras, and Sayre teaches special education and language arts at the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) in La Pine.



Christa Rohrbach



Debra Sayre

The Central Oregon Association of REALTORS (COAR) has selected the 2024 Building a Better Oregon (BBO) Award winners.

The 2024 BBO Awards winners include Black Butte Ranch Lodge, Juniper Mountain Counseling, Leading Edge Helihangar, Medline ReNewal, Shepherd's House Ministries Redmond Center, Subaru of Bend, The Giving Plate and Veterinary Referral Center of Central Oregon.

2024 honorable mention awardees include RE/MAX Key Properties and Testimony Wine Bar.

Deschutes County Community Justice Officer Andrea Abramson has been selected as the 2024 Juvenile Justice Professional of the Year for the Central and Eastern Oregon region by the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association (OJDDA).

Abramson has worked in the County's Juvenile Department for more than 30 years. She carries a full case load, working with young people who require both formal and informal supervision. According to her co-workers, community partners, and the youth and parents that she counsels, Abramson is compassionate, caring, thoughtful and is committed to bringing positive change to people's lives.

Abramson was presented the award at the OJDDA Annual Conference on

September 16 in Seaside, Oregon.

Stroke Awareness Oregon (SAO) announces the appointment of Anne Birky to its Board of Directors. A native of Bend and dedicated employee of Bend-La Pine Schools, Birky currently serves as the Facilities Support Supervisor. After experiencing a hemorrhagic stroke in April 2024, Birky has become a passionate advocate for stroke recovery and support. Her personal journey, combined with her leadership skills, will be invaluable as SAO continues its mission to improve stroke awareness and provide essential resources to survivors and their families.



Anne Birky



Seth Anderson

SĀJ Architecture Principal Seth Anderson, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, has successfully completed the Design-Build Institute of America's comprehensive education, training, and certification testing program to achieve the design-build industry's designation as a nationally certified Associate Design-Build Professional (Assoc. DBIA).

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The Center Orthopedic & Neurosurgical Care announces the following additions to our team of orthopedic providers.

Dr. Jason Koerner, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hand, elbow, and shoulder surgery, joins The Center with extensive training and experience. He offers both surgical and non-surgical solutions for complex issues, helping patients regain mobility and return to the activities they love. A graduate of the University of Colorado with a focus on high-energy orthopedic trauma, Koerner has worked at multiple Level 1 trauma centers. He honed his skills further at the renowned Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center, mastering a wide range of procedures, including microvascular and nerve surgeries, as well as shoulder and elbow replacements.

Dr. Alex Lancaster, an orthopedic surgeon specializing in hip and knee replacements, brings advanced techniques to The Center, including image-guided and robotic-assisted surgeries. With expertise in both anterior and posterior approaches to hip replacement, Lancaster tailors her procedures to meet each patient's unique needs. Her dedication to patient care stems from a personal inspiration — her mother's career as a nurse. Lancaster is passionate about restoring mobility and function, helping her patients achieve improved quality of life.

Joshua Sprague, PA-C, is an orthopedic physician assistant with a focus on joint arthroplasty, sports medicine surgery, and orthopedic trauma. A former golf professional turned medical provider, Sprague brings a patient-centered approach to his practice, crafting individualized care plans to suit each patient's lifestyle and goals. His journey into healthcare began with a desire to help his clients overcome physical barriers, leading him to pursue a career that combines physical therapy and orthopedic expertise.



Jason Koerner



Alex Lancaster



Joshua Sprague

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Tribe Equity Partners has become an approved industry partner for the Department of Defense's Skill Bridge Program. The DOD Skill Bridge program is an opportunity for service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. DOD Skill Bridge connects transitioning service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.

Tribe is a veteran-owned, alternative private equity firm located in Central Oregon that buys small businesses from retiring owners and subsequently operates them, oftentimes with military veterans in key management positions. The two partners, James Maxwell and Jordan Inman, both navigated their own transitions from the military, and so the opportunity to be an Industry Partner for the Department of Defense was a perfect fit.

Tribe is also partnered with Special Operations Command's (USSOCOM) Warrior Care Program. In this capacity, they provide internships to transitioning special operations members to help them develop and implement a customized career transition plan.

Tribe specializes in acquiring small and medium-sized businesses from retiring businesses owners in Central Oregon.

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**OnPoint Community Credit Union** has expanded its leadership team by promoting **Michelle Loftsgard**, who previously served as manager of OnPoint's Bend South branch, to Assistant vice president/area manager of Central Oregon. The promotion will allow OnPoint to align its resources, provide more focused and enhanced sales and service execution in Central Oregon, and position OnPoint for additional growth in the region.

Loftsgard will oversee operations for OnPoint's three branches in Bend in her new role. She began her career at OnPoint in 2010 as the manager of the Bend South branch. Loftsgard was the regional sales manager for Mid Oregon Credit Union before joining OnPoint.

Loftsgard is an active member of the Central Oregon community, volunteering with The Greater Bend Rotary Club of Greater Bend, Sleep in Heavenly Peace and M Perfectly. When she's not working, she enjoys gardening, cooking and raising her two fur babies, Angus and Josephine.



**Central Oregon Pediatric Associates (COPA)** announced the addition of Dr. **Jack Burgeson** to our team of dedicated pediatricians. Burgeson brings a deep passion for helping families navigate the complexities of childhood and adolescence, all while celebrating the uniqueness of each patient.

Originally from Minnesota, Burgeson attended a small college in Indiana, where he competed as an NCAA swimmer. His passion for sports evolved into a love for outdoor adventure during his residency in Salt Lake City, Utah. Burgeson and his wife, Alex, are thrilled to call Bend home and are eager to explore everything the area has to offer.

Outside of the office, you can find Burgeson trail running, biking, Nordic skiing, training for triathlons, golfing, and hiking with his wife and their dog, Juniper. His active lifestyle and commitment to community wellness make him a perfect fit for the Bend area and for COPA's mission of providing exceptional care to children and families.

**Zydeco Kitchen and Cocktails** celebrated 20 years on September 21. Steve and Cheri Helt came to Bend in 2004 to open their dream restaurant, and raise their family. For two decades they have served "casual, upscale American food with a southern flair," as well as the local Bend community.

Over the years, Zydeco Kitchen and Cocktails has been recognized time and time again in community choice awards including Best Dinner of Central Oregon and Restaurant of the Year by the *Source Weekly*, Best Parents Night Out by Bend Nest readers, and more. Zydeco was also an episode of *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives* with celebrity chef, Guy Fieri.

On September 23, **Deschutes County Clerk Steve Dennison** recognized the winner of the "I Voted" Sticker Contest for the 2024 General Election.

The winning entry, chosen from six submitted entries in the middle to high school category, was created by **Eli Hogan**, a senior at Mountain View High School in Bend. His digitally designed red, white and blue sticker, which highlights the beauty of the Deschutes County wilderness, will be handed out to voters during this year's General Election.

Hogan met with Dennison at the County Election Office where he was presented with a framed copy of the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet, which features his design on the front page. His design will be used on the "I Voted" stickers as well as on other election materials. While at the Election Office, Hogan filled out a voter registration form. He will turn 18 years old in October, so he will be eligible to vote for the first time in the General Election.

Earlier this year, **Ivy Sapp**, a second grader from Lava Ridge Elementary in Bend, won the sticker contest in the elementary school student category. Ivy's winning sticker was used on election materials, and the "I Voted" sticker for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election in May.



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