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# Bend Outdoor Worx Starting Up in Bend's Outdoor Industry

by NOAH NELSON — CBN Feature Writer



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Bend Outdoor Worx, or BOW, is a local startup accelerator that focuses on the outdoor industry here in Central Oregon. "What makes BOW different from most accelerators is how deep we go," said one of the founders, Gary Bracelin. "Our mentorship is hands-on. We build real relationships with the companies in each cohort and work side-by-side with them to sharpen strategy, build traction, and grow with purpose. Our niche is growth-stage, product-based outdoor companies that are ready to scale. Most of them have already gone to market, felt some pain points, and are looking for support to grow more intentionally."

Bracelin moved to Bend in 1992 after a long career in the outdoor industry. He moved for the outdoor lifestyle, but quickly realized that our fledgling yet rapidly growing city did not have much local support for outdoor businesses, despite existing in the perfect area for just that.

"Around 2014, as the City of Bend and EDCO began exploring ways to diversify the economy post-recession — moving beyond tourism and real estate — I saw an opportunity to adapt the accelerator model from the tech world and apply it to the outdoor sector," said Bracelin. "I pitched the idea to a few like-minded local industry pros — Will Blount, Justin Rae, and Eric Meade — and they were all in. We launched what became Bend Outdoor Worx by inviting a few early-stage companies to pitch us."

Bracelin says the initial response was strong, and they were able to pull together a beta cohort filled with local entrepreneurs. From the beginning, Bracelin said it felt like an altruistic mission, to help good outdoor product companies succeed with the benefit of mentorship and support that didn't exist before.

Over the years, BOW has helped many local businesses find their footing. From their founding in 2014, they didn't want to develop a rigid curriculum, based on the philosophy of meeting businesses where they are and addressing their unique needs. However, Bracelin said that over the years, they discovered many common building

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# **Master Lease Housing**

# **New Solution to Bend's Workforce Housing Problem**

by NOAH NELSON — CBN Feature Writer

t's likely no surprise to anyone in Central Oregon, but Bend has a problem with housing. Specifically, when it comes to workforce housing. While initiatives by the City of Bend and developers have helped ease the issue by advocating for dense housing and urbanization, there are still issues holding development back; issues that help contribute to businesses lacking workers to hire, and workers lacking places to live.

A key issue lies in getting housing projects approved financially while still keeping their rent low enough to actually accommodate working class Bendites. A creative solution has been offered by Roost Development and

Astral Development called a master lease agreement. A master lease agreement is a contract that allows a tenant (typically an investor, business, or property manager) to lease an entire property and then sublease portions of it to others.



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This solution is offered by Astral Development and Roost Development. The Astral team is based out of NYC but led by Oregonian David Mosey who has local ties to Bend, and has overseen the development and lease-up of thousands of units of affordable, workforce and market

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# Fueled by Collaboration

# 'We Don't Just Grow Economies, We Build Futures'

by ANDREA HINE — CBN Feature Writer

"m a connector," said Patricia Lucas, executive director of SLED (Sunriver La Pine Economic Development), "and in helping businesses grow and succeed, my job is to provide guidance and advice, with the goal of facilitating capital investments and creating jobs that will really advance the local and regional economy."

Serving in this position since March 2020, Lucas is quick to point out that while she "is involved in many leases and sales of commercial and industrial property, these development efforts always take a team, and I have great support for what I do."

# Business Incubator 'Is Such an Exciting Project'

The 6,000-square-foot incubator building being constructed in La Pine's Industrial Park "is such an exciting project," she said. Targeting small, traded-sector operations that may lack the management, technical and financial skills necessary to run a small business, the project — made possible by a successful grant application — is being constructed by the City of La Pine, which will subsequently manage and maintain the building.

HavingpreviouslymanagedanincubatorprojectinMichigan for more than three decades (before being lured to Central Oregon), Lucas witnessed first-hand the powerful impact



BUILDING BEING CONSTRUCTED IN LA PINE'S INDUSTRIAL PARK | PHOTO

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incubators can have for entrepreneurs — people she described as "so excited and energized to start and grow their business."

As she recounted, "One client, a machine shop

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# Killian Pacific Attracts Two Premier Nationally Recognized Retail Tenants to Jackstraw

estate developer and placemaker, has attracted and secured two long-term retail leases — Sisters-based Sisters Coffee Company (Sisters Coffee) and California-based Drybar — at Jackstraw, a 313-unit mixed-use residential and retail project. Centrally located between downtown Bend and the Old Mill District and spanning a 4.7-acre site at

Killian Pacific, a Pacific Northwest real Industrial Way and Lava Road, Jackstraw is adjacent to Bend's Box Factory retail center. As Jackstraw nears completion, residential pre-leasing begins July 2025 and move-in availability is October 2025. Once complete, Jackstraw will serve as a vibrant new hub for retail, living and

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# Mid Oregon Ranks #1 in Oregon on Forbes List for Third Consecutive Year

Mid Oregon Credit Union has once again been recognized as the #1 Credit Union in Oregon, earning this honor for the third straight year on the esteemed Forbes 2025 list of America's Best Credit Unions in Each State. This accolade, awarded in partnership with market research firm Statista, highlights Mid Oregon's commitment to outstanding member service and community engagement.

"I am so proud of our Mid Oregon team for being Oregon's Top Credit Union for the third straight year and so appreciative of our members for taking the time to recognize our employees for the exceptional service they provide," said Kevin Cole, president and CEO of

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# RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Broker Luke Ross with Compass Commercial Real Estate Services represented the landlord, Basaltic, LLC, in the lease of a 2,697 SF retail and office space at 806 NW Brooks St. & 815 NW Wall St. in Bend.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM & Paul Evers, NAI Cascade, represented the Landlord in leasing 1,332 SF of industrial space at 1309 SE Armour Rd in Bend.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers Matt Sichel, Graham **Dent, SIOR**, and outside broker Samuel Gressett represented the seller, Anderson Living Trust, in the sale of a 4,444 SF restaurant building in Central Point, Oregon. The restaurant sits on a total of 0.84 acres and sold for \$1,250,000.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, NAI Cascade, represented the Seller in the disposition of net-leased office at 180 NW 2nd St in Prineville.

This property went into contract within one day on the market. It closed at \$1,049,000, 99.90%

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# REDI Announces Watson Development, Ltd. as Recipient of the 2025 Thrive Award

Redmond Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) and award sponsor Mid Oregon Credit Union are proud to announce Watson Development, Ltd. as the distinguished recipient of the 2025 REDI Thrive Award. This honor recognizes Watson Development,

Ltd. and their construction partner, Simplicity by Hayden Homes, for their transformative The NOVA Apartments project, which has brought Redmond

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# Travel With Ease — Redmond Municipal Airport to Host TSA PreCheck Enrollment Event July 8-11

The Redmond Municipal Airport will be hosting a TSA PreCheck enrollment event in collaboration with IDEMIA, an authorized TSA PreCheck enrollment provider since 2013. Travelers will be able to enroll or renew their membership at the main terminal, located at 2252 SE Jesse

Butler Cir. Redmond, from July 8-11, 2025. The TSA PreCheck Application Program is open to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and lawful permanent residents.

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# Habitat for Humanity of La Pine Sunriver Announces Launch of Final Fundraising Phase for Park View Infrastructure

Habitat for Humanity of La Pine Sunriver (HFHLPS) announced the award of a \$2.1 million grant from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) as part of the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) Housing Program to support the

launch of Park View, a new 34-home affordable housing development located in North La Pine.

"OHCS is proud to partner with

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# Bend Startup Earns Global Clean-Tech Label for Climate-Resilient Greenhouses

Shakti Farm Design, a local sustainable agriculture company, has officially been awarded the Solar Impulse Efficient Solution Label, a prestigious global certification for clean and profitable technologies. The label is granted by the Solar Impulse Foundation, founded by explorer Bertrand Piccard, and recognizes solutions that are both environmentally

and economically sustainable.

The award highlights Shakti Farm Design's climate-resilient greenhouse systems, which are built to withstand extreme weather, reduce energy consumption, and support yearround food production in rural and

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# REDMOND

♦ The City of Redmond is currently working to update two critical infrastructure master plans, the Wastewater Collection System Master Plan (CSMP) and the Transportation System Plan (TSP). These Master Plans help assess how City infrastructure is performing and identify current and future improvements. An integral part of these updates is public involvement and feedback. Both plans are available for review online at redmondoregon. gov/master-plans.

The City's current CSMP was adopted in 2007. As part of the proposed CSMP update, growth assumptions and flow monitoring have been updated to plan for the wastewater infrastructure needed to serve the community's forecasted growth.

To facilitate ongoing and anticipated levels of significant job growth on the eastside of the city, additional transportation facilities will be needed over the next 20 years to maintain a system that is safe, reliable and that provides access to the Redmond

Municipal Airport and other critical service areas that are part of the State's Resiliency Plan. The amendments to Redmond's

TSP, adopted in 2020, modifies employment distribution in the designated Large Lot Industrial lands south of the Fairgrounds, updates Alternate Mobility Targets along South Highway 97, and aligns project lists with these new assumptions. The City is and will continue to partner with Deschutes County and ODOT

to evaluate how the transportation capacity needs can be met over the long-term. Public hearings for the CSMP and

amendments are tentatively scheduled for July 9 with the Redmond Planning Commission and then Redmond City Council on July 22, 2025. For more information or submit comments, contact Planning Director Kyle Roberts at kyle.roberts@ redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7758.

#### BEND

♦ As part of the City's annual street preservation program, contractors began paving some busy streets around the community on June 30 and this work will continue through July. With paving, old asphalt is ground out and replaced or a new layer of asphalt is paved on top of the existing roadway. The process can take a couple of days in each location. Roads will be marked with signs prior to closing for paving.

Paving is just one of several types of street preservation treatments. This year, the City of Bend is doing about \$4.85 million worth of street preservation contract work that will improve approximately 67 lane miles in Bend. This includes about 16 miles of paving, 28 miles of chipseal, and 23 miles of slurry treatments. To minimize impacts on traffic on busier roads, most of the paving work will occur at night, from 7pm to 6am. Night work will occur on Galveston Avenue, Simpson Avenue, Purcell Boulevard, NE Eighth Street, Cooley Road, Hunnel Road and Jamison Street.

When the City paves residential roads, the work will occur during daytime hours due to noise and lights that could be disruptive to homes in neighborhoods. Visit bendoregon. gov/streetpreservation for information and maps.

Because these projects can impact the traveling public, the City works to ensure everyone is notified and prepared ahead of time, through postcards to adjacent properties, signage on the roads, and the weekly road and traffic report.

◆ Commute Options, in partnership with the City of Bend and funded by the Pacific Power Foundation, announces the launch of the E-Bike Rebate Program that began June 16, 2025. The program will provide \$1,800 rebates to eligible residents for the purchase of electric bikes from local bike shops BendR Cyclery/Ride2You and Bend Electric Bikes.

This initiative supports Commute Options' mission to increase access to transportation options across Oregon, while enhancing mobility, community connectivity, and public health in Bend.

"E-bikes are a powerful tool to improve mobility and connect people to work, school, and essential services," said Brian Potwin, executive director of Commute Options. "With the support of the Pacific Power Foundation and our partnership with the City of Bend, we're helping more residents access affordable, healthy transportation options that meet their daily needs."

"The E-Bike Rebate Program is a collaborative partnership that can drive meaningful change in our community," said Bend Mayor Melanie Kebler. "By making electric bikes more affordable and accessible, we're not only supporting local businesses, but also promoting healthier lifestyles, easing traffic congestion and helping Bend move toward a more sustainable future. We're proud to work alongside Commute Options and the Pacific Power Foundation to bring this initiative to our community."

# **Eligibility Requirements**

qualify for rebate, applicants must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Be a resident of the City of Bend
- Be a Pacific Power customer
- · Have a household income at or below 80% of the area median income
- Complete Commute Options' e-bike safety course

Applications are open until August 17, 2025. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit commuteoptions. org for full program details, application instructions, and eligibility guidelines.

Rebate recipients will be selected through a lottery process every three weeks until all 70 rebates have been awarded. This approach ensures a fair and equitable opportunity for all qualified applicants.

"Pacific Power is proud to partner with local organizations to support sustainable transportation initiatives in the region," said Shawn Grant, director of Customer Solutions at Pacific Power. "This partnership exemplifies the power of collaboration in enabling Commute Options to foster a brighter future for our community. We take pride in supporting Oregonians as they embrace electric mobility, all while progressing toward a more sustainable energy landscape."

Eligible e-bikes must be purchased from one of the two participating local shops: BendR Cyclery/Ride2You or Bend Electric Bikes, supporting both local business and communitycentered mobility solutions.

## **DESCHUTES COUNTY**

Following Sheriff Kent van der Kamp's announcement that he will resign at the end of July, the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) has launched a process to appoint an interim Sheriff to serve the balance of his term of office.

The BOCC is required by state law to appoint an interim Sheriff, who will serve until a new Sheriff is elected. The appointee must meet the following qualifications:

- · Must be at least 21 years old
- Must be a resident of **Deschutes County**
- · Must provide proof of certification or eligibility for certification by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Individuals who are qualified and interested in serving as the interim Sheriff will need to submit application materials to the Board by Friday, July 11 at 5pm. Candidates can visit deschutes.org/interimsheriff additional information application instructions.

The Board of Commissioners has indicated it intends to identify the appointee before July 31.



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# Marketing Matters by Expert SUE MEYER — Central Oregon Community College

# Question:

I'm a personal trainer, focusing on strength and weight loss.

I opened my business during the pandemic, and I couldn't keep up with demand.

Now I've seen my business drop by more than 40 percent over the past two years and I don't know what to do, especially concerning marketing. What can you suggest?

Thank you for reaching out. Many businesses are dealing with economic uncertainty, and we've been getting a lot of questions about effective marketing. In short, go back to the basics with these principles and low-cost ideas.

- **1. Know thyself.** Business owners need to know, and be able to communicate, what differentiates them from competitors. You have taken an important step by specifically defining your offerings (strength and weight loss.) To other business owners, if you're not sure what makes your business unique and better than the rest, schedule no-cost advising with a business adviser from our Small Business Development Center.
- **2. Reaching out.** Your best customers are the ones you already have, so reach out to current and prior customers and find out how they're doing, and what they need. What are the "pain points"? Is it getting started? Staying motivated? Time? Ask for referrals and testimonials. Have them invite a friend to a session and consider a small incentive for a good lead or a one-time discount as a thank you.
- **3. Turn to the channels.** Communicate your value and success using channels where your clients and prospects are. These may be different from what you use meet them "where they are." Tell your story, and share client success stories and testimonials. Facebook and Instagram are the top platforms, and you can link them so one post can appear on both channels. Video is big! YouTube is

the third most-used channel. And note: you don't have to be perfect; consumers are seeking real human content, so be yourself.

If you don't like social media, the alternative is to be present — a lot — in the community at presentations, charitable events and wellness fairs.

After you've worked on your own offerings, take a look at your two closest competitors. Check out their communications and media, rankings, ratings and customer testimonials. What are they great at? Should you collaborate? What are they lacking? Can you fill the gap?

In summary, marketing doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming. It's about digging into your business, building, maintaining or rekindling relationships with your existing and past clients, and building community to reach new prospects.

Central Oregon Community College's Small Business Development Center offers free, confidential professional business advising and a variety of low-cost courses to help entrepreneurs through the business lifecycle: cocc.edu/sbdc.

#### About the Expert:

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# Cyber Threats Target U.S. Agribusiness as Sector Urged to Boost Defenses

by TAYLOR VANDECOEVERING, Business Insurance Sales Executive — Marsh McLennan Agency

n March 15, 2022, the U.S. federal government passed new legislation to strengthen the Department of Justice (DOJ) Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) position by requiring the reporting of all cyber incidents or ransomware payments. This legislation

underscores the importance of cyber insurance for agribusiness, as the food and agriculture industry is classified as a critical infrastructure sector that must enhance its cybersecurity measures. The Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act aims to protect these vital sectors from increasing cyber threats.

The food and agriculture industry is classified as a critical infrastructure sector by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). However, this sector of critical infrastructure has historically not placed as much emphasis on cybersecurity as other critical sectors. Ensuring the safety and functionality of the agriculture industry is crucial. This includes implementing a cybersecurity program that is resilient — especially with the increased use of technology within the agriculture space.

#### Agribusiness is a vulnerable target

Agribusiness makes an attractive target for cyber attackers. Increased usage and reliance on technology in critical business processes has increased the cyber-attack surface of agribusinesses significantly. There are more entry points into the organization, and once access is gained, attacks can be severe. The reliance on technology as well as the timesensitive nature of planting, harvesting and transporting commodities means a



shutdown or disruption can be devastating. Due to complex and tightly efficient supply chains, an attack against one organization can have a large ripple effect on those downstream. An attack against one organization can have a greater impact on food supply of communities or even the nation at large — also

providing an incentive for foreign adversaries to target agribusiness in the U.S.

# Top cyber attacks on the rise 1. Social Engineering

A technique used by hackers to manipulate and deceive people into revealing sensitive information or performing actions they would not normally do. This could include clicking malicious links or downloading malicious files to gain initial access to further attack. This could even lead to the transferring of money as a direct result of fraudulent instructions given by someone impersonating a trusted business partner like a vendor or employee. Social engineering is carried out via email, phone or text.

#### 2. Ransomware

A type of malicious software that hackers use to block access to a computer system or files until a ransom is paid. Ransomware holds your files or systems hostage until you pay the attackers to release them. They will often threaten to leak sensitive data if the ransom is not paid.

#### 3. Data Breaches

When unauthorized individuals gain access to sensitive or confidential information such as Social Security numbers, credit card details or intellectual property.

#### The impacts of cyber incidents

Social engineering is becoming extremely sophisticated with the introduction of

tools such as Al. Being able to tailor emails specifically to a target or even impersonate the voice of someone trusted in convincing you to wire money to them poses a significant risk across industries.

The agribusiness sector is an attractive ransomware target due to the critical nature that agribusiness plays as well as the timesensitive nature of business operations. This — coupled with the historical lack of planning around what to do in a cyber event — creates increased desperation in the time of a ransomware attack. This means organizations are more likely to pay a ransom to get back up and running quickly to avoid revenue loss. Paid ransoms (up to millions of dollars) — coupled with costs of investigation into the cyber event, any regulatory fines, legal defense costs and costs involved in restoring damaged systems adds up quickly.

Data breaches around customer or employee data stored can also lead to steep costs. There is the cost of investigation into the cyber event, any regulatory fines and legal defense costs. There is also the cost of providing required breach notification to individuals affected by a data breach and credit monitoring to individuals who might have had sensitive data like Social Security number exposed. Data breaches of intellectual property can also lead to a loss of competitive advantage — which can be extremely damaging.

The impact of a cyberattack can be long lasting. Sustaining a cyberattack not only leads to significant financial loss, but also reputational harm. Maintaining effective cybersecurity is crucial to maintaining brand value and maintaining customer faith in the organization long after the initial impact of the event.

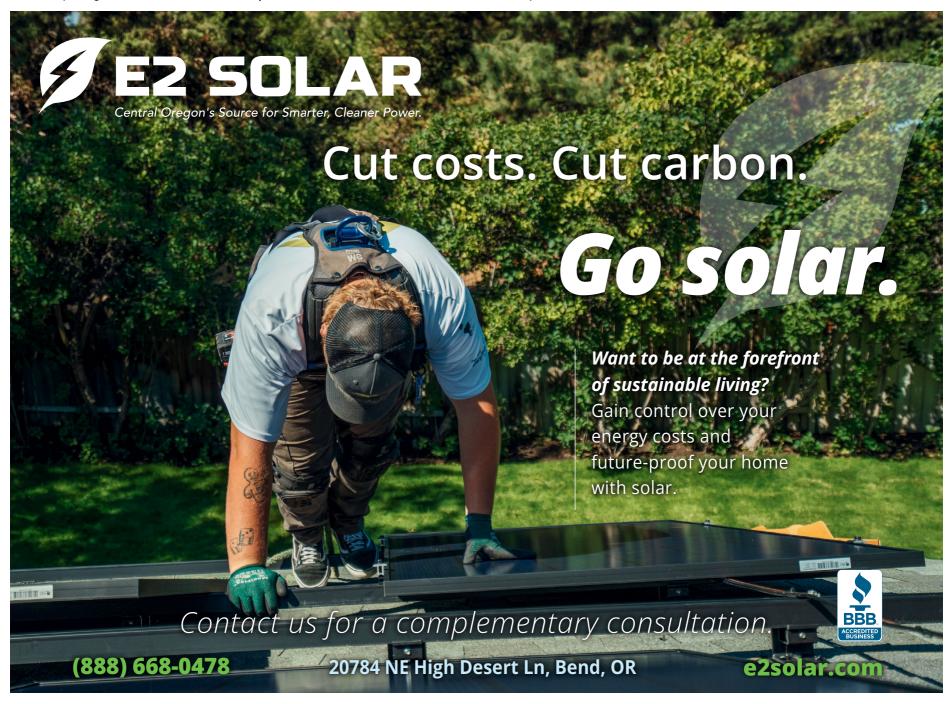
# DUTY OF CARE controls that can be implemented

According to Marsh, there are 12 controls recommended for any organization to improve their security posture and increase their insurability in cyber. Three of these top controls recommended are email filtering and web security, multi-factor authentication (MFA) and backups.

Email filtering and web security helps mitigate losses surrounding engineering. It prevents users from even receiving those malicious emails and prevents users from visiting malicious websites. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) provides an additional layer in verifying a user's identity when requesting access to a computer resource to prevent events such as data breaches — which are due to this unauthorized access. Backups are crucial in recovering from an event such as ransomware. If there are other systems to failover to or other places data is stored, this places an organization in a better position to continue operations.

Cyber insurance for agribusiness coverage is a solution to offsetting the financial risk as well as accessing resources that will assist in prevention and response in the event of a cyberattack. There are many other controls and processes that can prevent attacks, but the financial risk is very high. Consider consulting with a cyber risk insurance professional about best practice to ensure you are protected against the very real threat of cyberattacks.

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# **Business & Industry**

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rate multi-family housing in New York, California and Hawaii. Developing and delivering publicly funded projects to the workforce population within regulatory frameworks is one of the core tenets of Astral Development. The "Joule" team is led in its affordable and workforce housing initiative by Mosey who has spent 11 years in the affordable housing development field. A nonprofit development partner, the P3 Foundation, will be brought in to help to coordinate the project and will ultimately own Joule for the term of the rent-regulatory agreement (35-40 years).

Peter Grube and Perry Brooks, the Roost team's core group of two, will tap into their deep local experience in both the public and private realms to manage day-to-day coordination and construction processes.

"The opportunity exists for large nonprofits to master-lease as many of the project units as would suit their need with the intent being that it could be a boon for recruitment of new talent or a way to retain valuable existing employees," said Mosey. "Being a mission-driven, nonprofit-owned project allows for flexibility that no other multi-family building has; Joule can actually set rents

to accommodate a company's employees. For example, if St. Charles seeks to hire 25 nurses, and those nurses earn 95% of the region's AMI (as defined by HUD); the project can accommodate those employees by setting rents at this exact AMI tier."

Continuing, Mosey said, "It gets better from there: because this is not a for-profit project, there are no equity partners who are expecting high returns, so year-over-year rent increases need only keep up with inflation. Thus, over a few years, the rent that those nurses pay actually goes down compared to the larger Bend market, the rents of which typically grow far faster than inflation."

This solution is beneficial for workers and employers, as it provides a clear path to affordable housing for workers, and a clear path to maintaining a workforce, for the employer.

"This process saves employers tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars

from turnover costs," said Grube. "This is a massive issue in Bend, as many businesses are unable to retain talent and are forced to continually train and retrain new hires."

Currently, the development teams are working on a master lease housing project on NE Olney: five floors of residential space over one floor of parking, co-working space, community space, and outdoor sports equipment storage. The total square footage equals 110,305, including a 3,575-square-foot second story garden deck for the tenants. The building will contain 134 units, including 100 studios, 29 one-bedroom units and 5 two-bedroom units. The estimated completion date is December 1, 2027.

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David Mosey ~ Astral Development

"With the federal government likely abandoning robust housing subsidies, and with tax-credit pricing likely to continue to fall (why would your forprofit corporation buy tax-credits if you know that the corporate tax rate, which is already low, is about to go lower?), communities must work together fast and efficiently if they're to make a dent in the acute affordable and middleincome housing crisis," said Mosey. "It is the responsibility of local government entities to help make connections between large employers (for profit and nonprofit) and mission driven developers like Astral and Roost Development so that designing pathways to permanently affordable housing for the community is streamlined. The developers and

nonprofit owners in this town are happy to do all the work, we just need a couple of introductions. If we see a bit of light shining through the cracks, we know how to break down the wall."

Speaking on the need for programs like this, Mosey mentioned that tariffs and general uncertainty surrounding the actions of the current presidential administration are not helping. "Tariffs certainly don't help and neither does the uncertainty created by all the nonsense on Capitol Hill, both foreign and domestic. Uncertainty is an enemy of housing, and the future is uncertain at best. The need for communities to fast-track creative, meaningful measures to combat the greater forces is the best way to keep our communities from falling further behind. For our part, we are willing to meet the City, its communities, all interested parties, and the city's large employers 95% of the way there."

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# Solar + Storage Build Resilience Against Wildfire Power Outages in Central Oregon

#### by ROB BLACK, CEO — E2 Solar

very summer, our communities brace for wildfire season, and this year is no different. Whether you live in Bend, Redmond, Sunriver, La Pine, or surrounding areas, the threat of wildfire is unfortunately becoming a part of life in Central Oregon. Recent years have brought record-breaking fire activity across the state, with millions of acres burned and smoke-filled skies now a summer norm.

But beyond the immediate dangers of wildfire, another risk is increasingly affecting local households: planned and emergency power shutoffs.

#### **Why Power Shutoffs Are Becoming More Common**

Oregon utility companies like Pacific Power now routinely implement Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) in areas with increased wildfire risk. These shutoffs are a proactive measure; during approaching wildfires or hazardous weather, deenergizing power lines prevents electrical equipment from sparking new fires and protects first responders and the public. Thousands of Central Oregonians recently received alerts about planned outages, a scenario that's likely to become more frequent as our wildfire seasons intensify.

While these shutoffs are critical for community safety, they can present challenges. Extended outages during peak summer heat can put vulnerable residents at risk, disrupt professional routines, and threaten food supplies as refrigerators and freezers sit without power.

#### **Traditional Backup Power Has Its Limits**

Some households turn to gas-powered generators for backup, but these have drawbacks. Generators require regular maintenance and a steady supply of fuel, both of which can be disrupted during wildfires, especially if roads close or fuel deliveries are delayed.

They're also noisy, produce emissions (adding to already smoky air), and can even overheat in extreme temperatures. For many, the hassle and environmental impact outweigh the benefits of using a generator for backup power, especially when more reliable and environmentally friendly alternatives exist.

#### Solar + Battery Storage: A Cleaner, Smarter Backup

In recent years, more and more Central Oregon residents have turned to solar energy paired with battery storage as a reliable, long-term solution for when the

Here's how it works: Solar panels generate electricity during the day, and excess energy is stored in a home battery. When the grid goes down — whether for a few hours or several days — the battery automatically provides power to essential appliances, lights, and devices.

Unlike generators, solar-plus-storage systems require no fuel, produce no emissions, and operate quietly. Modern batteries are designed for reliability, too, with warranties often covering ten years or longer. Quality solar panels can last 25 years or longer, providing decades of resilience (and savings).

#### **Financial Incentives Make Solar More Accessible**

Several incentives have helped make the upfront costs of solar and battery systems a bit more manageable. For the past few years, the federal government has offered a 30 percent tax credit for both solar and battery installations, substantially reducing out-of-pocket expenses. (Note: As of summer 2025, Congress is considering rolling back or ending these credits as early as this year.) There are also state rebates and utility programs specifically for Oregon residents, and if you qualify, these may further lower costs.

Over time, solar panels can offset much of a household's electricity bill, and depending on your utility company, many Oregonians can sell excess power back to the grid. In most cases, a solar + battery system pays for itself in under a decade, while providing peace of mind during wildfire season and beyond.

#### **Building Resilient Central Oregon Communities**

Community-wide efforts to reduce wildfire risk — such as thinning forests, creating defensible space, and Firewise programs — are making a difference across Deschutes County. But as wildfires become more frequent and power shutoffs more common, energy resilience at the household level is also becoming increasingly important.

Solar-plus-storage can not only keep the lights on, but this solution also helps families to stay cool during heatwaves, keep their food safe, and maintain communication when it matters most. For those who work remotely or run businesses from home, it also means protecting their livelihoods from unexpected disruptions.

#### **Practical Steps for Homeowners**

If you're considering backup power options for your home, we recommend carefully weighing the pros and cons of generators versus solar-plus-storage. Research reputable installers, compare warranties, and review available incentives. To make sure you choose a qualified solar contractor and to access incentives and resources, Energy Trust of Oregon recommends partnering with a solar trade ally (just visit the ETO website and use its "Find a Contractor" tool).

As Central Oregon adapts to longer, hotter, and more fire-prone summers, preparing for power outages is no longer optional — it's essential. Residents who invest in solar and battery storage take a practical step toward resilience, making sure their homes and families are ready for wildfire season.

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# Umpqua Bank 2025 Business Barometer

U.S. Businesses Report Steady Outlook Amid Tariff, Economic Uncertainty

#### by PAT BUREK

mpqua Bank has released the findings of its seventh annual Business Barometer, a nationwide study into the mindset and priorities of small and middle market businesses. Despite a mixed outlook over the economic headwinds, including the potential impact of global tariffs, businesses across the U.S. report measured optimism about the direction of the economy and their 12-month prospects for growth compared to a year ago.

Umpqua Bank's 2025 Business Barometer survey polled nearly 1,300 small businesses (\$500K-\$10M) and middle market companies (\$10M-\$500M) across the U.S. about their economic outlook, business prospects, investment opportunities and adaptions to a range of issues including AI, cybersecurity and tariffs.

While inflation persists as a top concern for 60%, and 51% expect negative impacts from tariffs, overall optimism about the current economy remains strong for middle market companies (62%) and is up slightly for small businesses (32%). The 12-month outlook also spiked to near or at four-year highs for both sectors. Nearly 5 in 10 of all businesses surveyed anticipate improved conditions, and a record number of middle market (66%) and small businesses (36%) will likely seek financing for growth in the year ahead.

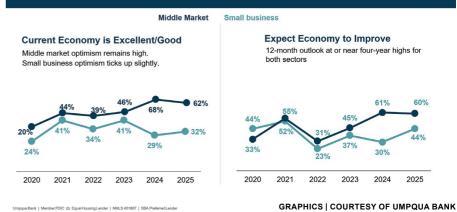
"This year's survey reminds us once again why small and middle market businesses are the backbone of our economy. Their grit and determination are sturdy enough to withstand current economic and global trade uncertainty," said Umpqua Bank President Tory Nixon. "After optimizing their businesses through a pandemic and the ensuing challenges of the past few years, decision-makers remain clear-eyed about potential headwinds and clear-headed about what's needed to move forward."

#### **2025 Business Barometer Highlights:**

- Nearly half of all businesses expect the economy to improve in the next 12 months, including 60% of middle market companies and 44% of small businesses — a four-year high
- Inflation (60%), recession (42%) and tariffs (41%) rank as the top three concerns
- 5 in 10 expect revenue and demand for products and services to increase
- 69% of middle market companies and 34% of small businesses are prioritizing growth over cost-cutting
- Roughly half, including 72% of middle market companies and 41% of small businesses, are likely to stockpile inventory over the next 12 months in response to potential tariffs
- 52% of middle market companies say reshoring manufacturing operations would take at least three or more years; 1 in 5 small businesses say it's not feasible to do so
- 85% of middle market and 50% of small businesses plan to invest in or adopt

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# **Current Optimism vs. Future Outlook**



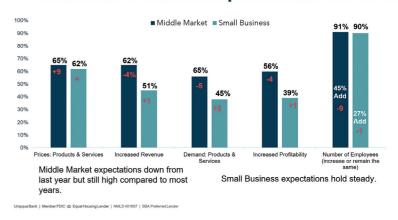
additional generative AI capabilities in the year ahead

 25% of middle market companies and 16% of small businesses were impacted by cybersecurity attacks in the past year

#### Still Cautious, More Small Businesses Plan for Growth

Small businesses are more likely to cut costs this year than make investments (55% vs. 32%), and 82% plan to conserve cash. However, compared to a year ago, they are significantly less likely to prioritize managing financial concerns (27% vs. 45% in 2024) and more likely to focus on growth opportunities (28% vs. 18% in 2024). Their improved mindset bears out across key growth indicators as they are more likely this year than last to finance expansion (+11 points), invest in digitization (+8) and financial safeguards (+7), add real estate (+7) and either merge (+9) or acquire (+4) another business.

# 12-Month Outlook: Expectations for Growth



# Still Optimistic, Middle Market Balances Growth and Fiscal Management Priorities

Down slightly from last year, overall optimism remains near an all-time high for middle market companies, and most expect increases in product demand (65%), revenue (62%) and profitability (56%). Nearly 7 in 10 will prioritize investments over cost-cutting, though 82% also plan to conserve cash. More this year are also focused on managing financial challenges (+4 points) primarily due to increased concern over tariffs and other external factors.

# **Tariff Response: Measured Steps Not Drastic Changes**

Businesses of all sizes believe any tariff impacts are more likely to be negative than positive, and 41% rank tariffs as a top three concern. In response, those with operations, sales or supply chains directly impacted have already taken measured steps to manage potential impacts:

- 54% have plans in place for managing price fluctuations
- 50% have strengthened relationships with existing customers
- 46% have looked for new domestic suppliers
- 34% have moved up the timeline for planned sales
- 53% are preparing to gradually increase prices
- 47% intend to absorb as much of the increased costs as possible
- Nearly half, including 72% of middle market companies, are also likely to stockpile inventory in the near term

While many enterprises with international operations are adjusting manufacturing or supply chains, more than 7 in 10 still plan to maintain or increase their current levels of foreign trade activity and exposure.

# Generative AI Adoption Continues, Positively Impacts Employment Levels

For the second straight year, AI is the top investment priority for the middle market. More than 8 in 10 middle market and half of small businesses plan to invest in new generative AI tools over the next 12 months. Both segments feel confident in their pace of AI adoption compared to peers: roughly 7 in 10 small businesses and nearly 9 in 10 middle market companies report keeping up with

# Galveston Gardens

A Welcome Start to Spring

#### by NOAH NELSON — CBN Feature Writer

alveston Gardens was founded in 1971 by Richard and Giovanna, an Italian husband and wife who came to the U.S. in 1968. What started as a small, neighborhood nursery has become a destination for Bendites and more who look for the opening of the garden's gates in spring as the start of the season. The gardens are known for curating rare species of plants, as well as their hanging baskets and planters, all curated by hand and filled with unique style.

"My parents wanted to open a business that would brighten the community, and bring people together," said the son of the founders, Dino. "They decided to lean on their passion for gardening and growing their own food, and opened the gates of Galveston Gardens, to enrich people's lives and inspire collaboration between neighbors."

Over the years, Dino and his family have learned some valuable lessons when it comes to running a successful family business in Bend. First, building relationships with customers is a must. Across multiple generations, Galveston

Gardens has garnered thousands of happy customers who come back year after year, and trust the business with their gardening needs.

Another lesson was learned over time, as Bend grew and evolved. "We had to learn and understand that everything fluctuates, like being on a boat, and reacting to the wind," said Dino. "You have to be ready and make quick decisions, pay attention to the market and stay on top of the pulse. What customers need and want changes very rapidly, so it is essential to be able to adapt quickly to meet new demands."

Success doesn't come without challenge, and the main challenge facing Galveston Gardens can resonate with business owners of nearly every industry.

"A big challenge has been the labor shortage," said Dino. "It's difficult to deal with no matter where you are. We remember back when the nursery was founded, Richard and the owner of the only other nursery in town agreed to focus on different products/markets. They focused on landscaping, while we focused on personal gardens, flowers, fruits and veggies."

According to Dino, a major factor that sets Galveston Gardens apart is their passion for what they do, and who they do it with. "It's more than just flowers, it's much bigger than that," he said. "We have things that will inspire you to be your best, try new ideas and take some risks. We want to ensure that people can connect with each other and the earth. It's physically important, it's emotionally important, and it's therapeutic."

In the coming years, Dino says that there are many ways Galveston Gardens will





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be growing. "Our plan is to continue our commitment to being good stewards to the land and our community. As we get into the modern world, I see us taking the gardens to the next level, exploring more community-based events, possibly looking into reaching customers in neighborhoods with a delivery service for when they can't get to us, and continuing to expand overall. We want to start to create an atmosphere for our customers that connects them into the community, and more."

In addition, Dino spoke about the possibility of hosting community classes and events like painting classes, yoga in nature, photography tours and more.

"Physically, we have enough property to continue expanding for years to come," said Dino. "We're looking at bringing in new alternative ways to involve the community. We've been here for nearly 50 years, and we have plans for 50 more." galvestongardens.com



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# Granddaughter of Redmond Airport's Founder 'Swings' at Groundbreaking Ceremony

#### by ANDREA HINE — CBN Feature Writer

mong the enthusiastic participants at the recent groundbreaking for Redmond Airport's \$180 million terminal expansion was a petite woman who swung the ceremonial sledge hammer along with the brawniest of them.

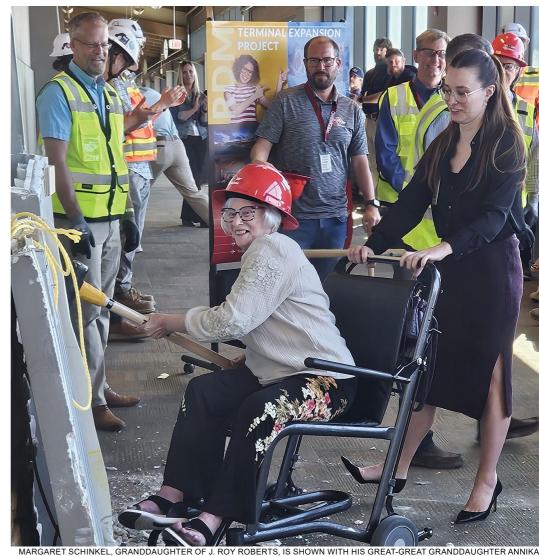
The granddaughter of J. Roy Roberts, who is credited as a visionary chiefly responsible for the airport's development, and who served as Redmond's mayor for two nonconsecutive terms, Margaret Schinkel recalled using the original Roberts Field runways for her driver's education training. She was accompanied by Roberts's great-great granddaughter, Annika Nelson, who works as RDM's head of security.

"This project is much needed," said Airport Director Zachary Bass in his remarks, noting that passenger numbers for Central Oregon's primary airport have grown from about 600,000 in 2016 to a projected 1.25 million in 2025. "This growth has led to crowded terminals, long lines, and limited seating, and our current facilities are simply not big enough to handle the number of travelers passing through each year."

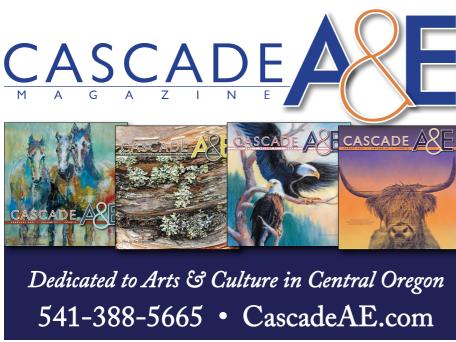
The expansion, now underway with expected completion in summer of 2027, will add 80,000 square feet of new space, including a brand-new concourse, seven new jet bridges, expanded waiting areas, new concessions and more than double the seating. "It has been a long time coming," said Bass, referring to the years of planning involved.

Describing himself as "a huge supporter of the airport," Mayor Ed Finch noted that when he came to Redmond in 1979, the terminal was only 1,700 square feet and felt crowded with only 30 people inside. "It's nice to see the transition out of that era," he said ironically.

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MARGARET SCHINKEL, GRANDDAUGHTER OF J. ROY ROBERTS, IS SHOWN WITH HIS GREAT-GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER ANNIKA
NELSON AT THE AIRPORT'S GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY | PHOTO BY ANDREA HINE





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or surpassing competitors. Only 5% of all businesses surveyed say adoption is leading to decreased staffing levels. By contrast, 57% of middle market and 22% of small businesses say adopting AI is leading to increased staffing levels.

# Businesses Move to Prevent Cybersecurity Attacks; 3 in 10 "Very Well Prepared"

In the last 12 months, most businesses have prioritized cybersecurity and antifraud enhancements, a trend most pronounced among middle market companies. Safeguards for all businesses surveyed include:

- Employee trainings (67%)
- Using bank fraud prevention solutions (61%)
- Tightening internal controls (60%)
- Conducting regular audits to identify vulnerabilities (53%)

While 82% feel at least moderately well prepared to prevent an attack, just 3 in 10 feel very well prepared.

# **Survey Methodology**

The Umpqua Bank 2025 Business Barometer, conducted annually, surveyed 1,290 owners, executives and financial decision-makers from U.S. small and middle market companies. The online survey was conducted in partnership with DHM Research, a public policy and business research firm, and targeted leaders at companies with \$500,000 to \$500 million in annual revenue. The survey, which did not filter for Umpqua Bank customers, has a 2.7% margin of error and was fielded from April 21 to May 2, 2025.

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# 'We're a Team' at La Pine Realty

#### by ANDREA HINE — CBN Feature Writer

wenty years ago, you could get a lovely twobedroom, three-bath house on ten acres of land for \$200k or less in La Pine," said Lisa Tavares. "That won't ever happen again. Today, a basic home on one acre is \$400 - 450k."

Co-owner of La Pine Realty with her husband Guy, as well as managing principal broker, Tavares noted that the couple — who had their own construction company for 30 years — made the leap into real estate in 2010 (while the market was still recovering from the 2008 recession) by purchasing the business from its previous owners. "The rest is history," she said.

"There are currently five months' worth of homes to sell in La Pine, which approaches the industry standard of a balanced market — meaning that just as many homes will be on the market as there are buyers," Tavares said. "This reflects a move away from a seller's market, as the more product you have on the market, the more options buyers have."

"We've really seen a mix of buyers — from those who have grown up here, to those coming up from California with tons of money after selling their properties or moving down from Bend in the same financial situation," she continued. "We're also seeing fewer retirees (due to the snow and ice that typify La Pine winters) and more younger families, who are looking for prices of \$450k and under."

"Given current market conditions — which I foresee remaining the same for at least the next 12-24 months — we advise sellers that it's really important to make a commitment to stick in there, and leave your property on the market," Tavares said. "It's taking longer to sell than in the past — eight to nine months — compared to two or so years ago when properties were flying off the shelves."

"Sellers — more of whom are staying in place

due to high interest rates — have to be open to negotiating and/or coming down in price. The same advice applies to buyers — don't be afraid to negotiate — which can even apply to who pays closing costs. (It now takes \$20k to \$27k to close a loan, compared to \$3k when Guy and I started in the business 18 years ago.)"

According to Tavares, who quantified that 75% of her sales are in La Pine, "Things have really changed in the industry since the National Association of Realtors (NAR) settlement last year. For example, sellers no longer have to pay the buyer's agent a commission — although it's a good idea to do so," she counseled.

"And as real estate agents, we can't even show a house unless a representation agreement is signed with the buyer. It's all about transparency, and pinning down those who are serious and willing to show their commitment. This is such a positive development in the industry."

Addressing median single-family home prices between La Pine (\$365k) and Sunriver (\$1,044k), Tavares feels that disparity partially reflects La Pine's lack of amenities. "However," she said, "as La Pine continues to grow, so will the amenities" (recent examples being Walgreen's, Starbucks and a national auto supply store that are in various phases of construction).



GUY TAVARES, TAYLOR TAVARES-EWING AND LISA TAVARES ARE CO-OWNERS OF LA PINE REALTY, THI TOWN'S OLDEST REAL ESTATE BUSINESS | PHOTO COURTESY OF LA PINE REALTY

Currently offering the expertise of 12 brokers, La Pine Realty claims to be the oldest and most established real estate business in La Pine. "We've worked really hard to get to where we are today," said Tavares, "and pride ourselves on educating our clients with good information and tools to enhance their buying or selling experience."

She also pointed out that the company is family owned and operated, with the couple's daughter, Taylor Tavares-Ewing, having recently been made a co-owner of the business. As Tavares emphasized, "We're a team."

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# The Bombsquad Expands Dog Waste Services to La Pine & Sisters

#### by BRIAN FRANKLE — The Bombsquad

he Bombsquad, a leading provider of pet waste removal and cleanup services, has officially expanded its operations to include full service in La Pine and Sisters.

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owner, was doing a great job, and customers really liked him. The man asked for advice because customers weren't paying him. The reason? He hadn't been invoicing them — a problem that was soon remedied thanks to the incubator's assistance."

To expand upon this example, Lucas continued, "Let's say a business knows how to manufacture a widget. As an incubator tenant, the owner will be connected with resources that can help with hiring, obtaining financing (banks may be a little leery about loaning to start-ups), developing a business plan, accounting, registering with the state (which covers how best to incorporate (e.g., sole proprietor, partnership, C Corp, or LLC — as the choice results in different liabilities), increased networking opportunities, and access to potential investors and partners."

In addition, plans for La Pine's incubator include the availability of individualized business counseling in collaboration with the Central Oregon Community College Small Business Development Center, and the Deschutes Public Library. Mentoring assistance will also be available from the Economic

Development for Central Oregon Venture Catalyst on concept, critical expertise, and strategy.

"In effect, incubator tenants will be surrounded by resources to help them succeed," Lucas said. "The project will also enhance the local economy as a result of subsequent capital investment and creation of new jobs by companies locating in the facility."

Referring again to her previous decades of incubator involvement in Michigan, she said that "while not everyone succeeds, some companies I worked with subsequently grew to 100+ employees. This project will have a long-term positive effect on the economy in La Pine and South Deschutes County."

#### Two New Businesses Choose La Pine's Industrial Park

One of Lucas's primary objectives is assisting her clients relocate, build or expand in La Pine's 330-acre, fully-infrastructured Industrial Park, and her success can be quantified by the fact that businesses already located there have invested more than \$11.8 million and created 141 local jobs.

Most recently, Western Metrology — described as "a leader in the precision metrology industry," has purchased 2.95 acres, and is about to break ground on a 15,200-square-foot building. Relocating from Wilsonville, the company manufactures titanium investment castings for the aerospace industry, and according to Lucas, "was drawn by the low cost of land and the incentives available."

"The City of La Pine is very pro-business, and wanted to work collaboratively to facilitate the project," she said. "Along with Deschutes County, it approved an Enterprise Zone based on Western Metrology's proposed capital investment and the approximately 10 family living-wage jobs that will result."

"Currently, Western Metrology is working to obtain permits from the county for HVAC, plumbing, and electrical," Lucas added. "The process has been pretty great for them. Everything is in place, and design is underway. We're anticipating a groundbreaking this fall."

A second new addition to the Industrial Park, Linnius Construction, is undertaking its first project in La Pine — a multi-tenant building of 8,000 square feet. As Lucas explained, the building is spec (short for "speculative"), which means that the industrial property is built before tenants are secured, with the expectation that it can be quickly leased once completed.

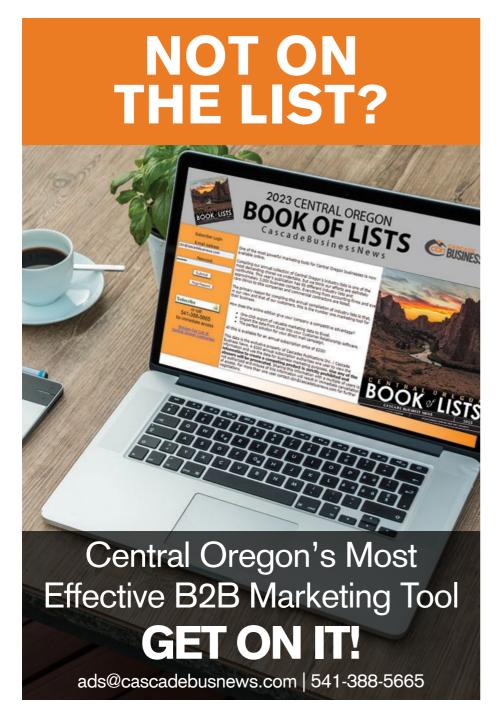
A full-service general contractor, Linnius Construction serves residential and commercial clients throughout Central and Southern Oregon.

# **Workforce Development Efforts**

Lucas is also involved in enhancing workforce development in collaboration with COCC and La Pine High School, which are developing apprenticeship programs in various skilled trades such as construction and small engine repair. "We're seeing a lot of movement to create opportunities for students so they can learn job-ready workforce skills that enable them to both live and work in the area, where it has historically been difficult to find a job that aligns with a person's passion and education. Our overall goal is to develop an entire ecosystem that will strengthen and diversify the local, underresourced economy."

Lucas honed in on the word "collaboration" — which she considers a key component to her success in La Pine and Sunriver, and to those economic development efforts in the region overall that have proven most effective. "When businesses and communities join forces," she said, "we don't just grow economies, we build futures."

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# La Pine's Commercial Real Estate Market is 'Really Good & Heating Up'

#### by ANDREA HINE — CBN Feature Writer

he market is very up and down right now," said Scott Asla of Windemere Real Estate. "Homes used to sell in 24-48 hours with multiple offers, while 60-90 days is now typical. And what had been a seller's market as far back as COVID started to shift around November-December 2024 to what is definitely a buyer's market today."

Reinforcing his contention is the fact that "inventory in Deschutes County is the largest I've seen at 5.4 months (which means that if no homes are added to the existing inventory, it would take 5.4 months to deplete)."



Scott Asla

Asla primarily blames high interest rates on the large inventory, asserting that they "are taking a huge toll. The Federal Reserve has been saying since last September that it will drop interest rates, which creates unrealistic expectations. Yet the federal funds rate has held steady." (He compared current interest rates of 8% to the 2020-2023 pandemic period when a record number of homes were sold at interest rates between two and 3.5%.)

"If interest rates could be below 6%," said Asla, "banks would make money, and potential buyers wouldn't be shocked — leading to a more balanced market" (which is characterized by an equilibrium between the supply of homes for sale and the demand from buyers).

He pointed out that larger builders are less affected by high interest rates, as "they can add interest to the cost of homes — e.g., offering 4.9% to 5.5% interest on 30-year mortgages — and still get their money back. Middle and small developers, however, are scared to death to move. Building four homes at a time, for example, entails a \$2.2 million investment, and many won't take that risk."

Looking ahead, Asla predicted that "it's going to be a pretty bright future. People want and like to move, and as soon as interest rates go down sufficiently, the housing market will take off."

Asla is also optimistic about the commercial market in La Pine, which he characterizes as "really good and heating up. The town has always been underbuilt, and never had all the retail buildings that were needed."

Having owned multiple auto parts stores before moving from Portland to La Pine in 1995 to open a new Baxter Auto Parts location, Asla is as conversant in the commercial side of the business as he is in the residential. A current client plans to build an ARCO gas station at Huntington and Burgess — eventually adding a car wash and retail store — a deal that was cemented when the client (who already owns two locations in Bend) visited the site with his two sons and "couldn't believe the traffic. Once they observed the high numbers, it was a no-brainer," Asla said.

Also coming are a Starbucks and an Auto Zone near La Pine's City Hall. Asla believes that "this will definitely open the door for other small- and medium-size retailers — who recognize that these larger entities spend millions on market research to determine new locations."

Asla said that he had "always wanted to do real estate," the appeal being that "I like people and dealing with them." He estimated that "over the course of time I've been an agent in Central Oregon, 65% of my residential sales have been in south county, and 100 percent of my commercial sales. We try to stay from Bend south but have sold quite a few in Redmond and Prineville."

He chose to affiliate with Windemere several years ago. "The company has been owned by John Jacobi and his descendants since being founded in 1972, and I enjoy being part of the family."

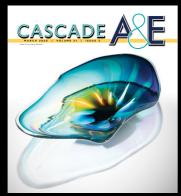
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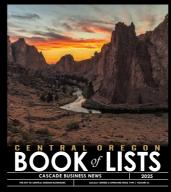


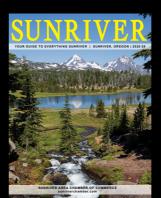
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# 'Summer Always Brings a Boost to La Pine's Economy'

#### by ANDREA HINE — CBN Feature Writer

would characterize the current mood of our local businesses as one of cautious optimism," said Ann Gawith, long-time executive director of the La Pine Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

"Most people have grown tired of being overly cautious, despite continuing high interest rates and the continuous increase in labor and material costs that typify the country as a whole.

"Summer always brings a boost to La Pine's economy — summer makes a difference by simply being summer with its sunshine and warmer temperatures that inspire people to enjoy the outdoors, get out and get going, and shop a little more at our local stores.

"(Given the winters at La Pine's elevation of 4,200 feet, compared to 3,600 feet in Bend, we can always count on the majority of our annual precipitation coming during the winter as snowfall — an average of 34 inches — accompanied by frigid temperatures. That combination is hardly ideal for business activity — unless you own a snowplow company!)

"Another factor that contributes to summer's economic boost is the popularity of annual events taking place — kicked off by the Rhubarb Festival (the major fundraiser for one of our most-respected nonprofits, the La Pine Activity Center), and followed by Frontier Days and the Rodeo during the 4th of July weekend) — which draw both locals and visitors. We just love our summer activities.

"I've seen — and felt myself — that the summer season brings a lot of optimism with it that becomes contagious. It's always an exciting time of year.

"In terms of the overall local economy, there's movement afoot in terms of new business activity this year, with one highlight being the opening of Capelli's Western and Workwear retail store. The owners of this family-owned business, who also operate Capelli's Timber and Land Services, will specialize in western items from "classic boots all the way to statement pieces" along with



LA PINE'S POPULAR FRONTIER DAYS ATTRACTS SOME 8,000 ATTENDEES ON 4TH OF JULY ALONE | PHOTO BY ANDREA HINE

providing "the warmth of small-town hospitality." Capelli's is a totally different kind of retail operation for La Pine, and we're proud to have the company as a new Chamber of Commerce member.

"Looking ahead, we'll see how the business climate further shakes out during 2025, and gauge where we are in October. Happy summer!"

lapine.org

# Summertime in Sunriver

by KRISTINE THOMAS, Executive Director — Sunriver Area Chamber of Commerce hether you are a local or a visitor, there's always something to do in Sunriver.

The Sunriver Area Chamber of Commerce supports its members by promoting their events and work in the community. Here's a roundup of new businesses and upcoming events.

# **Sunriver Saturday Market**

The third annual Sunriver Saturday Market features more than 40 Central Oregon vendors selling jewelry to pottery and baked goods to beverages. The markets are 9am-1pm Saturday, July 26, August 30, and September 27 at SHARC.

Follow the Sunriver Saturday Market on Instagram to learn about the vendors for each month or visit sunriverchamber.com.

Thank you to the market's gold sponsors: Sunriver Brewing, Dream Decks & Remodeling, Bleu Bite Catering, The Credicott Agency, and Michele Sciaraffo and Temple Raney of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Northwest Real Estate.

## **Sunriver Oktoberfest**

The 2025 Sunriver Oktoberfest is September 26 and September 27, creating a new tradition for the Sunriver community.

Community partners are working together to host the inaugural event, which will include festivities at SHARC, Sunriver Business Park, The Village at Sunriver and Sunriver Resort.

Events on Friday, September 26 include opening ceremonies at Sunriver Brewing Company including releasing a new beer and oral history of Oktoberfest, and music at Century Commons Taps & Trucks.

"Sunriver Brewing Company is exceptionally pleased to be assembling a collection of world-class Oktoberfest themed beers from the most awarded craft breweries in the Pacific Northwest," Brett Thomas, founding brewer and director of brewing operations at Sunriver Brewing Company, said. "We'll be pouring amazing beers from our colleagues at Von Ebert, Grains of Wrath, Fort George, pFriem and many more."

The Sunriver Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Sunriver Women's Club and Sunriver Resort's Wonderland Express to host the Sunriver Oktoberfest Putt Putt Golf Challenge on Friday, September 25 at Sunriver Resort's

Grey's Trail. Registration will open in mid-July. Email exec@sunriverchamber.com for additional information.

Events on Saturday, September 27 include the Sunriver Saturday Market, and events at The Village at Sunriver and SHARC. There will be the first Sunriver Oktoberfest Races on Saturday, starting at 11am at The Village at Sunriver.

There will be a 10K, 5K and 1-mile fun run. After the race, plan to spend the day in Sunriver enjoying music, German food, local beer, and more festivities at Sunriver Oktoberfest. Activities are planned for festival goers of all ages, with children's activities at both The Village and SHARC.

Visit sunriverchamber.com for additional information.

# Dog Daycare at Sunrover

A new business in Sunriver takes the worry out of traveling with your dog.

Sunrover opened this spring to visitors and locals with as the top-notch place to take their dog. Whether you are looking for dog daycare while you explore Sunriver and Central Oregon or need overnight care, Sunrover's trained staff and on-site behaviorists are dedicated to making your dog's visit a tail-wagging enjoyable time.

Sunrover is located at 56870 Enterprise Drive in the Sunriver Business Park. Visit sunroverdogdaycare.com, email info@sunroverdogdaycare.com or call 541-209-0053 for more information.

## **Become a Chamber Member**

The Sunriver Area Chamber of Commerce invites businesses to become a member by learning how the chamber supports its members.

Members are promoted in the chamber's newsletters, social media, Sunriver Scene and website. The chamber hosts an annual State of South County Breakfast, Career Exploration Lunch for middle school students, the Sunriver Magazine, Sunriver Saturday Market and more.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please email exec@sunriverchamber. com to arrange a time to meet.

sunriverchamber.com

# Cruizzy

# A New Way to See the Sights of Bend

by NOAH NELSON — CBN Feature Writer

ruizzy is a Bend concept, born and raised. The business offers sustainable, eco-friendly transportation across a variety of popular Bend neighborhoods. All drivers are advertised as being local, meaning that guests get the inside scoop on Bend from someone who loves living here.

"The Cruizzy concept was conceived in March of this year while visiting Scottsdale, Arizona with my partner," said owner Gary North. "We noticed that the primary mode of transportation in the Old Town area was via street legal golf carts, otherwise classified as Low Speed Vehicles (LSV). This led to the question: why doesn't it exist in Bend?"

Many locals can agree, certain events are less attractive when one must factor in the stress, time and money it takes to drive and find parking. In many circles across town, it is not uncommon to hear that people avoid events that are supposed to bring us together, like summer concerts in the Old Mill and First Fridays in our Downtown District.

Seeing this issue and being inspired by successful LSV rentals in other cities, North recognized the potential in bringing Cruizzy to Bend.

"Keenly aware of the continuously growing parking challenges within the City of Bend, particularly in the

downtown, mill quarter, Old Mill and westside corridors, the thought was that a service like Cruizzy could be a great benefit to our local business," said North. "What we realized through our cart riding experiences in Arizona was that while we were there, the worry or concern about trying to get from point A to B was eliminated and it was super fun to cruise around town in fresh open air vehicles and take in the whole of the area. When we returned, I started investigating the legality of LSVs in Oregon, modeling the business and talking to locals to get their take on the possibility of taking a cart service to get around town and to popular events. With the feedback received, Cruizzy was born."

Ultimately, the Cruizzy model is one that prioritizes the wellbeing of Bend, while also accommodating visitors. LSV services in other cities have been seen to decrease traffic and congestion, alleviate parking issues and provide people a more entertaining way to get around.

"The Cruizzy model and focus is to provide fun-filled, eco-friendly transportation for both locals and visitors alike, ultimately bringing more folks into the Downtown area to visit our local business," said North. "Fueled by fun, our drivers are more than just cart operators, they are your local guides to show and share our beloved spots and activities with our riders.



We offer full-service tours of various kinds, as well as reserved roundtrip ride service. The pre-booked round trip ride service is intended to offer a solution that not only gets you to where you want to go but does so in a fun and memorable way."

Cruizzy is a very new business to Bend and is still working on expanding their services. Right now, they offer transportation to and between the following districts of town: Downtown, The Box Factory, the Old Mill District, Northwest Crossing and various Westside Neighborhoods.

"Cruizzy currently operates in a small radius on the westside of Bend primarily due to the nature of the limited range of the fully electric carts," said North. "With four carts currently operating, we have the ability to move over 500 people/day in and around town. The carts can be pre-booked from 10am-10pm, seven days a week by visiting our website, or by utilizing



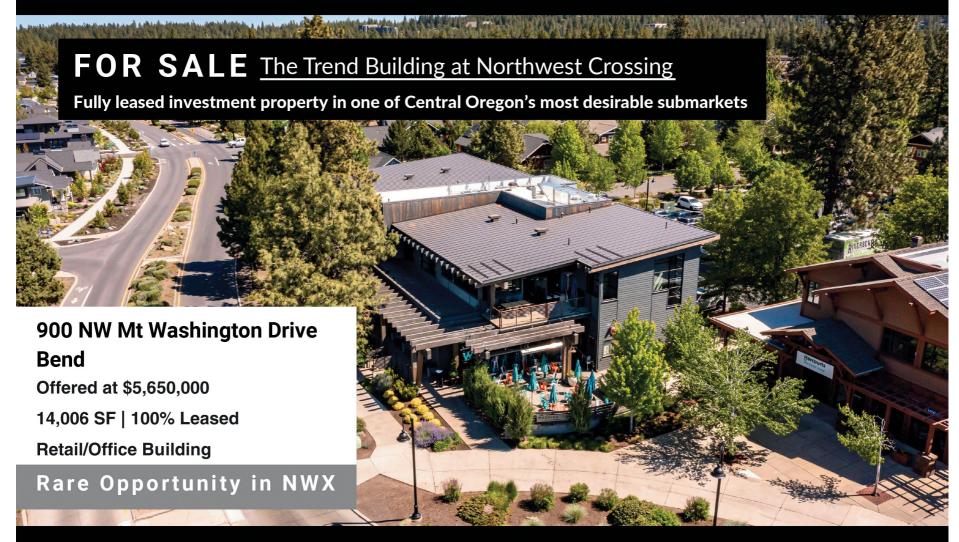
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a 'text to ride' button for the various choices listed, or your own custom ride experience. An app is currently in development to add another method of booking."

A primary challenge facing Cruizzy is the seasonality of not only events and tourism trends, but also the climate that comes with different seasons. However, that isn't stopping Cruizzy from pushing into the future and expanding their services.

"Our main challenge is seasonality, with openair carts that aren't conducive to operating in inclement weather and winter weather conditions," said North. "Over the next several years, my plan is to continue to improve and expand on Cruizzy primarily based on the feedback from our clients. So far it has been very positive and all of our passengers have been excited to share in the experience."

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# Recreation

# Tour Companies (Listed Alphabetically)

Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	Contact	Staff	CO Year Est.	Services
Bend Electric Bikes 869 NW Wall St., Ste. 104 Bend, OR 97703	541-410-7408	N/A	www.bendelectricbikes.com info@bendelectricbikes.com	Sterling, Marnel	6	2008	Electric bike sales, service & rentals.
Cascade Guides & Outfitters Bldg. 23 PO Box 3676 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-593-2358	541-598-4447	www.hookfish.com cascadeguides@gmail.com	N/A	8	1995	Guided fly-fishing trips on lakes, rivers & streams only. Fly-fishing & tying classes., Guided fly-fishing trips on lakes, rivers & streams only. Fly-fishing & tying classes.
Central Oregon Diving LLC 157 NE Greenwood Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-388-3660	N/A	www.centraloregondiving.com info@centraloregondiving.com	Sarah Clark	3	2005	Scuba diving lessons, equipment shop, rental equipment, service department & dive travel.
Cog Wild Bicycle Tours Tours LLC 19221 SW Century Dr., Ste. 161 Bend, OR 97702	541-385-7002	N/A	www.cogwild.com info@cogwild.com	Lev & Kirin Stryker	24	1999	Join Cog Wild for guided mountain bike rides, skills instruction & daily shuttles in Bend & Oakridge. Specializes in multi-day backcountry bike adventures throughout Oregon.
Cruizzy 695 SW Mill View Way Bend, Or 97702	541-200-8130	N/A	www.cruizzyfun.com ride@cruizzyfun.com	Gary North	7	2025	Electric cart rides & curated experiences in Bend - Including scenic tours & private transportation for up to 5 passengers per cart. Group accommodations of up to 20 people available. Visit website to book or inquire.
Fly & Field Outfitters 35 SW Century Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-318-1616	541-389-7016	www.flyandfield.com info@flyandfield.com	Scott Cook	13	2000	Full service fly shop & outfitter, supplies & fly fishing guide service.
Fly Fishers Place 151 W Main St. Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-3474	541-549-4871	www.flyfishersplace.com greendrakehatch@gmail.com	Jeff Perin	9	1986	Full service guide & fly equipment shop. Travel specialties: Chile, New Zealand, Argentina & Belize fly fishing schools, casting lessons & fly tying classes.
Imperial River Company 304 Bakeoven Rd. PO Box 130 Maupin, OR 97037	541-395-2404	N/A	www.deschutesriver.com reservations@deschutesriver.com	Susie Miles	30	2001	Lodging, guided whitewater rafting & hunting trips.
Let it Ride Electric Bikes 25 NW Minnesota Ave., Ste. 6 Bend, OR 97703	541-647-2331	N/A	www.letitridebend.com Info@letitridebend.com	Kevin Rea, Michelle Tager, Scott Blackwood, Ryan Rea	5	2010	Electric bicycle sales & rentals. Full service of all bicycles. Guided eBike tours, plus custom & corporate event tours.
Outriders Northwest 61532 SE Lorenzo Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-688-7433	N/A	www.outridersnw.com mike@outridersnw.com	Mike Willock	10	2015	Off-road tour adventures & on-road rental experiences. Company retreats, family outings & customized group tours, snowmobile rentals.
Ouzel Outfitters - River Trips PO Box 817 Bend, OR 97709	800-788-7238	541-385-0461	www.OregonRafting.com info@oregonrafting.com	Brian Sykes	30	1979	Professionally guided whitewater rafting trips for families, individuals & business/nonprofit organizations. Rivers: Rogue, Deschutes, McKenzie, North Umpqua, John Day, Owyhee & Lower Salmon.
Pacific Crest Bus Lines PO Box 7881 Bend, OR 97708	541-382-4193	541-923-3880	pacificcrestbuslines.net info@pacificcrestbuslines.net	Tarren Black, Anthony Ferro	25	2006	Fixed route busses & private charter busses, tour transportation.
Paulina Plunge Inc. PO Box 8782 Bend, OR 97708	541-389-0562	541-389-0562	www.paulinaplunge.com toddvdz77@gmail.com	Todd VanderZwiep	10	1981	Guided downhill waterfall mountain bike tours.
Timberline Mountain Guides PO Box 1167 Bend, OR 97709	541-312-9242	N/A	www.timberlinemtguides.com info@timberlinemtguides.com	Cliff Agocs	20	1983	Instruction & guiding in rock climbing, alpine climbing, mountaineering & backcountry skiing. Smith Rock Climbing School & Oregon Ski Guides.
Tumalo Creek Kayak & Canoe 805 SW Industrial Way, Ste. 6 Bend, OR 97702	541-317-9407	541-317-9489	www.tumalocreek.com geoff@tumalocreek.com	Geoff Frank	60	2000	Large paddle sports inventory, stand up paddleboards, recreational, sea & whitewater kayaks, canoes, rafts & inflatable kayaks. Lessons & tours, kids summer camps, multi-day paddling trips.
Wanderlust Tours 61535 S Hwy. 97, Ste. 13 Bend, OR 97702	541-389-8359	N/A	www.wanderlusttours.com info@wanderlusttours.com	Jared Garfield, Courtney Braun	10	1993	Corporate groups, custom events, family reunions & weddings. Guided canoeing, kayaking, snowshoeing, moonlight tours, volcano tours, cave tours, outdoor dinners, bonfire events, brewery, cidery & distillery tours. GPS  Eco-Challenges, team building & event planning.

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# Travel Oregon Awards Nearly \$6.2 Million in Grants

#### by LINDA ENGLISH, Executive Director — Dirty Freehub

he Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, is awarding nearly \$6.2million to 65 groundbreaking projects through the agency's 2024-2025 Competitive Grants Program. This significant investment represents the agency's commitment to fostering remarkable visitor experiences that increase access and inclusion for historically and currently underserved or under-resourced communities.

Travel Oregon's competitive grants program awards eligible applicants for projects that contribute to the development and improvement of communities throughout the state by means of the enhancement, expansion and promotion of the visitor industry. Eligible applicants include local governments, port districts, federally recognized Tribes and non-profit entities registered with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. Funded projects represent a wide range of community visions, from adaptive trails and inclusive outdoor activities to cultural heritage programming and experiences.

"These transformational grant funds build upon the remarkable travel experiences available across Oregon for residents and visitors alike," said Travel Oregon CEO Todd Davidson. "From adaptive mountain biking trails to heritage tours that share important cultural stories, these 65 projects are rewriting what it means to travel our state. We're removing barriers to experiences that have, in the past, been out of reach for many people. We're excited to support projects across the state's seven regions that help ensure Oregon is truly welcoming to all."

The 2024-2025 Travel Oregon Competitive Grants Program was designed to increase access and inclusiveness for those who may have experienced barriers to visiting our great state — whether by better addressing various mobility challenges or celebrating the diversity of people and communities who live in and travel to Oregon. This year's grant awardees represent meaningful work from all seven of Oregon's tourism regions, creating a statewide network of accessible and inclusive experiences.

# Highlights from each region include:

#### **Central Oregon**

- Kah-Nee-Ta: \$145,900.00 to fund the placement of a distinctive glass Teepee to welcome guests to the reimagined Kah-Nee-Ta Hot Springs Resort, a cultural collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Resorts of the Cascades.
- Oregon Adaptive Sports: \$60,000.00 to expand program offerings by developing and implementing a world-class adaptive paddling program in the Central Oregon and Cascade Lakes region and expanding opportunities for individuals with disabilities to participate in transformative outdoor experiences.

"With the support of Travel Oregon, OAS is making bold strides toward a more inclusive outdoor future. This investment in the 'Access, Elevated' initiative allows Oregon Adaptive Sports to launch a world-class adaptive paddling program and expand our nationally recognized adaptive mountain biking offerings — unlocking the magic of Central Oregon's lakes, trails, and mountains for individuals with disabilities from across the country." ~ Pat Addabbo, Executive Director, Oregon Adaptive Sports

## **Eastern Oregon**

• Pendleton Chamber of Commerce: \$136,500.00 to fund Interwoven: Where Cultures Meet, a multi-day event in October 2026 celebrating the Indigenous and Western heritage that defines Pendleton through fashion, design and artistry.

"This grant will help us share Pendleton's rich and diverse heritage in a bold new way — through fashion that intersects tradition and innovation with Indigenous and Western designers. Interwoven will shine light on emerging design talent, invite new visitors to experience our welcoming community, and cement Pendleton as a destination for multicultural tourism." ~ Justin Waldon, Travel Pendleton Director

• Joseph Branch Trail Consortium: \$120,000.00 to construct a 1.08-mile accessible and ADA-compliant trail segment that will provide a safe, off-street way for visitors to cross from Wallowa into the 320-acre Nez Perce Wallowa Homeland, featuring landscaping, interpretive signage, benches and other amenities.

## Mt. Hood/Gorge

 Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation: \$150,000.00 to support the creation of a long-term strategy to guide the development of the visitor experience at Bonneville Dam Historic District, highlighting opportunities for educational storytelling through contemporary wayfinding, signage and interpretive exhibits.

"With Travel Oregon's support and in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, we're developing a master interpretive plan to guide how visitors, regardless of background or ability, are engaged in and connected to all this site has to offer. The Bonneville Dam Hatchery now has the potential to become a top tier Oregon attraction that features a diverse set of opportunities to engage visitors of all ages and interests." ~ Tim Greseth, Executive Director, Oregon Wildlife Foundation

 National Forest Foundation: \$125,000.00 for a redesign of the popular Fish Creek Day Use Area, lost in the 2020 Riverside Fire, with the aim of an accessible boat ramp, new parking layout and options for an accessible path to the Clackamas River.

## **Oregon Coast**

• David's Chair Outdoor Mobility Systems: \$98,900.00 to expand services in the Oregon Coast communities of Seaside, Rockaway Beach, Pacific City and Coos Bay through the addition of five all-terrain track chairs and a trailer.

Those with mobility challenges, regardless of the reason, are most often left out, or disregarded, when it comes to outdoor recreation and experiences. With the help of Travel Oregon, David's Chair is providing access for those who need it, free of charge, via electric all-terrain track chairs. We are very grateful for this support and the more equitable community and accessibility we can create together." ~ Jeff Kallevig, Operations Manager, David's Chair OMS

• City of Gold Beach: \$75,000.00 to replace the existing playground with a new ADA compliant, accessible structure at the centrally located Collier H. Buffington Memorial Park, creating a safer place for visitors and residents of all abilities to play.

"Thanks to this grant, we're one step closer to building a facility that truly reflects the diverse and vibrant community of locals and visitors who love our beautiful coastal town. We're so excited to expand our current offerings by significantly enhancing our outdoor recreation area to enrich the visitor experience and transform Buffington Park into an even more inviting, inclusive and dynamic public space for all to enjoy."



- ~ Anthony Pagano, Community Development Director, City of Gold Beach **Portland Region**
- Lan Su Chinese Garden: \$100,000.00 for a multilingual accessibility and cultural inclusion project addressing barriers to providing an inclusive experience for visitors from the Spanish-speaking, AANHPI and international communities.

"At Lan Su Chinese Garden, we are committed to making Chinese culture accessible to all. With support from Travel Oregon, we are removing language and cultural barriers that have limited access in the past — ensuring more people feel welcomed into the garden. This project isn't just about expanding access; it's about opening hearts. By creating a more inclusive and culturally connected space, we're honoring the diversity of our community and inviting everyone to experience the richness of Chinese heritage." ~ Elizabeth Nye, Executive Director, Lan Su Garden

 Oregon Walks: \$150,000.00 to develop and deploy a pedestrian wayfinding pilot project in downtown Portland, including high-quality maps and signage,

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blocks that are helpful and consistently valuable to startups. That being said, he maintains that BOW balances this with a "beta mindset," in which their programs evolve each year to meet the specific needs of the cohort.

Like any business, COVID put stress on many factors, while also providing some valuable lessons. "A big shift came during COVID," Bracelin said. "We used that time to rethink and redesign the program as a custom hybrid model — blending in-person and remote participation. That allowed us to open things up nationally, and we now attract companies from across the country: Oregon, Alaska, Colorado, Texas, New York, California, and beyond."

Another evolution of BOW was introduced as their mentor network, which connects new startups with successful mentors who have a personal understanding of what it takes to succeed in Bend's outdoor industry.

"Meg Chun, a longtime Bend outdoor leader, joined as a core mentor, along

with Rob Little from Cairn, Jessie Thomas from Picky Bars (both former cohort members), Scott Allan from Hydroflask and more," said Bracelin.

A major factor in BOW's success, along with the success of their cohorts, lies in the meaningful relationships they establish with community members. "As we've grown and gained national recognition, we've been able to attract companies from all over the U.S. to Central Oregon. Once they're here, we connect them with our incredible local network of mentors, service providers, creative agencies, consultants, and more," said Bracelin. "That community connectivity is a cornerstone of BOW. It's what allows us to create a truly supportive environment for founders — and it's what makes the Bend outdoor ecosystem so special."

Looking ahead, Bracelin says the current goal of BOW is to focus on doing what they do best: helping outdoor industries grow and thrive. In addition, the team at



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BOW is excited to continue expanding BreakOut, their signature pitch event.

"It's an exclusive showcase where standout companies from our latest cohort take the stage to present their businesses and compete for a \$20,000 cash prize, awarded through a mix of audience and judges votes," said Bracelin. "BreakOut has grown into a true community event — not just a pitch night, but a chance to connect with investors, founders, and industry leaders from across the outdoor space. We're excited to keep growing its impact as BOW and Bend continue to evolve together."

bendoutdoorworx.com



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GARY SPEAKING TO COHORTS

# Alpacas, High Tea & Live Piano Music Combine for a One-of-a-Kind Summer Concert Experience in Bend

ocal pianist and composer Paula Dreyer is thrilled to present a unique outdoor concert experience blending piano, grazing alpacas, and elegant high tea in the heart of Central Oregon. Taking place on July 6 at Flying Dutchman Alpacas, this event offers a rare chance to connect with music, nature, and culinary delight in one unforgettable afternoon.

Set against the peaceful backdrop of a local alpaca farm, guests will enjoy an ambient live piano performance while surrounded by curious and gentle alpacas roaming the grounds. Attendees have the option to pre-order a thoughtfully curated high tea featuring artisan mocktails, delicate tea sandwiches, and fresh pastries — perfectly paired with the pastoral beauty of the setting.

#### **Event Details:**

- Location: Flying Dutchman Alpacas
- · Date: July 6, 2pm
- Live Piano Performance by Paula Dreyer creator of Piano Flow Live
- · Live Visual Artist Karen Eland
- Free-roaming alpacas throughout the venue
- Optional high tea (pre-order available with ticket purchase)

"I've always loved creating experiences that blend beauty, playfulness, and surprise. This concert is a chance to share music in a completely unique way — with alpacas roaming around, high tea in hand, and a touch of magic in the air," says event creator Paula Dreyer, a pianist and composer known for immersive performances throughout Central Oregon.

**Tickets and Info:** pauladreyer.com/tickets **Follow us on Instagram:** @paula.dreyer.music



PAULA DREYER | PHOTO BY BENJAMIN EDWARI

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a website, lighting and art, visitor engagement, data collection and photo/video documentation.

"Oregon Walks, in partnership with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and Travel Portland, is thrilled to accept this grant for Walk Portland, a pilot pedestrian wayfinding system in downtown Portland. Through signage, artwork and a designated downtown walking route, Walk Portland will help people feel more confident exploring downtown as a pedestrian — whether you're new to Portland or have lived here your whole life." ~ Zachary Lauritzen, Executive Director, Oregon Walks

#### Southern Oregon

- Lake County Chamber of Commerce: \$149,957.00 to expand the Warner Canyon Summertime Mountain Bike Network, with trails rated Level 1 for Adaptive Mountain Biking.
- Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce: \$20,000.00 to achieve Wheel the World (WTW) Destination Verification by undertaking accessibility audits with 12 local partner sites and promotion through Sutherlin's existing print and digital outlets.

"With these funds, we'll be able to connect 12 local businesses with Wheel the World, helping them enhance accessibility, gain visibility on a global platform, and welcome a broader and often underserved demographic of travelers. We are profoundly grateful to Travel Oregon for supporting this meaningful and important work." ~ Jessica Cannon, Executive Director, Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce

# Willamette Valley

• Salem Riverfront Carousel: \$21,250.00 to enhance the infrastructure surrounding the Carousel with a wheelchair ramp for use by visitors and staff and a new entrance gate to ensure the safety of riders and improve operational efficiency.

"The enhancements to Salem's Riverfront Carousel will significantly increase accessibility and safety, ensuring that all members of our community — including individuals with disabilities — and visitors from around the world can fully enjoy the magic of the carousel." ~ Marie Bradford-Blevins, Executive Director, Salem's Riverfront Carousel

• Linn County Parks and Recreation Department: \$150,000.00 for Clear Lake for All, a project that will fund ADA accessible yurts and an adaptive kayak launch at Clear Lake, a non-motorized mountain lake known for its crystal-clear water, fishing and ancient preserved underwater forest.

# **Multiple Regions**

- **Dirty Freehub:** \$60,000.00 to promote more than 300 accessible Ride Guides highlighting gravel cycling access for people living with both visible and non-visible disabilities.
  - Oregon Remembrance Project: \$141,500.00 to pilot Sunshine Trips overnight

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tours connecting Black visitors with communities that were historically unwelcoming to African Americans and other racial minorities. Visitors will meet with community leaders, visit sites of cultural significance and attend local celebrations.

Since the program's inception, Travel Oregon has invested more than \$26 million in hundreds of projects that uplift local communities and expand visitor experiences throughout the state. Projects funded by the competitive grants program in 2024-2025 will be completed by November 3, 2026. See the full list of awardees here.

#### **About Travel Oregon:**

The Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, is a semi-independent state agency whose mission is to inspire travel that uplifts Oregon communities. Collaborating with stakeholders to align as stewards of Oregon, they work to optimize economic opportunity, advance equity and respect the ecosystems, cultures and places that make Oregon... Oregon. Travel Oregon aims to improve Oregonians' quality of life by strengthening the economic impacts of the state's \$14.3 billion tourism industry, which employs more than 121,000 Oregonians.

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# Golf Courses (Listed Alphabetically)

Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	CO Year Est.	Manager/ Professional	Course Rating	Slope Index	Par	Length in Yards	Green Fees	Services
Aspen Lakes Golf Course 16900 Aspen Lakes Dr. Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-4653	541-549-6947	www.aspenlakes.com howie@aspenlakes.com	1997	Howie Pruitt	68.7-75.4	125-140	72	5594-7302	\$65-\$100	Gorgeous mountain views, bentgrass fairways, red sand bunkers. Challenging but fair. Well appointed practice facilities. Catering services available.
Awbrey Glen Golf Club 2500 NW Awbrey Glen Dr. Bend, OR 97703	541-385-6011	541-385-4910	www.awbreyglen.com tommy@awbreyglen.com	1993	Andrew Silvestri	59.2 - 76.9	101 - 143	72	3707 - 7019	Call for member- ship, ask for Tom- my Berg, tommy@ awbreyglen.com	Private facility. Tree- lined fairways, great scenery, mountain views & rolling hills. Golf groups welcome.
Bend Golf & Country Club 61045 Country Club Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-3261	541-382-4603	www.bendgolfclub.com info@bendgolfclub.com	1925	Karen Goodman, Monte Hanson	66.0 to 73.9	120 to 142	72	5493 to 7100	Private Membership	Tree-lined, traditional layout set among Ponderosa pines. Private facility. Championship caliber golf course, tennis & athletic facility, indoor saltwater pool, private dining & more!
Big Meadow Golf Course 13020 Hawksbeard PO Box 8000 Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	855-253-2562	541-595-1293	www.blackbutteranch.com kschramer@bbranch.org	1970	Jeff Fought	71.2-73.3	131-133	72	7002 to 5485	\$100 walking	Mountain views, layout through ponderosa pines offers challenge. De- signed by Robert Muir Graves & Damian Pas- cuzzo. Recent remodel of tees & bunkers. True Mt. Course.
Brasada Canyons Golf Club 16986 SW Brasada Ranch Rd. Powell Butte, OR 97753	541-526-6380	541-526-6291	www.brasada.com kylej@brasada.com	2007	N/A	74.2	145	72	7295	\$169	Semi-private
Broken Top Club 62000 Broken Top Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-383-8200	541-383-1963	www.brokentop.com brokentopclub@brokentop.com	1993	Jack Perkins, Travis Moore	64.5 to 73.5	109 to 131	72	7161 to 5281	\$140 Reciprocal	Designed by Tom Weiskopf & Jay Morrish. Varied terrain will test skills. Private facility.
Challenge Course 68397 Cline Falls Rd. Redmond, OR 97756	541-923-5002	541-923-3243	www.eagle-crest.com eagleridge@eagle-crest.com	2001	Ron Burger	59.5 to 61.1	95 to 105	63	3684 to 4160	\$44.00	Tight fairways & light- ning fast narrow greens will test your metal. Great for developing mid-iron game.
Crooked River Ranch GC 5195 SW Clubhouse Rd. Crooked River Ranch, OR 97760	541-923-6343	N/A	www.crookedriverranchgc.com randy.ballard@crook- edriverranch.com	1972	Judy Lapora, Randy Ballard, Richard Jensen	Women 67.9 - 70.4 / Men 63.6 - 67.4	Women 120 - 126 / Men 101 - 116	71	5,000 to 5,818	18 Holes 7-Days a week \$48-\$63	Along the rim of the Crooked River Canyon, combines challenge & scenery. Amenities include restaurant, lodging, tennis, swimming
Crosswater 17600 Canoe Camp Dr. PO Box 4818 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-593-1145	541-593-3449	www.crosswater.com mark.meyer@destination- hotels.com	1995	Mark Meyer	68.0 to 76.6	120 to 146	72	5213 to 7683	\$215 (must be lodging with Sunriver Resort)	Heathland Scottish Links style - 4150 elevation
Eagle Crest Resort & Golf Course 1522 Cline Falls Rd. Redmond, OR 97756	541-923-2453	541-923-8822	www.eagle-crest.com info@eagle-crest.com	1986	Ron Burger	69.1 to 75.5	121 to 132	72	6673 to 5340	\$76, \$49	Rolling fairways to undulating greens are fast in summer.
Eagle Crest Resort, Ridge & Challenge Courses 1522 Cline Falls Rd. Redmond, OR 97756	541-923-4653	541-923-8822	www.eagle-crest.com info@eagle-crest.com	1986	Ron Burger	69.1 to 75.5	121 to 132	72	6673 to 5340	\$76, \$46	Rolling fairways to undulating greens are fast in summer.
Glaze Meadow Golf Course 13525 Ponderosa PO Box 8000 Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	541-595-1500	541-595-0944	www.blackbutteranch.com golf@blackbutteranch.com	1979	Jeff Fought, Tom Baker	72.9-63.4	135-110	72	7007-4909	\$44-\$82	Mountain views & ponderosa pines. Designed by Gene Bunny' Mason & recently redesigned in 2013 by John Fought (Voted Best Renovation in the country by Golf Inc.)
Juniper Golf Course 1938 SW Elkhorn Ave. Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-3121	N/A	www.playjuniper.com rmalone@playjuniper.com	1952	Rob Malone, Tam Bronkey	65.7 to 74	117 to 130	72	7186 to 5500	\$88 weekend, \$88 weekdays. Afternoon & Twilight & off-season rates avail.	Walkable course wanders through sage- brush, juniper trees & lava rock outcroppings.
Lost Tracks Golf Club 60205 Sunset View Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-385-1818	541-317-9589	www.losttracks.com info@losttracks.com	1995	Brian Whitcomb	68.6 to 72.7	126 to 136	72	7003 to 5344	\$70-\$85, \$40-\$50	Every view is a spectacular shot & every shot is a spectacular view.
Meadow Lakes Golf Course 300 SW Meadow Lakes Dr. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-7113	541-447-7831	www.meadowlakesgc.com zach@meadowlakesgc.com	1993	Tyler Millsap, Zach Lampert	63.2 - 71.9	107 - 131	72	4,858- 6,783	\$75 peak season weekend with cart	Championship course owned by City of Prineville.
Prineville Golf & Country Club 7120 NE Ochoco Highway Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-7266	541-416-2060	sites.google.com/site/ prinevillegolfclub prinevillegcc@questoffice.net	1949	N/A	64	115 to 117	65	4974	\$40, \$15	Well maintained, tricky little nine holes.
Pronghorn Club 65600 Pronghorn Club Dr. Bend, OR 97701	541-693-5365	541-693-5496	juniperpreserve.com guest.services@juniper- preserve.com	2004	Jerrel Grow	70.8	138	72	6533	Call to ask for current rates.	Golf shop, rentals, Pronghorn Academy.
Quail Run Golf Course 16725 Northridge Dr. La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-1303	541-536-1076	golfquailrun.com tsickles@golfquailrun.com	1991	Todd Sickles	68.4 to 72.7	127 to 136	72	5,422 to 6,897	\$72 (18 holes), \$50 (twilight times)	Regulation course with wide tree-lined fairways & inspiring vistas.

# Golf Courses (Listed Alphabetically)

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Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	CO Year Est.	Manager/ Professional	Course Rating	Slope Index	Par	Length in Yards	Green Fees	Services
River's Edge Golf Course 400 NW Pro Shop Dr. Bend, OR 97701	541-389-2828	541-389-0249	www.riversedgegolfbend.com troy@riversedgegolf.com	1986	Troy Eckberg	69.6	130	72	5340 to 6683	\$59 for 18 holes - \$39 for 9 holes	Spectacular views on a challenging hillside setting, pro shop, practice facility & restaurant.
Sunriver Meadows PO Box 3609 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-593-4402	514-593-4678	sunriverresort.com chris.points@sunriver-re- sort.com	1999	Chris Points	68.0 to 72.8	119 to 128	71	7,012- 6,022	\$75-\$225, depending on season & time of day.	Meandering Sun River & directional use of forebunkers serve up ample challenges for all players.
Sunriver Woodlands PO Box 3609 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-593-4402	514-593-4678	www.sunriver-resort.com chris.points@destination- hotels.com	1981	Chris Points	68.8 to 73.0	124 to 131	72	6,880- 6,068	\$50-\$125, depending on season & time of day	A Robert Trent Jones Jr. design. Lakes, rock out-croppings & views.
Tetherow Resort 61240 Skyline Ranch Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-388-2582	N/A	www.tetherow.com golf@tetherow.com	2008	Hunter Hidalgo	75.3 - 69.6	147 - 127	72	7298	170\$- 265\$	18 holes, brand new Finn Scooters & EZ-GO lithium golf carts equipped with state-of-the-art Textron GPS systems, driving range including nine-hole, putting green, golf academy. Hotel, vacation rentals, 3 on-site restaurants, pool, cabanas, fitness center, hike/walk/bike trails, residential community.
The Greens at Redmond 2575 SW Greens Blvd. Redmond, OR 97756	541-923-0694	541-548-9816	golfthegreens.com info@golfthegreens.com	1995	Mike Gruber	59	100	58	3554	\$46, \$31. After 1pm: \$31, \$26 for 9 holes.	Well-designed & play- able 18 hole mid-iron course. Robert Murir Graves design.
The Old Back Nine at Mountain High 60650 China Hat Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-1111	541-382-6750	www.oldbacknine.com info@oldbacknine.com	1985	Randy Akacich	Men - 34.2/125 Women - 33.5/123	N/A	36	2361 - 2952	Great 9 hole rates, varies depending on season & time of day.	Reestablished original nine holes at Mountain High in spring 2009. Perfect for beginners, families, groups.
Widgi Creek Golf Club 18707 SW Century Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-4449	N/A	www.widgi.com brad@widgi.com	1991	Brad Hudspeth	60.1-74.4	109-145	72	6,905 to 3,785	\$49-\$125	Well-maintained course, 11 lakes, 50+ bunkers, full service club, indoor pickleball & bar.

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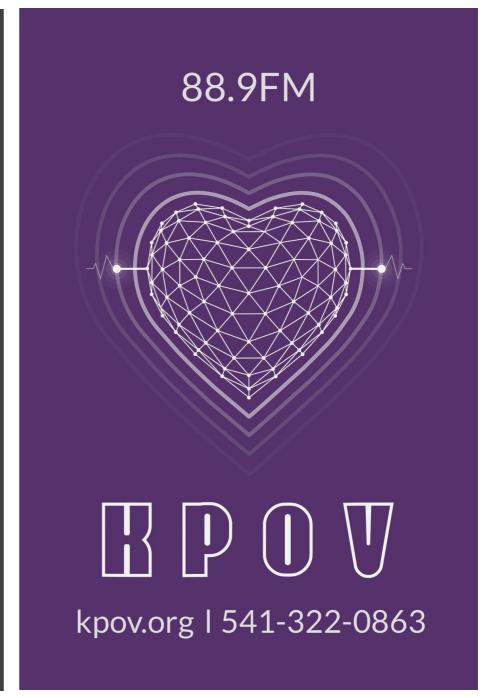
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# High Desert Rendezvous Returns on August 23

Signature Fundraiser Supports Museum Exhibitions & Programs

by HEIDI HAGEMEIER, Director of Communications & Visitor Experience — High Desert Museum

ickets are now available for the High Desert Museum's signature fundraiser, High Desert Rendezvous — one of the longest-running galas in Central Oregon. Rendezvous returns for its 36th year on Saturday, August 23 from 5-9pm.

"We are excited to come together with our friends and supporters during what is always an engaging and inspiring evening," said Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D. "We will celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and share our gratitude for a generous community."

In 2024, Rendezvous set a new fundraising record, grossing over \$620,000 for the Museum's exhibitions and programs. The Museum features up to nine temporary rotating exhibitions annually, cares for more than 100 animals and welcomes over 10,000 schoolage children each year for educational field trips and programs. Rendezvous provides vital support for these efforts.

The experience begins as guests stroll up the Museum's entryway and are greeted by animal ambassadors such as hawks, beavers and desert tortoises. Inside, a hosted bar and passed appetizers await, along with games and greetings from living history interpreters.

Dinner takes place outdoors beneath a tent. In addition to a live auction and entertainment, Rendezvous offers the chance to bid on art in the juried exhibition and silent auction Art in the West, which opens at the Museum on Saturday, July 5. A gallery guide of the artwork will be available on the Museum's website June 27 at highdesertmuseum.org/aiw.

An individual ticket for Rendezvous is \$200 for members



and \$250 for nonmembers. Sponsorship tables are available for parties of eight or ten. Tickets are available at highdesertmuseum.org/hdr.

The 2025 Rendezvous Honoree is the Tykeson Family Foundation, recognized for its profound impact in Central Oregon through steadfast dedication to education, health care and the arts. A cornerstone in the community,



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the foundation continues to support a range of initiatives including improved health care facilities and expanded educational opportunities. Led by Amy Tykeson, former CEO of BendBroadband, the foundation is a longtime supporter of the Museum's programs and initiatives.

"The Tykeson Family Foundation embodies the true spirit of philanthropy," said Museum Chief Philanthropy Officer Kia Sullivan. "Their impact is felt not just in what they give but in how they give — with thoughtfulness and a deep commitment to our community. We're honored by their partnership and the meaningful role they play in advancing the Museum's mission."

The 36th annual High Desert Rendezvous is presented by Bonta Gelato and Ferguson Wellman Wealth Management, with support from Vista Capital Partners. Learn more and register at highdesertmuseum.org/hdr.

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BMS Technologies 20901 Cooley Rd. Bend, OR 97701	541-388-0789	541-383-1817	www.bendmailing.com mforbis@bendmailing.com	Mike Forbis	50	1977	Complete mailing services, statement & document processing, invoicing & statements, automated first class & bulk mail, database management, mailing lists, copying & printing services, online-bill pay, electronic payments, graphic design & web development.
La Pine Business Center 16388 Third St. PO Box 3239 La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-5580	541-536-5673	www.BooksBoxesandBS.com lapinebusinesscenter@gmail.co	Jeanette Mein	3	1994	UPS, FedEx, packaging services, personal mailboxes, mail services, Notary, custom printing, signs & banners, vinyl printing, scanning, email, shredding, custom design, books & greeting cards.
Mail, Copies & More/Office Express 380 SW Fifth St. Madras, OR 97741	541-475-5656	541-475-5662	officeexpress@gmail.com	Loren Dunten	7	1997	Office supplies & furniture, UPS/FedEx shipping center, full-scale printing, free delivery in Madras.
Moonlight Business Process Outsourcing 2463 NE 4Th St Bend, OR 97701	866-348-9791	541-617-1831	www.moonlightbpo.com ellen@moonlightbpo.com	Ellen Koch	13	1985	Commercial printing both offset & Digital, direct mail, all mailing services, UV coating & bindery. Presort & daily mail pick up, statement & invoice printing, digital printing & variable, personalization & Transpromo data. Lock Box services, return mail services, data archiving, scanning & onsite secure document storage. Certifications: SOC1 Type II, SOC2 Type II, PCI, independently audited yearly for all certifications as well as a HIPAA compliance certificate. Other certifications WBENC, WBE & WOSB. NEW to MBPO services HP Indigo press as well as pressure seal print & mail services.
Pack Ship & More 61535 S Hwy. 97, Ste. 5, Fred Meyer Shopping Center Bend, OR 97702	541-389-9337	541-389-9537	packshipandmore@gmail.com	Trina Robison	4	1990	Post office alternative, mailbox Rentals, copies, packaging, fax services, shipping, UPS, FedEx, postal & DHL & notaries.
Pack Ship & More #3 70 SW Century Dr., Ste. 100 Bend, OR 97702	541-388-0389	541-388-0218	www.psm3.biz packshipmore3@gmail.com	Richard Ross	5	2000	Mailbox rentals & virtual mailbox rentals. Copies, packaging, fax services, shipping, UPS, FedEx & postal, passport photos, notary services, scanning, document shredding, computer time rental, knife sharpening & textbook buybacks.
Pack, Ship & More 1555 NE Third St., Ste. B4 Prineville, OR 97754	541-416-0228	541-416-0229	www.packship.biz pknship@gmail.com	Trina Robison	2	1994	Post office alternative. Copies, packaging, fax services, notary, shipping, UPS, FedEx & postal.
Pack, Ship & More #2 1900 NE Third St., Ste. 106 Bend, OR 97701	541-389-6165	541-389-4119	www.psm2.biz packshipmore2@gmail.com	Richard Ross	5	1989	Mailbox rentals & virtual mailbox rentals. Copies, packaging, fax services, shipping, UPS, FedEx, DHL & postal, passport photos, notary services, scanning, document shredding, computer time rental & knife sharpening.
Postal Connections 61141 S Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97702	541-389-5600	541-389-5678	postalconnections108.com info@pca108.com	Drew Cogen, Alison Cogen	3	1997	UPS, FedEx, DHI., postal service, mailbox rentals, mailing supplies, packaging/shipping, business cards, brochures, greeting cards, gifts, copy services, color copies, notary, keys, faxing, scan to email. Retail mailing & copy center.
Postal Connections 1 2660 NE Hwy. 20, Ste. 610 Bend, OR 97701	541-382-1800	541-382-1888	www.postalconnections101.com pca101@postalconnections.com	Peter Pierce	5	1996	UPS, FedEx, postal service, mailbox rentals, mailing supplies, packaging/shipping, business cards, brochures, greeting cards, stationery, copying, color copies. Retail mailing & copy center.
Postal Connections 3 915 SW Rimrock Way, Ste. 201 Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-2340	541-504-2341	www.postalconnections119.com pca119@postalconnections.com	Joyce Jones	4	1999	UPS, FedEx, postal service, mailbox rentals, mailing supplies, packaging/shipping, business cards, brochures, greeting cards, stationery, copying, color copies, faxing, scanning, notary, retail mailing, copy center & gifts.
The Pony Express 160 S Oak St. PO Box 3500 Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-1538	541-549-1811	www.sisterspony.com sisterspony@gmail.com	Wes & Teagan Johnston	4	1993	USPS, UPS, FedEx, shipping, freight, office & art supplies, copies, faxes & laminating. Secure document shredding. Scanning Mail box rentals. Mail forwarding.
X-Press Printing Inc. 664 W Hood Ave. PO Box 904 Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-9321	541-549-4142	www.xpressprinting.biz jeff@xpressprinting.biz	Jeff Swales	19	1989	Commercial & quick print, digital color, digital b/w, business printing, design, direct mail & marketing services, variable data, electronic file transfer & proofing.

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RootedHomes recently announced the appointment of Nathan "Than" Clevenger as its new executive director and Eliza Wilson as deputy director. These leadership changes come as Karl Dinkelspiel steps down from his role as Interim executive director and deputy director, effective June 26, 2025.

Clevenger brings over two decades of extensive experience in real estate development and affordable housing across North America. With a proven track record of leading successful





Eliza Clevenger Wilson

development firms and raising significant capital, Clevenger is a "field first" leader dedicated to private/nonprofit collaborations to address the global housing crisis. He aims to leverage his expertise in land acquisition, finance and community development to create impactful, affordable and sustainable housing solutions throughout Central Oregon, believing the region can be a national leader in such collaborative models.

"I am humbled to be selected to help lead an organization that is at the forefront of leveraging their experience in construction and community development to create the American dream for hard-working families in Central Oregon," said Clevenger.

Wilson is a dedicated affordable housing advocate and strategic systems builder whose lifelong connection to Central Oregon deeply informs her work. Drawing from her own lived experience with youth homelessness, Wilson has built a career focused on transforming housing and homelessness systems to be more equitable, responsive and rooted in human dignity. She will play a key role in expanding access to permanently affordable homeownership and supporting long-term housing stability, while also serving as Chair of Central Oregon's Continuum of Care and a board member of the Regional Housing Council.

"My work has always been about building systems that respond to the full spectrum of housing needs — from crisis to stability," said Wilson. "Joining RootedHomes is a natural extension of that mission, and I'm looking forward to deepening cross-sector partnerships to ensure everyone has access to a safe, affordable place to call home."

Dinkelspiel served as Rooted Homes' Interimexecutive director since March 2025, and previously as deputy director starting January 1, 2024. During his nearly two years with RootedHomes, Dinkelspiel was instrumental in significantly advancing the organization's development efforts. Under his leadership, RootedHomes began construction on three projects totaling 81 new units across Bend and Redmond, with the first owners moving in this summer. He also played a key role in securing land for three additional projects in Redmond and Prineville, which will add another approximately 80 units to RootedHomes' portfolio. Dinkelspiel also helped establish key partnerships and was a founding member of the now thirty-member strong Partners for Affordable Housing coalition.

"It's been a great honor to be a member of the amazing RootedHomes team," said Karl Dinkelspiel. "I've so enjoyed it, especially the chance to work with our truly talented and dedicated staff and partners."

RootedHomes looks forward to its continued growth and impact under the leadership of Clevenger and Wilson, building upon the strong foundation laid by Dinkelspiel.



**Brian** August

Brian August has joined the nonprofit Tower Theatre Foundation as executive director, marking an exciting new chapter for the historic performing arts theatre. Under August's leadership, the board and staff are looking ahead with renewed energy and commitment to creativity, connection and community.

August brings over 20 years of leadership experience in the nonprofit sector, including roles at CauseMic, the Oregon Humane Society and Slalom Consulting. His expertise in strategic planning, team development and sustainable growth, paired with a deep passion for arts and culture, makes him the right leader to guide the theatre forward.

A resident of Bend, he is also a volunteer board member of the Humane Society of Central Oregon and has a longstanding commitment

to community-based service.

SCORE Central Oregon announced Klaus Mager as one of its newest members, serving as a certified mentor. Mager brings more than 40 years of foodservice industry experience, beginning his career as a fourth generation, classically trained chef in Germany. Over the decades, he has held leadership roles with the Walt Disney Company in California and Hong Kong and served as head of corporate marketing for Metro C&C in Düsseldorf, one of the world's largest food wholesalers with operations in 30 countries. Since retiring from corporate life, Mager has turned his focus to the intersection of food, agriculture and environmental health. He works with nonprofits and community groups to support regenerative farmers and help local food businesses connect with new markets. Mager offers a wealth of practical



Klaus Mager

knowledge to both established companies and aspiring entrepreneurs, with a special passion for helping small businesses navigate the rapidly changing foodservice landscape. He and his wife, Janet, have called Bend home since 2016, and are grateful to be part of the High Desert community.



COCC'S 2024 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY | PHOTO COURTESY OF COCC

Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) 2025 commencement ceremony, held on June 14 with more than 300 graduates in attendance, included the naming of four student award recipients: Brad Bennett, Betsy Green, Kaia Hagenbach and Nasadia Voltz.

In full, 759 degrees and certificates are being awarded this academic year at COCC: 598 degrees and 161 certificates.

 $Hagenbach, of Bend, received the Walter G. Coombs \, Distinguished \, Achievement$ Award, which recognizes the student who maintains the highest scholastic average among those receiving a certificate of completion. Hagenbach earned certificates in graphic design and illustration while maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

Green, of Bend, merited the COCC Distinguished Student Service Award, an honor presented to the student who exhibits a strong contribution to the campus through innovative initiatives, volunteerism, leadership and academic excellence. Green has held leadership roles in student government and in student clubs such as the Q+ and Umbrella Clubs, and also served as an admissions ambassador. She earned an associate of arts Oregon transfer degree and is planning a career in higher education.

Voltz, of Bend, received the Avon F. Mayfield Award, presented to a student who displays progress in scholarship, quality of leadership, contribution to student welfare, progress toward useful and active citizenship and outstanding service. Voltz, a first-generation college student, received an associate of applied science degree in addiction counseling and behavioral health. She has been an advocate for others, pushing for change in addiction recovery and highlighting

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Bennett, of Bend, received the Helen Leicester Honorary Scholastic Award, a COCC award that honors the student who receives an associate degree while maintaining the highest GPA with the highest number of credits. While earning an associate of applied science in paramedicine, Bennett maintained a straight 4.0 GPA with 94 credits earned. He is currently a state-certified paramedic and working as a firefighter-paramedic with Crook County Fire & Rescue.

The commencement ceremony featured student speaker Irving Daniel of Bend who earned his GED through COCC and went on to receive certification training as a peer support specialist and a certificate in community health, leading to a job as a residential counselor in behavioral health. Daniel led a campus-wide binge-drinking awareness campaign. He plans to pursue an associate of arts Oregon transfer degree in public health and then transfer to a university.

The Bethlehem Inn Board of Directors announces the appointment of Michael Hancock as its new executive director. Hancock, who has served as interim executive director since February following the retirement announcement of longtime leader, Gwenn Wysling, will now officially take the helm to guide Bethlehem Inn into its next chapter.

Hancock brings a rich background spanning business, education and crisis management. He joined during a period of significant change, including the completion of the new Bend campus and the onset of a global pandemic. His leadership has been instrumental in evolving programs, enhancing staff training and development, and helping launch the Bethlehem Inn Redmond Community Housing (BIRCH) program.

"I joined the team in 2019, a time of transition. Or as I like to think of it, a time of transformation," Hancock shared. "We were preparing to open the new Bend campus, and just months later, found ourselves navigating the challenges of a global health crisis. I'm proud of how our team stepped up, adapted and grew stronger together."

Reflecting on his journey, Hancock added, "Long before my time at Bethlehem Inn, I recognized that there were members of our community who needed help. At first, I believed it was the community's responsibility to support those in need. Over time, I came to understand something deeper: we are not required to help, we choose to help."

The Board expressed confidence in Hancock's leadership and vision. "Michael has proven himself to be a steady, thoughtful and compassionate leader," said Kevin Link, president of the Bethlehem Inn Board of Directors. "He understands the mission of Bethlehem Inn and has the experience and heart to move the organization forward."

Bethlehem Inn is a community-supported emergency shelter that provides



a safe environment for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Central Oregon.

Five community members elected in May to serve on the Board of Directors for **Bend-La Pine Schools** took the oath of office Tuesday evening at the board's monthly business meeting.

They include Jenn Lynch, newly elected to represent Zone 1, and Ross Tomlin, who was appointed to the Zone 6 at-large seat last November. Also taking the oath were re-elected Directors Marcus LeGrand (Zone 2), Shirley Olson (Zone 4) and Kina Chadwick (Zone 7).

Lynch succeeds Carrie McPherson Douglass, who served two terms on the school board and decided not to seek re-election this year. Superintendent Steven Cook and board members paid tribute to McPherson Douglass at Tuesday's meeting and thanked her for her service, including serving as board chair during the COVID pandemic.

Reflecting on her eight years on the board, McPherson Douglass said, "Student voice is the most important voice in the room, always. ... I really hope students will keep showing up. There's a few here tonight to speak. And I really hope that the board continues to find really meaningful ways to listen to them."

The board voted to approve the district's 2025-26 operating budget as well as updated bargaining agreements with unions representing certified and classified employees. The agreements include compensation adjustments for the next two fiscal years.

At its July 8 business meeting the board will elect its chair and vice chair for the 2025-26 term.



# Celebrating 30 Years of Impact

Our 2024 Report Is Here

#### by DANIELLE ROSENFIELD, Chair of the Board of Directors — Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend

2 024 was filled with growth, connection, and unforgettable moments for the youth and families we serve. It was also a milestone year — our 30th anniversary of serving the Central Oregon community.

Our 2024 Annual Report is now available. We invite you to take a look: Here's just a glimpse of what your support made possible:

- 82,000 service hours across 17,996 total Club visits
- More than \$400,000 in scholarship support for families
- 96% of members say adults at Club listen and encourage them
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# Three Sisters Irrigation District Completes Final Piping Project

by MARISA HOSSICK, Communications Director — Deschutes River Conservancy

he final section of canal piping in the Three Sisters Irrigation District (TSID) has been completed, marking a major milestone in streamflow restoration, on-farm efficiency and renewable energy generation. Approved by the Oregon Water Resources Department on April 22, 2024, this latest conserved water project adds permanent flow protection to Whychus Creek, a tributary of the Deschutes River.

The Cloverdale piping project installed over 23,000 feet of pipe north of Highway 126 and resulted in 0.33 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 140.1 acre-feet of water permanently protected in Whychus Creek just below the TSID diversion, approximately four miles upstream from the city of Sisters.

## Two Decades of Conservation and Collaboration

With this final phase complete, TSID has now piped 64 miles of its canals over the last 20 years, permanently restoring 30.3 cfs and 11,938 acre-feet of water to Whychus Creek. Historically, the creek ran dry two out of every three years due to the over appropriation of water rights and leaky, unlined canals and outdated delivery systems. Now, thanks to this sustained conservation effort and complementary flow restoration programs, Whychus Creek flows year-round, providing vital cold-water habitat for redband trout, steelhead and Chinook salmon.

"This has been a long-term commitment by TSID and

our partners," said Marc Thalacker, newly retired manager of TSID. "We're proud to have reached this point where we can support both our farms and the health of Whychus Creek."

# Benefits for Farms, Fish and Energy

The completed piping system enables pressurized water delivery to TSID farms, reducing the need for on-farm pumping and resulting in significant energy savings — an estimated 9 million kilowatt-hours of reduced power usage annually. Alongside these improvements, TSID has supported farm conversions to more efficient irrigation practices and installed modern metering at delivery points to ensure precise, reliable water use.

This project also includes an in-pipe hydropower facility, which can produce up to 700,000 kilowatt-hours of renewable electricity — enough to power approximately 58 homes. TSID now operates three in-pipe hydro projects, contributing to clean energy goals while reducing strain on the power grid.

## A Healthy River Takes a Village

TSID's work is part of a larger, collaborative restoration effort on Whychus Creek. The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, U.S. Forest Service, Deschutes Land Trust and other partners have worked to restore over seven miles of stream habitat in Whychus Creek and removed all six fish passage barriers, while the Deschutes Land Trust has protected nine miles of the creek through conservation agreements, land acquisition and land stewardship.

Together, these projects have reestablished streamflow, improved water quality and reconnected critical habitat — but challenges remain. Summer water temperatures in lower reaches of the creek can still be high, stressing coldwater fish species. Restoration partners, including DRC, continue working to address these issues through habitat improvement, streamflow leasing and new conservation partnerships.

## A Model for the Region

"This is a true success story for farms, fish and the community," said Kate Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Deschutes River Conservancy. "TSID and its partners have shown what's possible through sustained collaboration, forward-thinking investment and a shared vision for a healthier creek."



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## **Project Partners and Funders**

This project was made possible through support from Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and National Resources Conservation Service. Over two decades of restoration on Whychus Creek have been funded by a wide array of partners including: Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Bonneville Power Administration, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, DEQ/EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation, Deschutes Water Alliance, Energy Trust of Oregon, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Resources Conservation Service (Regional Conservation Partnership Program), Oregon Conservation Strategy, Oregon Department of Energy, Oregon Governor's Fund, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Portland General Electric Pelton Fund, Southern Oregon State University, The Nature Conservancy/PGE, TSID through inkind contributions, U.S. Forest Service, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

# **About the Deschutes River Conservancy:**

The Deschutes River Conservancy (DRC) was formed in 1996 with a mission to restore streamflow and improve water quality in the Deschutes River Basin. The DRC has a multi-stakeholder board and, through collaborative efforts, has restored up to 350 cfs (equivalent to over 14 Olympic-sized swimming pools per hour) of flow in the basin with non-litigious, voluntary and market-based programs.

# **About Three Sisters Irrigation District:**

Established in 1891, Three Sisters Irrigation District (TSID) delivers Deschutes River water to approximately 7,600 acres of irrigated land near Sisters. The district serves over 267 patrons and manages 64 miles of canals and lateral ditches. TSID is nationally recognized for its leadership in irrigation modernization and has implemented extensive conservation efforts, including piping and pressurized delivery systems, which improve on-farm efficiency, reduce energy use and restore streamflow to Whychus Creek. TSID continues to work collaboratively with partners to support agricultural resilience, water sustainability and ecosystem health in Central Oregon.

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# Compass Cares Charities Selected for 2025-2026

#### by SOPHIE BRENTLINGER — Compass Commercial Real Estate Services

ompass Commercial Real Estate Services announces its support of three extraordinary local nonprofits as part of its charitable giving program for 2025 ■ and 2026: Warrior Impact, Heart of Oregon Corps and The Giving Plate. Every two years, Compass Commercial invites employees to nominate a charity they personally support through volunteer work. Nominees then present to the leadership team, and from there, two to three organizations are selected to sponsor. Each group exemplifies a deep commitment to the Central Oregon community, providing vital resources and life-changing opportunities for those they serve.

"Supporting these organizations is not just about philanthropy — it's about investing in the future of our community," said Russell Huntamer, president of Compass Commercial. "We're proud to partner with nonprofits that are solving real problems with creativity, compassion and grit."

#### Warrior Impact: Restoring Hope for Veterans and First Responders

Founded in late 2021, Warrior Impact emerged from years of grassroots fundraising efforts tied to the Save A Warrior (SAW) program. Created by Matt Bassitt, Warrior Impact offers veterans and first responders support in navigating post-traumatic stress and suicide ideation through experiential programs designed to build community and instill purpose.

"We've raised money for SAW for nearly a decade through our annual golf tournament, 'The Scotch," said Bassitt. "Over time, we built such a strong alumni network that it was only natural to expand into our own direct programming.

That expansion is now a reality. This summer, Warrior Impact will launch its first Warrior Impact Intensive — a SAW-inspired healing program in Central Oregon. In addition to sponsoring individuals to attend this program, the nonprofit hosts rafting trips, fishing excursions and meditation mornings — all designed to meet warriors "where they're at" and begin the process of transformation.

Bassitt emphasizes the power of presence and peer support: "We are here for the Seat — the one that holds space for someone carrying a weight most of us can't relate to. Every dollar donated provides someone a chance to reclaim their life, free of shame, guilt and fear."

To learn more or support Warrior Impact's mission, visit warriorimpact.org.

#### **Heart of Oregon Corps: A Quarter Century of Building Youth Leaders**

This year marks a major milestone for Heart of Oregon Corps — 25 years of transforming lives and tackling community challenges through youth workforce development. With over 5,000 youth graduates, Heart of Oregon empowers the next generation to take on issues like housing affordability, wildfire mitigation and the childcare shortage while gaining the skills they need to succeed.

"Our programs have grown so much to meet these critical needs," said Executive Director Laura Handy. "We've stretched our network of aging and borrowed facilities as far as we can. Now, we're building the region's first youth workforce development campus."

To bring this vision to life, Heart of Oregon has launched Legacy 25, a capital campaign aiming to raise the final \$2.5 million needed for the \$7.3 million, 3.4-acre campus. This state-of-the-art facility will serve as a lasting resource for future generations of Central Oregon youth, equipping them with real-world experience and leadership tools.

"Join us in supporting this major regional asset with a legacy gift today," Handy encouraged.

Compass Commercial is honored to contribute to this once-in-a-generation investment in young people. Learn more at heartoforegon.org.

#### The Giving Plate: Dignity, Empowerment and Food Security

Founded in 2010 by a Bend family with a simple vision to feed their neighbors, The Giving Plate has grown into Central Oregon's largest food pantry — serving tens of thousands each year with warmth and dignity. But what truly sets the organization apart is its approach to food relief.

"We've reimagined the entire experience," said Executive Director Ranae Staley. "Our Community Store and Kid's Korner Market give families and children facing hunger the freedom to choose their own food in a welcoming, empowering environment."

This choice-based model has eliminated the traditional stigma surrounding food assistance, replacing it with an atmosphere of compassion, community, autonomy and respect.

Compass Commercial's support will help expand The Giving Plate's reach and sustain its innovative programs into the future. "I'm most proud of how we've taken something as vulnerable as asking for help and turned it into a moment of dignity and hope," Staley shared.

To donate or volunteer, visit the giving plate.org.

#### Investing in the Community — Together

As Central Oregon continues to grow, so do the needs of its people. Through these partnerships, Compass Commercial reaffirms its commitment to helping the region thrive — not only through commercial real estate but through active, strategic support of impactful local nonprofits.

"Our company's mission is deeply tied to the health and success of our community," said Huntamer. "When organizations like Warrior Impact, Heart of Oregon and The Giving Plate succeed, we all succeed."

For more information about Compass Commercial's charitable initiatives, visit compasscommercial.com/about/compass-cares.

#### **About Compass Commercial Real Estate Services:**

With integrated services in brokerage sales, leasing, property management and construction, Compass Commercial has been helping buyers, sellers, landlords and tenants achieve their unique commercial real estate goals since 1996. It is Central Oregon's largest commercial real estate firm with the most collective industry expertise among its team, including two of Central Oregon's only Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) designees, eight Certified Commercial Investment Members (CCIM), one Certified Property Manager (CPM) and one Certified Shopping Center Manager (CSM). It is also the only Central Oregon-based firm with an Accredited Management Organization (AMO) accreditation.

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much-needed workforce housing and revitalized a downtown landmark.

Inspired by the Thoughts of Flight structure at the intersection of Highway 97 and SW Glacier Ave., the REDI Thrive Award celebrates projects that embody the spirit of resilience and growth, reflecting the adage "For every season and for every purpose, there is a time to Thrive." Just as the structure's cups turn with the wind, inscribed with opposing life seasons, the award acknowledges that no matter the direction of the wind, there is always a time to thrive.

The NOVA Apartments, a significant public-private partnership with Redmond's Urban Renewal Agency, exemplifies this spirit. Originally built in 1965 as the Village Squire Motel, a once-bustling motor inn, the property had unfortunately fallen into disrepair, becoming a drain on downtown vitality and public resources.

In March 2024, Watson Development Ltd. acquired the Village Squire Motel with a vision to convert it into affordable-by-design studio apartments. The City of Redmond's Urban Renewal Agency provided crucial support with a \$75,000 SDC credit grant. The project saw Simplicity by Hayden Homes as the construction partner, with Cobalt Property Management overseeing operations.

Opening for lease in February 2025, all 24 units at The NOVA Apartments were intentionally priced to be affordable for individuals earning 80% Area Median Income without the need for additional subsidies, with rents guided by HUD/Oregon Housing and

Community Services (OHCS) data for Deschutes County. By April 2025, The NOVA Apartments were fully leased, underscoring the critical demand for such housing in the community.

"Watson Development is honored to receive this year's Thrive Award for our project transforming the Village Squire Motel into The NOVA Apartments," said Jeff Lundin of Watson Development, Ltd. "Together with our construction partner, Simplicity by Hayden Homes, we're proud to have collaborated with the City of Redmond to bring muchneeded new housing to the downtown core. It means a lot to be recognized in our hometown, and to be helping our local workforce stay in Redmond."

The adjudication committee faced a challenging decision amidst a strong field of contenders, including Accent Lighting, NeighborImpact's Food Warehouse, and Bethlehem Inn Redmond Community Housing. Projects vying for the Thrive Award are rigorously matched and ranked against criteria such as:

- Implementation of economic benefit to the community (jobs, tax base, workforce development, etc.)
- Spin-off impact or "ripple effect"
- Creativity, innovation, or originality in partnerships and financing
- Achievement of stated objectives with measurable results
- Development of strong relationships and widespread community support
- Relevance and transferability of elements to other communities

REDI Director Steve Curley noted, "Now in its fourth year, the number and quality of projects submitted this year reflect the quality of organizations investing in Redmond and making it a community that continues to thrive."

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The enrollment process is quick, convenient, and even faster when the application is completed online beforehand. During the in-person appointment, applicants are required to provide identity and citizenship documents, fingerprints and a photo will be captured, and then pay for the application fee. IDEMIA offers TSA PreCheck enrollment for \$76.75 and if approved, travelers get a five-year membership with the program.

Following the in-person enrollment

appointment, most applicants receive their Known Traveler Number (KTN) in about three to five days. The KTN number must be added to flight reservations to enjoy TSA PreCheck benefits.

TSA PreCheck was created in October 2011 as a way to provide low-risk travelers with a smoother experience through airport security. It's a great option for travelers looking to save time. Enrolled members have access to TSA PreCheck dedicated screening lanes at over 200 participating U.S. airports nationwide, and 99% of members wait 10 minutes or less in a screening lane. TSA PreCheck passengers travel with ease and keep their shoes, belts and light jackets on and keep laptops, 3-1-1 liquids and food items in their bags.

"With summer travel in full swing, we're excited to offer TSA PreCheck enrollment at RDM," said Airport Director Zachary Bass. "It's a great way to save time at the checkpoint and make your summer getaway even smoother."

If you are unable to make the Redmond Municipal Airport enrollment event, but are still interested in enrolling in the TSA PreCheck Application Program, please complete the application online and schedule an appointment at one of IDEMIA's 630+ enrollment centers nationwide. To get started visit: https://tsaenrollmentbyidemia.tsa.dhs.gov/. For more information on the TSA PreCheck program, visit tsa.gov/precheck.

The airport terminal is open 24 hours a

day, seven days a week. Boarding lounge amenities include a children's play area, Nursing Room, a free book exchange, a coffee/gift shop, a family-friendly restaurant, and a full-service bar (located post-security).

Additional links to TSA, Airport amenities, Air Carrier, and flight information can be found online at flyrdm. com. TSA hours vary depending on flight schedules generally opening daily 90 minutes prior to the first departure closing after the final scheduled departure. TSA has limited ability to modify hours for flight delays. If you leave the boarding area, you may not be able to return, so always check with TSA or your airline before exiting.

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community leaders to boost affordable homeownership that invests in the value and vibrancy of rural Oregon," said OHCS Executive Director Andrea Bell. "No other issue, except the cost of living, hits as close to home. Through local and state partnerships, we are delivering results to strengthen communities. Housing progress is not about numbers and abstracts,

nor is it about advancement on state government's terms. Today, we are delivering progress that reflects the values of this community to make everyday life better for its residents."

This transformative grant will fund the construction of the first ten highefficiency, fire-resistant townhomes and a portion of the infrastructure required to support the entire neighborhood.

Park View represents HFHLPS's largest and most ambitious project to date — offering long-term, permanently affordable housing to hardworking families earning between

60-80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). The community will be built gradually between 2025 and 2030, with infrastructure construction already started and the first homes slated for completion by Fall 2026.

"This is more than a housing development — it's a lasting investment in families and the La Pine community," said Scott Asla, Board Chair for HFHLPS. "With the LIFT funding and strong local support, we're poised to make homeownership a reality for dozens of families who are ready to build equity, stability, and a future."

The LIFT funding represents almost 50% over the overall funding needed for the first phase of Park View. In addition to the current funding in place, HFHLPS will work to raise an additional \$50,000 per home. Currently, applications for qualified homebuyers are open. Prospective homeowners must meet income requirements, contribute sweat equity, and complete homeowner education as part of the selection process.

A groundbreaking for Park View will be held June 27 at 10am. To RSVP, contact info@habitatlapinesunriver.org. habitatlapinesunriver.org

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urban communities. Designed with a blend of renewable energy, permaculture principles, and smart automation, these systems aim to tackle food insecurity, educational gaps, and climate adaptation all at once.

"This isn't just about greenhouses — it's about growing resilient communities," said founder Shiv Shakti. "We're honored to see a solution born in Central Oregon recognized on the global stage."

Shakti Farm Design now joins a network of other labeled innovations from around the world, gaining access to international investor and media platforms through the Solar Impulse Foundation. The company hopes to expand its impact by partnering with schools, food banks, and rural communities across Oregon and beyond.

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# RECENT TRANSACTIONS

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of asking price

**Jenn Limoges, CCIM, NAI Cascade**, represented the Landlord and Tenant in leasing +/-18,996 SF of state-of-the-art food and beverage production industrial space at 62876 NE Oxford Ct. This will be the new manufacturing and distribution site for Red Plate Foods.

**Jenn Limoges, CCIM, NAI Cascade**, represented the Seller in the disposition of a two-tenant, net-leased retail pad site at Ochoco Plaza in Prineville. This property closed at asking price, \$1,155,000, a 6.26% cap rate.

**Jenn Limoges, CCIM**, **NAI Cascade**, represented the Landlord in leasing 2,940 SF of clinical medical space at 2400 NE Neff Rd.

**Jenn Limoges, CCIM**, **NAI Cascade**, represented the Tenant and Subtenant in subleasing 782 SF of retail/office space at Tumalo Junction

**Walt Ramage** represented the Landlord and Tenant in leasing 555 SF of office space at 525 SW Umatilla in Redmond.

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# Central Oregon Business Calendar

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# **BUSINESS EVENTS**



#### July 3

11:45am-1pm ConnectW Munch & Mingle at Feast Food Co.

#### July 9

5:30pm City of Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission Meeting.

#### July 15

5-7pm Bend Chamber ET Social at Immersion Brewing Barrel Room.

#### July 15

7-9pm Skeptoid Media Nerd Nigh Super Science Trivia Plus Restoring James Randi by Special Guest Richard Saunders at Worthy Brewing Eastside.

#### July 17

4-6pm Bend Chamber Ribbon Cutting at SERA Custom Integrators.

#### July 20

8:30-9:30am Redmond Chamber Coffee Clatter at Evergreen Ave Collaborative.

#### July 22

3:30-4:30pm Bend Chamber Ribbon Cutting for Project Recover.

## July 23

5:30pm City of Redmond Urban Area Planning Commission Meeting.

#### August 4

4-6pm City of Redmond Virtual and in-Person Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting at Redmond City Hall Room 210.

#### August 7

3:30pm City of Redmond Parks Committee Meeting.

#### September 9

8-9:30am Bend Chamber Commerce & Coffee at The Element Hotel.

#### October 14

4:30-6pm Bend Chamber Biz & Bevs at The Outpost at Campfire Hotel.

#### November 11

8-9:30am Bend Chamber Commerce & Coffee at Kernutt Stokes.

#### December 11

4:30-6pm Bend Chamber Biz & Bevs at US Bank.

# **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING**



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Mid Oregon. "When people join Mid Oregon, they make an investment of trust in us. We are committed to doing everything we can to be worthy of that trust and to helping Central Oregon communities thrive."

Mid Oregon's success can be attributed to several key highlights, including:

- World-Class Member Satisfaction: Consistently achieving high scores that reflect a positive member experience and loyalty
- **Competitive Rates**: Offering attractive rates on savings accounts, diverse loan products and mortgages, providing significant value to members
- Tailored Business Solutions: Delivering specialized financial tools and services designed to support the

unique needs of local businesses

- Robust Community Outreach & Financial Education: Actively participating in and supporting Central Oregon communities through impactful programs and financial literacy initiatives
- Industry-Leading Digital Banking: Providing innovative and convenient digital tools that ensure seamless and modern financial management for members

The selection process involved surveys from approximately 26,000 U.S. residents, who rated their financial institutions based on factors such as customer service, fees, digital offerings, financial advice provided by representatives and the level of trust inspired by the organization. The final rankings were determined based on 80% of survey responses and 20% of online reviews. Online-only banks and credit unions were excluded, as well as larger institutions with branches in 15 or more states.

The complete list of Forbes Best-In-State Credit Unions is available online at forbes.com/lists/best-in-state-credit-unions.

## **About Mid Oregon Credit Union:**

Mid Oregon Credit Union is a full-service, memberowned financial cooperative headquartered in and serving Central Oregonians since 1957. With over 50,000 members in Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, Wheeler, Lake and North Klamath Counties and close to \$779 million in assets, Mid Oregon partners with members to meet their financial needs and to help them achieve their dreams. Mid Oregon was named a Top Workplace in Oregon and Southwest Washington for 2022, 2023 and 2024. It was also ranked the #1 credit union in Oregon by Forbes for 2023 and 2024 and received the *Bend Bulletin*'s Best of the Best of Bend Community Choice Award in the credit union category for 2023 and 2024.

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community connection.

Sisters Coffee will open its second Bend location, a 2,230-square-foot café on Jackstraw's ground floor. It will offer an expansive food menu and a curated selection of specialty coffee drinks, merchandise and pastries to building residents and the Bend community. The Sisters Coffee flagship café was founded in 1989 in Sisters, Oregon and it operates three award-winning cafes throughout the state: in Sisters, in Bend's Old Mill District and in Portland's Pearl District, plus a new Roastery in Sisters.

"The opportunity to bring a second location of Sisters Coffee, a beloved local premium coffee purveyor to Jackstraw is an incredibly exciting opportunity for our residents and for the broader Bend community. This family-run nationally recognized coffee business, which is deeply rooted in the communities it serves, aligns perfectly with our goal to create a hub where culture, community and local lifestyle converge," said Killian Pacific

Director of Development Cassidy Bolger.

"We are thrilled to partner with Killian Pacific, at Jackstraw, on a community driven project that creates a destination gathering space for everyone to enjoy. We're incredibly grateful for how supportive the Bend area has been of our brand for many years and excited to continue pursuing our mission of creating an authentic coffee experience built on a deep love of our craft and a heartfelt kindness for the people we serve," said Jared Durham, Sisters Coffee Company co-owner with siblings Justin Durham and Jesse Durham.

Jackstraw will link with the Box Factory through a plaza-like street shared by pedestrians, bicyclists and low-speed vehicles, now called "Lava Pass." This private street design will present the ability to close a section of Lava Road between the two properties for events, concerts, markets and more. Sisters Coffee will be open in late 2025 or early 2026 and it will be located in the heart of Lava Pass.

Drybar, a California-based chain of salons that provide a hair styling service known as blowouts, will open a 1,879-square-foot salon on Jackstraw's ground floor. Cofounded in 2010 by Alli Webb, a *New York* 

Times bestselling author, Drybar is now a multi-million-dollar company with more than 150 salons across the United States. The franchisees of this Drybar location at Jackstraw are two women based in Eugene, Oregon.

"Drybar is a nationally recognized highly sought after lifestyle brand with numerous national awards from publications including *Inc. Magazine, Fast Company* and *Marie Claire*. We are thrilled to bring this salon to Jackstraw and we're pleased to support its first location in Bend. Drybar is hyper-focused on service, providing a premier experience to every single client and this approach to first-class customer service is a retail asset to our residential community and to the greater Bend area," said Bolger.

Drybar will open its first salon in Bend in early 2026 and it will be located on Industrial Way. Drybar has two other locations in Oregon, in Eugene and Happy Valley.

"We are thrilled to open our second Drybar location in Bend! Bend has won a piece of our hearts and we look forward to expanding from our hometown in Eugene to now being a part of the beautiful Bend community. We think Drybar Bend is going to be a huge success and we could not be happier securing this unrivaled location at Jackstraw," said Drybar Owner Lori Harrison Andersen.

Locally owned and based in Bend, Compass Commercial Real Estate Services provides retail brokerage and property management services for Jackstraw and the Box Factory.

Jackstraw has been under construction since Spring 2023 and is now 80 percent finished. It has a mix of apartments and townhomes, offering plenty of room and ample storage for everything from bikes to oversized fishing kayaks, modern design, parking for residents, interior courtyards and refined spaces. Jackstraw strives to bring new life to the neighborhood with seven stories of apartment homes and resident amenities including a fitness center and a rooftop lounge looking toward the Cascade Range, a terrace overlooking Lava Road and the Box Factory, landscaped gardens, a resident lounge and multiple co-working areas. The ground floor will feature 18,000 square feet of retail space, providing a vibrant mix of local shops, restaurants and services — designed to bring new energy to the Southern Crossing neighborhood.

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# Town of Country

# May 2025 First Friday Artwalk

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