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Jason Buchanan

OnPoint Community Credit Union recently announced that after an extensive nationwide search, it has appointed credit and operations expert **Jason Buchanan** as chief credit officer. Buchanan joins the executive team of Oregon's largest credit union, with more than 618,000 members and \$9.56 billion in assets.

As chief credit officer, Buchanan will oversee the credit union's collections, consumer lending, credit administration, mortgage underwriting, commercial credit administration and indirect lending teams. He also brings a passion for improving processes and integrating technology into the lending world.

Before joining OnPoint, Buchanan served in credit and risk management roles at Blue Federal Credit Union in Wyoming, BBVA USA and Texas Capital Bank. He also has experience with startup incubation and portfolio management.

Outside of work, Buchanan is an active community volunteer, serving on the board of Arts and Songwriting Foundations and founding a nonprofit that funds micro-grants for individuals and groups who face challenges in obtaining funding.

ORW Architecture has announced the hiring of **Paul Kim** as director of marketing. Kim comes to ORW with more than 20 years of marketing and business development experience in the A/E industry with a focus on building authentic relationships with clients, colleagues and community.

Based in ORW's Bend office, Kim will be responsible for highlighting the firm's presence and brand across the state while leading internal teams in discovering and connecting to meaningful projects and people.

With offices in Medford and Bend, ORW Architecture is a collaborative design organization providing design and planning services for public and commercial facilities, including educational environments, civic buildings, healthcare facilities and community-focused projects.



Paul Kim

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services proudly announces that **Holley Jensen** has been named the firm's newest partner, joining the leadership team that guides the company's vision and growth.

Jensen, director of property management and a licensed broker, has been instrumental in leading Compass Commercial's property management team and overseeing a diverse portfolio of office, retail, mixed-use and medical properties across Central Oregon. Since rejoining Compass Commercial in 2023, she has streamlined operations, grown the management team and elevated client service by introducing best practices and leveraging new technologies.

In addition to becoming a partner, Jensen has been named a 2025 Cascade Business News Accomplished Under 40 recipient, which celebrates professionals who excel in their careers while making a difference in their communities. She's the 17th Compass Commercial employee to receive this honor, further underscoring her professional achievements and community engagement.

Before joining Compass Commercial, Jensen built a strong foundation in Austin, Texas, where she worked with AQUILA Commercial and Live Oak Real Estate managing a wide-ranging portfolio. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Boston College and is actively involved in professional organizations.

Her commitment to community service has been a hallmark of her career. In Texas, Jensen served as a mentor on the Austin Young Women's Alliance membership committee, volunteered as a Special Olympics swim coach, and regularly supported local road races and triathlons. She also chaired the special events committee for the IREM chapter in Austin. Now in Bend, she looks forward to volunteering this school year at Silver Rail Elementary while raising her son, Jake.

SCORE Central Oregon announced **Richard Wayper** as one of its newest members, serving as a Certified Mentor. Wayper is a seasoned executive with over 33 years of leadership in the demolition, mining and environmental remediation industries. His career spans business development, technical oversight, project management and corporate leadership, culminating in nearly a decade as president of Northwest Demolition & Dismantling. Raised in New Zealand and educated as an economic geologist (MS Science), Wayper worked overseas in the mining exploration field. After moving to the U.S., Wayper moved into the environmental remediation field. During this time, fascinated with the business development process, Wayper became certified as a sales trainer.

Intending to stay in the industrial business sector, Wayper seized upon the opportunity to enter a small local demolition firm. Joining the company in 1998, Wayper advanced from business development and project management to program manager, vice president of business development and ultimately president. Under his leadership, the firm became a nationally recognized demolition and environmental services provider, executing complex projects across the U.S. and internationally, including Canada, Australia, Argentina, the Pacific Islands and Antarctica.

SCORE Central Oregon provides free mentoring, workshops and resources to help small businesses start, grow and succeed. Experienced business



Richard Wayper

professionals volunteer their time to offer guidance on strategy, operations and financial planning. The organization also connects entrepreneurs with valuable local and national resources to support their long-term success.

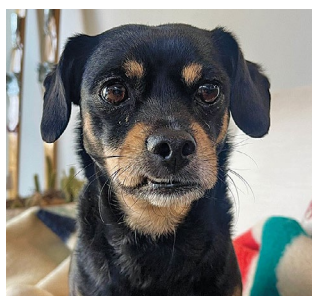
Meet the **Compass Commercial** Office Dogs!



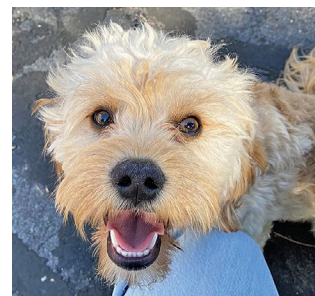
Name: **Griffin**
 Owner: **Ellisse Dickey**
 Age: 7
 Celebrity Look-Alike: The Lorax
 Likes: Swimming and playing fetch
 Dislikes: Certain Compass employees, we aren't quite sure why.



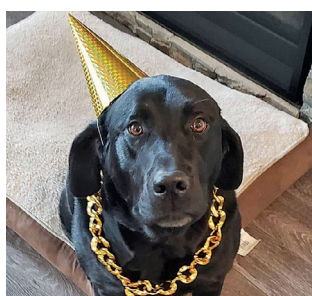
Name: **Roadie**
 Owner: **Melissa Coconas**
 Age: 6
 Celebrity Look-Alike: Dobby the Elf
 Likes: His Hawaiian shirt collection, the sun
 Dislikes: Griffin



Name: **Marlow**
 Owner: **Sophie Brentlinger**
 Age: 4
 Celebrity Look-Alike: Joe Pesci
 Likes: Treats and squeaky toys
 Dislikes: Vacuums



Name: **Alfred**
 Owner: **Adam McKenzie**
 Age: Puppy
 Celebrity Look-Alike: Chewbacca
 Likes: The entire construction department
 Dislikes: Being contained



Name: **Olive Oyl**
 Owner: **Tara O'Connor**
 Age: 9
 Celebrity Look-Alike: Biggie Smalls
 Likes: Pinecones
 Dislikes: N/A

Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) seven-person board of directors recently chose member **Erica Skatvold** of Bend to chair the 2025-26 year, a leadership post she will hold through June of 2026. Skatvold, a former COCC student, chaired the board for the 2020-21 year and was vice chair from 2024-25 and from 2019-20. Representing Zone 4, which covers most of Bend, Skatvold will complete her board term in 2029.

Having grown up in Bend — where, as a student at Bend Senior High School, she took classes at COCC through the college's dual-credit program — Skatvold's background combines local community understanding with firsthand COCC student experience. In the 2018-19 academic year she was an enrolled student at COCC, working on nursing program prerequisites. Skatvold has been the director of quality management at St. Charles Healthcare System since 2020.

Board member **Jim Porter**, former Bend Police chief, was selected to serve as vice chair. He represents Zone 6, most of northwest Deschutes County. Porter has been both a student and instructor at the college. His board term expires in 2027.

High Desert Food and Farm Alliance recently announced the appointment of **Kristin Points** as the new executive director, effective September 15, 2025.



Erica Skatvold

Jim Porter

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Points replaces Sharon Maier-Kennelly who resigned in August 2025. HOFFA staff and board are all eager to have Points as a part of the team.

Points brings more than 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience to HOFFA, with a background in fundraising, communications and community engagement. Prior to joining HOFFA, she served as Director of Development and Marketing at Friendship Shelter in Southern California, where she led successful fundraising campaigns and guided strategic communications.

Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM) has been nominated for USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Award for "Best Resort Airport," and voting is open now through Monday, October 6, 2025, at 11:59am EDT.

Nestled in the heart of Central Oregon, RDM offers travelers a gateway to a region rich with outdoor adventure. From forest hikes and mountain biking to serene lakes and luxurious resort lodges, Central Oregon is a premier destination for those seeking both excitement and relaxation. With Mt. Bachelor visible in the distance, RDM places visitors right in the center of it all.

RDM is served by five major airlines, including Alaska, American and Delta, all operating from a single, traveler-friendly terminal. The airport features family-friendly amenities such as a Kid-Port play area on the public side, the "Flybrary" which is a free library, and the Avalon Aeropub bar and restaurant. It also serves as a convenient hub for resort shuttles, rental car services and rideshare options, making travel to nearby resorts seamless and stress-free.

Support RDM by casting your vote at: 10best.usatoday.com/awards/redmond-municipal-airport-rdm-redmond-oregon.

Recently, the **Oregon Department of Education**, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, announced Oregon's 2025-26 Regional Teachers of the Year. Over the past two weeks, communities statewide have celebrated the 16 regional honorees through surprise announcements and local gatherings.

Classroom teachers in Oregon are essential to nurturing environments where students experience belonging, wellness and academic excellence. The Oregon Teacher of the Year program recognizes and honors educators whose exceptional dedication, expertise and leadership place these values at the heart of their work.

Regional Teachers of the Year are selected through a nomination, application and selection process led by the 19 regional Education Service Districts across Oregon. Applicants submit testimonials, essays and letters of support, and are evaluated by regional panels on leadership, instructional expertise, commitment to equity, community involvement, understanding of educational issues, vision and professional development.

Thanks to a partnership with Oregon Lottery, each Regional Teacher of the Year will receive a \$1,000 award and is considered a semi-finalist for the honor of 2025-26 Oregon Teacher of the Year, which will be announced later this fall.

Congratulations to Oregon's 2025-26 Regional Teachers of the Year!

- Kimberly Agricola**, Sunset Middle School, Coos Bay School District
- Sarah Anderson**, Dufur School, Dufur School District
- Kacey Baxter**, Newport Middle School, Lincoln County School District
- Jennifer Bracken**, Sutherlin East Primary, Sutherlin School District
- Maria Crowley**, Jefferson County Middle School, Jefferson County School District
- Jason Galbraith**, Sunset High School, Beaverton School District
- Sally Golden**, Community Transition Program, Springfield School District
- Makenna Heffington**, Fremont Elementary, Lake County School District
- Amy Huffman**, Little Explorers Preschool, Sherman County School District
- Maximillian Jones**, North Valley High School, Three Rivers School District



- Jo Lane**, Roosevelt High School, Portland Public Schools
- Mona Mensing**, Redmond High School, Redmond School District
- Margot Peek**, Willamette Primary School, West Linn-Wilsonville School District
- Sena Raschio**, Humbolt Elementary, John Day School District
- Korrie Shull**, John F. Kennedy High School, Mt. Angel School District
- Marianne Smith**, McLoughlin High School, Milton-Freewater School District

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