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Q&A with Jeff Curtis

Talking With the New Director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

by NOAH NELSON — CBN Feature Writer



JEFF CURTIS

Jeff Curtis is the newly appointed Director of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, with a starting date of February 9. We sat down with the new director to learn more about him, and his plans for the region's largest gathering space.

Tell us about your background, and your experience in this industry.

My career goes way back, into sports management in minor league baseball, leading up to a position with the Seattle Mariners. Most relevant to my current position, I spent 25 years with the Portland Rose Festival Foundation, with 18 years as the CEO. After that, I spent three years running the Alaska State Fair. My career has given me the opportunity to plan and run events like parades, multi-day fairs, concerts, airshows and other massive draws that brought in thousands of people. And now, I consider myself to be a steward of the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center. I'm looking forward to learning more about the people and events of the region, to see what works and what we can highlight, enhance and improve upon.

Aside from the new position, what excites you about coming to Central Oregon?

I was raised in Spokane, Washington, so it feels good to be back home in the Pacific Northwest. My family has vacationed here for years. I love golfing, and when I was living in Portland, I constantly made the drive over the mountains to play

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Downtown Gem Shines Again as The Westman Historic Former Federal Post Office Revamp Labelled "Love Letter to Bend"

by SIMON MATHER — CBN Feature Writer

An iconic downtown Bend building has been restored to its former grandeur and reborn as a boutique, upscale hotel The Westman, paying homage to a grand history and pioneering roots through an adaptive re-use described as "A Love Letter to Bend."

The old post office, which has imposingly flanked the corner of Wall St. and Franklin for close to a century, was originally built in 1932 as part of the Public Buildings Program — a Great Depression-era initiative authorized by President Herbert Hoover to stimulate the economy and create jobs. It represented a key catalyzing project in Central Oregon at the time.



THE WESTMAN HOTEL | PHOTO BY CASCADE BUSINESS NEWS

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BBT Architects Marks 50 Years

by LEAH ETLING — CBN Feature Writer

One of Central Oregon's longest-standing architecture firms is reflecting on a half-century of shaping the region's schools, civic spaces and landmark buildings. BBT Architects, a Bend-based firm with deep roots across Oregon, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2026, marking five decades of work defined by local relationships, collaborative design and a focus on educational environments.

Founded in Bend and built on a small-firm, community-driven approach, BBT has grown alongside Central Oregon while maintaining its emphasis on listening to clients and understanding the needs of the communities it serves. Over time, that philosophy has influenced not only the firm's project portfolio but also its internal culture and leadership model.

Today, the firm's leadership team represents a new chapter as BBT balances continuity with forward-looking strategy and evolving design priorities. With a renewed shared leadership structure, the firm is positioning itself for the future while staying grounded in its values. Senior Partner Renée Alexander, Managing Partner Kourtney Strong and Partner Kyle Burke spoke to the *Cascade Business News* about the firm's accomplishments and hopes for the years to come.



(L-R) KYLE BURKE, KOURTNEY STRONG AND RENÉE ALEXANDER MAKE UP THE PARTNERSHIP TEAM AT BBT ARCHITECTS | PHOTO COURTESY OF BBT ARCHITECTS

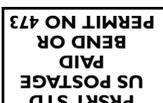
"What I love about this work is its everyday impact," said Strong. "Even when people don't consciously notice it, the built environment shapes how we learn, gather, move and feel."

A Legacy Rooted in Education and Community

BBT's identity has been shaped largely through its extensive work in K-12 education, a sector that has defined much of the firm's portfolio.

Their work includes design for new builds as well as modernization, phased replacement and renovation of

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Prineville Insurance Celebrates 91 Years as a Locally Owned Independent Agency with New Office Grand Opening ~ Insure Pacific Expands to Bend



(L-R) KELSEY WAY, JACK WSZOLEK, KARLA SANDERS, MONICA ELSOM, SHERRY AMBUEHL, RICKIE MICKLE AND JUSTIN BOGGS | PHOTO BY JEFF SPRY

Prineville Insurance hosted the grand opening of its new Prineville office recently, marking both a physical expansion and the agency's 91st year in business.

Founded in 1935, Prineville Insurance celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2025 and remains a locally owned and operated independent insurance agency — a distinction that has become increasingly uncommon as large national

insurance and financial firms continue acquiring long-established local agencies throughout Central Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

As a locally owned independent agency, Prineville Insurance is not tied to any one insurance company. This independence enables the agency to compare options

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Google Launches New AI Certificate & Free Training for Every Small Business in the U.S.

On February 19, Google launched the Google AI Professional Certificate to equip people with the AI skills that are most in-demand by today's employers. The program is based on labor market research from Burning Glass Institute and is validated by the Skills-First Workforce Initiative, a coalition of major U.S. employers including Walmart. To bridge the AI skills gap, Google is providing every U.S. small business with free access to the program, along with three

months of Google AI Pro at no cost. This effort is supported by ADP, PayPal, and Verizon, who will distribute this training to millions of small businesses within their respective networks. Walmart will provide the training at no cost to Walmart and Sam's Club associates. Employers including Colgate-Palmolive and Deloitte will also provide the training

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Harbor Freight Announces New Store Coming to Redmond

Harbor Freight, America's #1 tool store, announced today it will be opening a new location in Redmond at 2520 NW Seventh Street. The new store will bring convenient access to professional-quality tools and equipment for DIYers and pros alike in the Redmond and Deschutes County area. The store is expected to open in Spring 2026. A formal announcement will follow with the official grand opening date.

The new store is part of the company's

continued effort to make professional-quality tools and unbeatable value more convenient and accessible to customers where they live and work. The store will create approximately 25-30 new jobs in the community and will feature the company's full lineup of tools and equipment only available at Harbor Freight, including:

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To Fill Growing Need, New St. Charles Program Pays Enrollees to Earn Medical Assistant Certification

St. Charles Health System is offering a new incentive to encourage individuals to become certified medical assistants (MA) to help fill a growing need within the health system. Individuals who are accepted into the program will receive funding to cover the cost of the MA certification program at Central Oregon Community College and will also receive a stipend to help cover living expenses while in the program. St. Charles is slated to hire up to 70 medical

assistants in the next year, making this the most in-demand position within the health system.

"We are excited to offer this new funding in hopes of getting more people interested in becoming medical assistants, which is an engaging but often overlooked health care job," said Jennifer Brooks, chief

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RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services broker **Pat Kesgard, CCIM**, represented the buyer in the sale of three retail suites at 919 NW Bond Street in Bend, totaling 3,433 SF.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, of **NAI Cascade**, represented the Tenant in leasing 4,816 SF of office space at 404 SW Columbia St, Suite 210 in Bend known as Vision Plaza.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers **Jay Lyons, SIOR, CCIM**, and **Grant Schultz, SIOR, CCIM**, represented the seller, Galveston Terrace, LLC, in the sale

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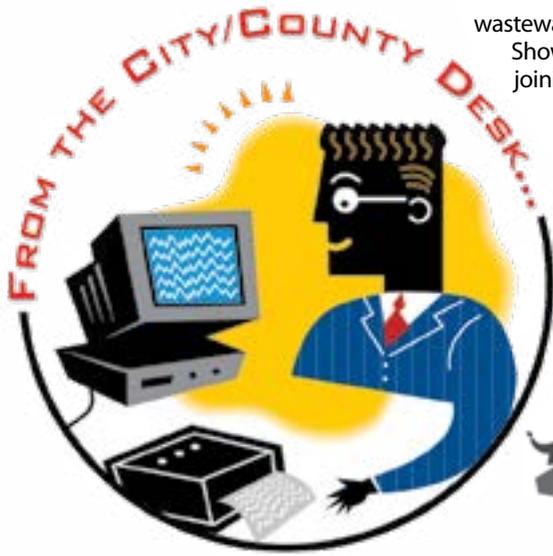
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Beautifully renovated in 2024, the layout supports food, beverage, retail or entertainment uses as the largest privately owned space in Prineville. 28-tap bar, private event room, and room for five food carts. Available for your vision now!



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or quick input, to get entered to win prizes that will be distributed at the end of 2026.

Visit bendoregon.gov/celebrate-water to learn more and celebrate.

◆ The City of Bend is hosting a neighborhood roundtable with the Bend City Council and three neighborhood districts in the southeast area of town to discuss growth, infrastructure projects, complete neighborhoods and other topics relevant to southeast Bend.

The roundtable will take place March 12

from 5:30-7:30pm at the Larkspur Community Center, 1600 SE Reed Market Road.

While this meeting will focus on the southeast area of town, all community members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will include a formal presentation by City staff, followed by an opportunity for community members to speak with staff and ask specific questions and will conclude with a roundtable discussion with representatives from the three neighborhood districts (Old Farm, Larkspur and Southeast Bend) and the City Council.

FROM THE LEGISLATIVE DESK

BEND

◆ The City of Bend offers sponsorship and grant funding to organizations working to build a more connected, inclusive or engaged community. From neighborhood gatherings to cultural celebrations and educational programs, these funds promote community outreach and education regarding City priorities and Council Goals.

The City is now accepting applications from local organizations planning events or programs that are connected to City Council Goals or City priorities taking place this year between June and December. The application deadline is March 31, 2026.

This year, the application process is moving from a continuously open application with twice a year review to an application only available during specific application periods aligned with the twice a year review process.

Spring Application Period:

• The Sponsorship Application is open **now through March 31**. Applications are reviewed in April, and final decisions and payments are made in May.

• If your event or program takes place between June and December, you should apply during the Spring application period.

Fall Application Period:

• The Sponsorship Application is open from **August 1 to September 30**. Applications are reviewed in October, and final decisions and payments are made in November.

• If your event or program takes place between January and May, you should apply during the Spring application period.

Shifting to twice-a-year application windows simplifies the application and review process. The City is committed to maintaining the twice-a-year review and award cadence to ensure nonprofits and community groups have a predictable timeline and process for seeking City Sponsorship funds.

For full program details or to submit an application, visit bendoregon.gov/get-involved/grants-sponsorship.

◆ The City of Bend is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate its 100-year anniversary of providing water services.

Prior to 1926, the community's drinking water came from the Deschutes River. In the early 1920s, dams built at Crane Prairie and Crescent Lake led to algae blooms and tainted water supplies. So the City found a new water source and took over the service of providing drinking water from Bend Water, Light & Power Company. In 1926, the Bend Municipal Watershed was established, Bridge Creek and mountain spring water became the primary source of Bend's drinking water, and the City began a century of exceptional water services that still benefit the community today.

Over the course of the year, the City's campaign will feature how the Water Services Department supplies, protects and conserves our drinking water, and also helps safeguard water quality of the river and groundwaters.

To celebrate 100-years of Bend Water Services, the City will share seasonal activities to inspire the community to learn about, explore and protect Bend's water system throughout 2026. This spring, opportunities will focus on the history, the watershed and the foundations of Bend's water services. In the summer, the focus will be conservation, community and the value of water. And in the fall, the themes will be stormwater,

SALEM

◆ On February 24, the House passed HB 4134, bipartisan legislation that takes a significant step forward in securing long-term, sustainable funding for Oregon's fish, wildlife and natural habitats. The measure passed with bipartisan support, reflecting a shared commitment to protecting Oregon's natural heritage while investing in the state's outdoor economy and tourism future.

The bill would also help prevent the spread of harmful invasive species, reduce poaching crimes, alleviate wildfire risks, reduce conflicts with wildlife, and invest in workforce development and natural resource livelihoods, increasing resilience for both wildlife and communities across the state.

"Management and protection of Oregon's fish and wildlife have been chronically underfunded for decades. Recognizing the unique, diverse coalition of supporters voicing support from every part of the state, now is the time to get this done," said Rep. Ken Helm (D - Beaverton), a chief sponsor of the bill.

More than 320 species in Oregon have been identified as in need of greatest conservation to avoid continued declines or potential extinction. The number of species at risk has increased substantially over the past decade, and action is urgently needed to reverse that trajectory. Similarly, invasive species pose a growing threat to Oregon's ecosystems, agriculture and outdoor economy, damaging native habitats and costing millions annually in prevention and control efforts. Aquatic invaders like zebra and quagga mussels threaten waterways and infrastructure, while terrestrial species such as emerald ash borer, knotweed and invasive grasses disrupt forests, fisheries and working lands.

House Bill 4134 would help shield Oregonians from these serious impacts and protect the natural resources that our businesses and communities depend on to thrive.

A broad coalition of conservationists, outdoor recreation businesses, tourism professionals, farmers, ranchers, hunters, anglers, educators, labor champions, firefighters, and myriad others submitted testimony calling for passage of the bill.

From the Oregon Coast, Rep. Cyrus Javadi (D - Tillamook) shared, "In Tillamook County, we don't treat habitat and jobs as separate categories. Healthy fisheries. Strong recreation. Local paychecks. They rise and fall together. That's the economics of the coast. For years, wildlife funding has been stretched thin, leaning too heavily on license holders and hoping for temporary fixes. HB 4134 broadens the base in a transparent way and writes the spending direction directly into statute. A modest lodging tax adjustment, tied to long-term conservation work, with clear accountability. If we want Oregon's landscapes to keep driving our outdoor economy, we have to maintain them. That's just responsible governance."

Rep. Susan McLain (D - Hillsboro, Forest Grove and Cornelius) added, "In all my years serving in the Legislature, I have not seen a wildlife funding proposal as meaningful or comprehensive as this bill. Protecting Oregon's beauty and natural resources requires sustainable investment. This is a solution that ensures future generations can enjoy our state's world-class outdoors."

The bill now advances to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

WASHINGTON D.C.

◆ On February 19, Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, Maine's U.S. Senator Susan Collins, and Georgia's U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock led a bipartisan group of Senators in urging U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon to ensure the timely delivery of federal funds from TRIO. TRIO is a long-standing set of federal programs that help approximately 840,000 students prepare for, enter and graduate from college — specifically low-income and first-generation students.

"Unfortunately, in recent years, the Department of Education has failed to award grants to TRIO recipients in sufficient time," the bipartisan group of Senators wrote. "These delays can result in increased strain on program administrators and, more importantly, students. By delaying the execution of these programs, programs may be forced to make difficult decisions, including laying off staff or scaling back services. This has a direct impact on the timeliness and quality of TRIO services, and it may result in students losing access to the help they need to succeed in college."

The Senators stressed, "Congress annually appropriates funding for TRIO on a bipartisan basis, and the FY26 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which President Trump signed into law, appropriated \$1.191 billion for TRIO programs."

Joining Merkley, Collins, and Warnock in signing the bipartisan letter were U.S. Senators Angela D. Alsobrooks (D-MD), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Chris Coons (D-DE), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Angus King (I-ME), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), James Lankford (R-OK), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Jim Risch (R-ID), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Peter Welch (D-VT), and Ron Wyden (D-OR).

Previously, Merkley, and Warnock led another bipartisan group of 34 Senators — including Collins — in demanding the Education Department immediately release critical grant funding for TRIO programs.

Full text of Merkley, Collins, and Warnock's bipartisan letter can be found by clicking here and follows below:

Dear Secretary McMahon:

As strong supporters of the Federal TRIO Programs, we write to urge the Department of Education to ensure the timely execution of the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 TRIO grant competitions for Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers. Specifically, we ask that the Department of Education issue the Notice Inviting Applications for new Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers by March 1, 2026, so that award notices can be released no later than June 30, 2026, and programs can begin promptly on September 1, 2026.

Federal TRIO programs support postsecondary access, retention, and completion for low-income, first-generation students from all backgrounds. These programs help approximately 840,000 students prepare for, enter, and graduate from college each year. Congress annually

appropriates funding for TRIO on a bipartisan basis, and the FY26 Consolidated Appropriations Act, which President Trump signed into law, appropriated \$1.191 billion for TRIO programs.

As you know, the Federal TRIO programs operate on a competitive five-year grant cycle, and for FY26, the Department of Education is expected to issue grant competitions for Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers. The Talent Search program focuses on low-cost, early interventions for students in grades 6-12, and has had successful results. For instance, the Department's own data shows that 22% more Talent Search students enroll in college than students in the bottom income quartile nationally. Educational Opportunity Centers, which prepare adult learners for entry into the workforce, are also similarly effective. For example, data from the Department of Education shows that 73% of eligible Educational Opportunity Center participants applied for college admission.

Unfortunately, in recent years, the Department of Education has failed to award grants to TRIO recipients in sufficient time, despite the fact that the Higher Education Act requires the Secretary to inform TRIO applicants about the status of their application for continued funding "at least eight months prior to the expiration of the grant or contract." For example, last year, the Department of Education delayed releasing more than \$600 million in federal funding for over 2,000 TRIO programs, which impacted over 650,000 low-income, first-generation students.

These delays can result in increased strain on program administrators and, more importantly, students. By delaying the execution of these programs, programs may be forced to make difficult decisions, including laying off staff or scaling back services. This has a direct impact on the timeliness and quality of TRIO services, and it may result in students losing access to the help they need to succeed in college.

As such, the FY26 Consolidated Appropriations Act included language to direct the Department of Education to "ensure that the notices inviting applications for new awards for the Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers grant competitions are published no later than December 1, 2025" and "to take steps necessary to issue grant award notifications for all TRIO programs (both new and non-competing continuation award notices) no later than June 30, 2026."

While December 1 has already passed, the intent of that language is clear — to ensure that the FY26 TRIO competitions and grant award notifications are released in a timely manner. As such, we ask that the Department of Education launch the grant competition for Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers by March 1, 2026, so that award notices can be released no later than June 30, 2026, and programs can begin promptly on September 1, 2026.

We are deeply concerned that any delays in the Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers competition process will result in irreversible damage to our students, families, and communities, as many rely on the vital programs and services provided by TRIO programs. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to ensure that the upcoming Talent Search and Educational Opportunity Centers competition is conducted in a timely manner.

Bend Chamber Proudly Announces 100th Anniversary

by **LISA NIELSEN, Marketing Lead — Bend Chamber**

The Bend Chamber proudly announces its 100th anniversary in 2026, marking a century of supporting the Bend business community since its inception in 1926. Originally called the Bend Commercial Club, the name was officially changed to Bend Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 26, 1926:

“The Bend Commercial Club became history, and the Bend Chamber of Commerce came into existence as the result of action taken today noon at the chamber’s weekly forum luncheon. The change of name from commercial club to chamber of commerce, referred to the forum by the directors, passed by a unanimous vote.” ~ *Bend Bulletin*

To celebrate this historic milestone, the Bend Chamber will launch a year-long Centennial campaign, highlighted by a Centennial Celebration Gala on May 21 from 6-8pm at the High Desert Museum. Attendees can look forward to catered food, beverages, live music, and a festive atmosphere as the community gathers to honor Bend’s business history and future.

In addition to the Centennial Gala, the Chamber will celebrate throughout the year by sharing stories from the past, partnering with longtime Chamber member Deschutes Brewery to create a commemorative collaboration beer, offering special membership promotions, and more.

“For 100 years, the Bend Chamber has been a steady force for business—supporting entrepreneurs, strengthening our local economy, and helping shape the community Bend has become today,” said Sara Odendahl, Bend Chamber CEO. “As we celebrate this milestone, we’re honoring the generations of leaders who built this organization while also looking forward with purpose. The next century will demand bold collaboration, strong advocacy, and innovative solutions — and the Bend Chamber is ready to lead alongside our members as we build a thriving future together.”

Supporting the anniversary announcement is a new website and specialized brandmark featuring a “100 Years” banner. The new site, designed and developed by Chamber member fare*well, showcases a contemporary layout, expanded brand color palette, and easier navigation, and is an outward expression of the continuous improvement mindset embraced by the Chamber.

“Our new website is designed to better support our members and the business community — making it easier to access resources, stay informed,

and engage with the Chamber,” said Lisa Nielsen, marketing lead for the Bend Chamber. “As we celebrate 100 years, this update reflects our ongoing commitment to listening, evolving, and serving the businesses we support in meaningful ways.”

Over the last 100 years, the Bend Chamber has grown into the second largest chamber of commerce in Oregon, with nearly 1,650 business members statewide, second only to the Portland Metro Chamber with approximately 2,400. This sizeable membership enables the Bend Chamber to strongly advocate for the business community at the local, county, state and federal levels.

“The Chamber provides one stop shopping for new and existing businesses to have access to both the services the Chamber provides as well as a place to meet local business leaders to collaborate on mutual challenges. I have yet to meet anyone either working at the Chamber directly or Chamber members that were not willing to help or share information. The Chamber has been invaluable to starting business in Bend and keeping up to date with a changing economic/policy environment,” shared Gary North, Bend Chamber Board Chair.

More recently, the Bend Chamber has been a champion for increasing workforce (middle market) housing, making childcare more accessible and affordable, and spearheading the creation of a bipartisan Central Oregon caucus and Regional Business Alliance. In addition, BendNEXT Foundation, the community investment arm of the Bend Chamber, focuses on strengthening the entire workforce continuum, including community leadership programs, educational events and local talent development.

The mission of the Bend Chamber is to create an environment where businesses, their employees and our community excel together through collaboration, advocacy, resources and leadership to meet Bend’s business challenges.

BendNEXT strengthens our businesses, economy, and our community through workforce development and retention, leadership development, and activating partnerships to tackle our region’s most pressing issues. Our initiatives address obstacles to a robust workforce, including employee needs for housing, affordability, childcare and other essential supports as well creating a business culture of belonging in an informed and connected community.

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The Westman

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Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the three-story 22,100-square-foot building is a notable example of classical architecture adapted to modern styles, featuring reinforced concrete (the first in Bend), terra cotta decorations and Doric columns.

The building was declared excess real property by the U.S. Postal Service in 1981 and was disposed of to Deschutes County late the following year. The property was subsequently acquired by private parties and went through a series of iterations, including mixed-use efforts such as the Post Office Plaza, at one time anchored by the Bend Chamber and featuring assorted office tenants.

Fast forward to 2020, and the property was purchased by a development group with strong Central Oregon roots who contemplated several different concepts before approaching expert hotel development, management and consulting company Embarcadero Hospitality Group (EHG) to collaborate on crafting a unique downtown boutique destination experience.

Meticulous planning covering intensive restoration and repurposing over the intervening years resulted in the independent 23-room hotel The Westman, retaining many original features and elements of the original period style.

Modern luxury blends seamlessly with the historic character of the old post office for a unique guest experience. The Westman features a historic lobby bathed in natural light, a grand stairwell, historic leaded glass windows, a hearth-warmed parlor, and lush outdoor spaces complete with firepits and a soaking pool.

An intimate cocktail bar named Minnie's is open to locals, and the hotel offers games, EV charging stations and a "Very Important Pups" dog-friendly approach — including a welcome package from local company Ruff Wear for such VIP's. Another standout feature is a historic postal vault door that was uncovered during the demolition and has now been integrated as a focal point.

Each of the spacious guestrooms, suites and lofts — with names like Postmaster and Mailroom reflecting original function locations — are individually designed for distinctive comfort, with original architectural details and furniture pieces that carry evocative presence, including replica postal worker desks crafted by local artisans. "It was important to the owners, one of whom grew up in the area, to preserve as many of the features of The Old Post Office as possible, and much of the building's original architecture was kept during construction," Sondra Storm, principal of EHG, which manages the hotel, said. "We chose to provide ample space in the rooms and suites versus trying to maximize the number of units, and could see there was a niche for a unique upscale experience downtown.

"There has been a lot of work involved, a real labor of love, including many local vendors, but a great collaborative team effort realized the vision. Even the color palette honors the past, including blue/grey for the Post Office and green for the U.S. Forest Service, which was originally a co-tenant of the building.

"Guests and visitors have already given overwhelmingly positive feedback and we feel an immense sense of pride and responsibility for this iconic Bend landmark," Storm continued. "Its nearly 100-year-old legacy as a hub for connection has touched generations. In its new life as a boutique hotel, we will continue to bring people together and enrich our community."



BEND'S FEDERAL POST OFFICE ON WALL AND FRANKLIN IN THE 1940'S, COMPLETE WITH RECRUITMENT SIGN ON THE TOP STEP | PHOTO COURTESY OF DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



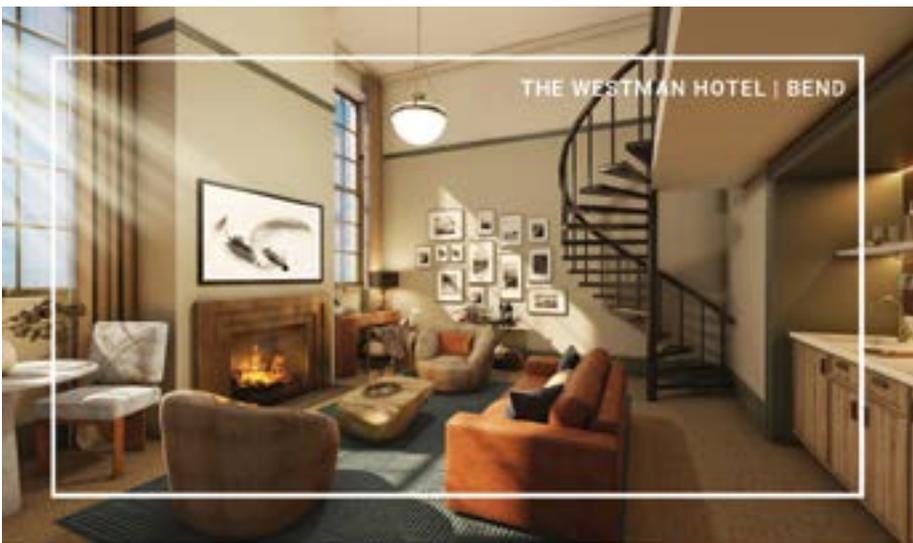
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The hotel was also named after Minnie Westman, Oregon's first female postman, who delivered mail and parcels to otherwise underserved communities through the state's rugged terrain during the late 1800s, at just 20 years old. With her trusty revolver for protection, little stood in Minnie's way — not rough territory nor hungry bears — with her dedication and courage being praised by the *New York Times* in an article published in 1888. "Though Minnie was a pioneer as the

first woman mail carrier west of the Mississippi, few know her story," Storm added. "Our hotel celebrates the wild and independent spirit of the American West and honors this intrepid rebel with a cause and her commitment to creating connection within her community."

The Westman is a prime example of adaptive reuse — a forward-thinking approach in modern architecture in which old buildings are repurposed for new uses, well-suited to the revitalization of historical structures. This technique conserves the building's cultural heritage and offers significant benefits in sustainability and design.

Employing this method, Oregon-based general contractor R&H Construction artfully preserved the authenticity of the building with a transformation integrating contemporary amenities to meet modern expectations while maintaining the building's historical integrity, ensuring that its character and story continue to resonate with guests. "There are not that many historic buildings downtown that have undertaken such extensive rework, and it was an honor to be involved in repurposing the old post office for new generations," said Jacob Hartley, Central Oregon director of operations for R&H Construction. "It was a very



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challenging construction project involving a significant amount of structural remodeling, including removing a load-bearing staircase and building a new one in a more practical location. You can perform investigative/selective demolition, but you never really know what you're up against in a building like this until you start pulling things apart and putting them back together."

Construction started in June of 2024 and was completed in November last year. "It was a challenging project but very rewarding, and it is gratifying for R&H Construction to be part of creating something that the community can be proud of for many years to come," stated Hartley.

One of the standout advantages of adaptive reuse is its conservative environmental impact compared to traditional building. Rather than building new from the ground up, this technique employed for the old post office significantly reduced the amount of construction materials required, reducing waste.

Massive quantities of concrete were also conserved, resulting in an approximate 30 percent reduction in concrete usage compared to a new build. Such measures minimize

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The Westman

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demolition waste and lower the carbon footprint by decreasing the demand for new building materials and the energy used in their production and transportation.

While adaptive reuse requires a higher level of care and a more thoughtful approach to the construction process, it enables the preservation of original architectural elements, such as the intricate lobby finishes, elegant interior staircase, and historic elevator, offering guests an authentic glimpse into the building's storied past. Additionally, artful displays of artifacts from post office operations offer a snapshot of American life in the early to mid-20th century, enriching the visitor experience.

Portland-based Emerick Architects, which specializes in award-winning adaptive reuse and thoughtfully crafted spaces with a focus on preservation and sustainability, was tasked with the challenge of modernizing the space while still maintaining the history, style and nostalgic charm of the old building. "Wherever possible, we prioritized preservation over replacement for both its environmental choice and design ethos," a spokesperson for the group said. "Much of the building's original structure and materials have been retained and restored, including terrazzo flooring, original windows and much of the granite and brickwork.

"Having the honor to preserve this original building is incredibly rewarding. The Westman isn't just a hotel, it's a chapter in Bend's evolving story as it continues to be a hot spot for visitors near and far," the spokesperson continued. "To know that we've helped breathe new life into a landmark that holds personal and historical meaning for so many in the community is such a rare opportunity, and we're excited to unveil the beautiful space that blends old with the new."

Designed as a "love letter to Bend," the project restores the beauty of the original structure, sustainably preserving existing materials, and giving new purpose to the historic building.

LRS Architects provided interior design services, embracing the challenge of modernizing the space while maintaining the history, style and nostalgic charm of the old building. The color palette and materials also draw inspiration from the natural hues of Central Oregon — juniper green, the deep blue of the night sky, and earth tones reflected throughout the surrounding landscape.

The Westman accommodations are designed to showcase the historical elements of the building with each room and common area evoking coziness and warmth, inviting guests to slow down and appreciate their surroundings, with fireplaces, lounges, reading nooks and a rich palette of color, texture and materials.

Artwork by local artists, custom storytelling wallpaper and handcrafted writing desks by regional makers further weave Bend's heritage into the guest experience.

"As a native Oregonian I spent many memorable vacations in Central Oregon, so was particularly excited to be involved in this project," Jenny Baines, senior project manager with LRS Architects, said. "We were interested in the story and in bringing the old building back to life, and strengthening local connections — including using a palette of colors and materials reflective of the area's natural environment. Each room is a unique experience with an elegant yet casual ambience for a more elevated experience. Each floor has its own character and echoes of the art deco inspired style are sprinkled throughout the building.

"It was a fun project to be involved with, and particularly rewarding to help create a

space in Bend that offers something different."

Located on the corner of NW Wall Street and Franklin Avenue at 777 NW Wall St. in Bend, The Westman is now accepting reservations and offers 1pm late check-out times along with discounts for "staycation" deals.

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THE WESTMAN HOTEL

777 NW Wall St., Bend

Property Owner/Developer:

Deschutes Opportunity
Commercial Redevelopment LLC

Contractor: R&H Construction

Sitework Start: June 3, 2024

Completion: November 12, 2025

Square Footage: 22,124 sq. ft.

Amenities: Minnie's cocktail bar, outdoor heated soaking pool, private courtyard with fire pit and lawn games, The Parlour fireside lounge, specialty retail shop, adventure concierge, EV charging stations, dog-friendly property.

Project Manager:

Jacob Hartley, Senior Project Manager,
Michaela Denny, Project Manager

Supervisor:

Brian Casey, Superintendent

Civil Engineer:

Ashley & Vance Engineering

Architect: Emerick Architects,
LRS Architects (interior design)

Principal Architect:

Brian Emerick (Emerick),
Jenny Baines (LRS)

Structural Engineer:

Ashley & Vance Engineering

Civil Engineer:

Ashley & Vance Engineering

Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP) Engineer: PAE

Geotechnical Engineer:

Wallace Group

Special Inspection & Testing Agency: Carlson Testing

Landscaping: Understory

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existing schools, integrating flexible learning spaces, community-use areas and culturally responsive design while preserving important historic and community connections.

Over time, BBT has completed a wide range of educational projects, including the planning and design of new K-12 educational facilities in Gresham, Pendleton, Springfield and on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the renovation of a middle school in Ashland.

Central Oregon projects include Pacific Crest Middle School, which was completed in 2015, and the Caldera High School campus, which opened in southeast Bend in 2021. A phased modernization project for Bend Senior High is ongoing. That project is significant for Burke. "My work at Bend High has been one of the most meaningful projects of my career. I started work on the campus during 2018 with the Maxwell building, and by the time the project is complete, I will have worked on the campus for a decade,"

Burke shared. "I've also volunteered as a coach with the tennis team, which has given me the unique opportunity of getting to know the kids and ingrain myself in the culture and ethos of the school."

Many of the education-focused projects were shaped through long-term collaboration with educators, students and families, reflecting a belief that architecture should respond directly to the people and communities who use spaces every day rather than conform to a singular aesthetic style.

BBT's portfolio also includes civic and regional landmarks and ongoing work with nonprofits and community organizations. Staff regularly contribute volunteer hours and professional expertise to local building initiatives, reinforcing a broader commitment to Oregon.

Evolving Role of Architecture

Over the past five decades, the role of architecture within community life has shifted significantly. While the firm began with a focus on functional, regionally responsive design, today's projects are shaped by broader expectations around sustainability, social equity and long-term environmental impact.



AT CALDERA HIGH SCHOOL, BBT ARCHITECTS DESIGNED A NEW HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS WITH FLEXIBLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND SPACES FOR COMMUNITY USE | PHOTO BY ALAN BRANDT

Contemporary architecture requires deeper engagement with how buildings affect both people and the planet. Human-centered design, sustainable materials and equitable community engagement have become integral to project planning and delivery. These priorities influence not only building performance but also how design teams interact with stakeholders and incorporate feedback throughout the design process.

"There is far greater scrutiny on architecture's impact today than when BBT was founded," Strong noted. "The influence of the built environment on both the planet and the people who inhabit it has moved to the forefront of our work. Human-centered design, sustainable design, and, more recently, socially equitable design have reshaped not only the buildings we create, but the way architects and designers engage with communities and approach the design process itself."

Listening, curiosity, responsibility and collaboration continue to guide BBT's project development and internal culture.

Leadership and Culture

BBT's leadership structure has evolved alongside the firm's growth. After operating under a sole-partner model for a period, the firm transitioned back to a shared leadership approach to support long-term stability and expanded capacity. The current structure allows each partner to focus on areas of strength, from design leadership and studio operations to strategic planning and business development.

"The firm's character and core values have been very consistent over the years. What has changed is how those values show up in our work," Alexander said. "Curiosity continues to start with listening, but today it means engaging more intentionally with communities and understanding a broader range of perspectives. Responsibility has expanded from doing things well and thoughtfully



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to considering long-term environmental impact, resilience and the health of the people who use our buildings every day.

"Courage still means asking questions and challenging assumptions, but now it also means advocating for more sustainable, inclusive outcomes in an increasingly complex world. Those values continue to guide how we design — focused on people, place and lasting impact."

Within the firm, emphasis is placed on mentorship, collaboration and professional development. Staff are encouraged to seek mentors both within and outside the organization, and leadership creates opportunities for emerging architects to take on greater responsibility.

As a majority woman-owned firm with a predominantly female staff, BBT views its organizational makeup as part of a broader effort to support inclusion and leadership development within the architecture profession.

"That mindset carries through in how we mentor the next generation — passing the baton intentionally and creating opportunities for leadership so knowledge, responsibility and care for the work continue forward," Strong said.

Measuring Impact Beyond Aesthetics

For BBT, the success of a project is measured less by visual appearance and more

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by how well a building supports the people who use it. The firm relies heavily on community engagement, including listening sessions, focus groups and immersive experiences that allow designers to understand daily routines and user needs.

"We want to retain our 'small-town' approachability and listening to the needs of our clients and their communities even as we continue to push our sustainability goals," Burke shared.

In educational projects, team members may spend time observing school operations firsthand to gain insight into how spaces function throughout the day.

This process-driven approach ensures that design decisions reflect real-world use rather than purely conceptual goals. When a building becomes an actively used part of its community, it is considered a primary indicator of success.

"Honoring our history means staying grounded in the way we work: listening first, building trust and remaining closely connected to the people and places behind each project. Our commitment to educational institutions remains foundational, shaped by long-standing partnerships with educators, students and families," Strong said.

"At the same time, we see opportunities to apply that same community-centered approach more deeply with community colleges, healthcare organizations and city, county and tribal governments. In that way, growth is less about scale and more about impact — bringing what we do best into more civic contexts where thoughtful, collaborative design can make a lasting difference."

As Central Oregon continues to grow, preserving a sense of place has become another key consideration. BBT works to integrate regional history, climate and cultural context into its designs, often blending contemporary materials and technologies with references to local industries and landscapes. The goal is to create buildings that feel both current and rooted in their surroundings, reflecting the character of the communities they serve.

Sustainability and the Future

Sustainability has become a foundational element of BBT's design philosophy. Rather than treating it as an optional feature, the BBT team incorporates sustainable strategies and healthy building practices into projects from the outset. This includes energy modeling, careful material selection and long-term operational planning to ensure buildings remain efficient and resilient over time.

"Sustainability is no longer an additional service and is something that is deeply ingrained into our design process," Burke said. "Our projects are inherently sustainable, healthy buildings as a baseline with the option to pursue innovative and ultra-high efficiency systems and equipment."

Environmental challenges such as wildfire risk and water scarcity are increasingly shaping design priorities in Central Oregon. As a result, the firm is focused on creating buildings that reduce environmental impact while supporting community resilience. Sustainable design decisions are evaluated not only for their environmental benefits but also for their long-term financial and operational performance.

Looking to the Next 50 Years

As BBT Architects enters its sixth decade, its priorities remain grounded in regional identity and long-term relationships. Rather than pursuing rapid geographic expansion, the firm is focused on deepening connections with communities across

Oregon and applying its collaborative approach to a broader range of civic, healthcare and educational projects.

"Our role is to help communities articulate what they value, where their needs overlap and how those priorities can be translated into clear project goals," Alexander said. "When engagement is organized and intentional, it creates space for people to contribute thoughtfully while also staying informed about how the project is progressing and why certain decisions are made."

Just as important, these conversations work both ways. Community members have an opportunity to share their perspectives, but also to better understand the



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realities and responsibilities involved in designing, building and maintaining public facilities. That shared learning builds trust, strengthens consensus and leads to outcomes that feel genuinely supported rather than imposed."

The BBT leadership team hopes the firm's legacy will be defined not only by the buildings it has designed, but also by the partnerships and shared purpose that have shaped its work over the past 50 years.

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Keeping the Fire, Averting the Burnout

by Expert SUE MEYER —
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Question:

I'm passionate about opening my own construction company, and excited to be my own boss. But I'm also worried about burning out. Do you have any advice?

A You're smart to address this concern now. Opening and running your own business is rewarding, but it's also quite demanding. It's natural, especially in startup mode, to work many hours. Burnout can impact your health, decision-making, morale and the overall sustainability of your company. Because burnout can build quietly, here are some signs and steps to take to stay healthy and balanced.

Early signs of burnout include **constant fatigue**, even after rest, and **irritability or impatience** with employees or customers. You might feel a **loss of motivation** for projects you once enjoyed, a **decline in productivity**, or **isolation** brought on by withdrawal from your team or loved ones. And **physical symptoms** like headaches, insomnia or tension might be contributing factors.

- 1. Know your triggers.** Every business owner has pressure points. Common triggers can include overcommitment — saying “yes” to everything — and an inability to delegate. Financial pressures and constant worry about cash flow or payroll might be the cause. Or working with unclear boundaries and having work invade every hour of the day.
- 2. Get to the source.** Track which specific tasks, or times of day or days of the week, drain your energy. Determine the days and times that work best for administrative needs, those that are best for production, and those that are best for working with clients and vendors. Determine when your energy dips during the week to help pinpoint what's depleting you.
- 3. Put up new systems.** Design your business and systems to run with you, not through you. Delegate or automate routine tasks — and empower your

team in the process. Create predictable workflows so your day isn't a string of emergencies. Schedule dedicated “CEO time” to work on strategy. Create or use no-code systems for scheduling, payments and client communication.

- 4. Treat your energy like the asset that it is.** As a business owner, your energy is your most valuable resource. Conserve it by setting boundaries, such as no emails after a certain hour. Prioritize sleep — it's a productivity multiplier — and take microbreaks throughout the day. Schedule short walks or other exercise to help reduce cortisol. Make moments to celebrate wins (both large and small) and carve out some downtime.
- 5. Branch into a support network.** You don't have to go it alone. Facing challenges with others helps you feel less isolated, more able to manage stress. Connect with peer groups for shared problem-solving, and mentors or coaches can offer seasoned perspective. Recruit a trusted team member to take on some added responsibility. Mental health professionals can assist with burnout recovery and resilience.

For confidential, no-cost advising, reach out to the trusted advisers at Central Oregon Community College's Small Business Development Center at cocc.edu/sbdc or 541-383-7292.

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Ask SCORE

Starting Your Journey to Entrepreneurial Success

by JIM DARCEY — SCORE Central Oregon Chair

Starting a new business can be scary — no two ways about it. That's okay! Millions of successful business owners were once in the position you may be in right now. They were worried about finances, what would happen if they lost money or didn't have enough to support their business early on, how they'd find customers, and whether they even had the emotional strength to survive the entrepreneurial roller coaster. In short, they worried about failing.

Rest assured, every entrepreneur who is today a model of success had these same fears. So, you're not alone. Take comfort in the fact that these people succeeded despite their fears, and with the right preparation, help and guidance, so can you!

Where's the best place to start? By looking inward.

Are You Ready to Start a Business?

It's a simple question with a not-so-simple answer. Determining whether you have what it takes to start a business requires unvarnished honesty and a frank assessment of your strengths and weaknesses. You'll need to assess your motivation, your skills and experience, your financial resources and your support system. It helps to have a mentor guide you through this phase, because this self-assessment will lay the groundwork for your future success.

Define and Validate Your Idea

Just because you have the skills and experience to operate a business like the one you envision, that doesn't mean you should start a business like the one you envision.

You'll need to identify how your idea stands out from the competition and whether it's viable over the long term. You'll need to research industry data, customer data and competitor business models. The Deschutes Library has a wealth of research data available to help you in this area.

You'll need to create financial projections and identify funding sources.

Once you've validated your idea, you can finally start thinking about turning it into a business.

Create a Business Plan (or a Business Model Canvas)

Most successful businesses start with a business plan, but not all business plans are created equal. While certain financial entities and investors still require a formal business plan, there are easier and quicker options to help with decision-making. A business model canvas, for example, condenses all the information included in a traditional business plan and turns it into a chart that fits onto a single page. Ask yourself which option is right for your situation.



Find Funding

A lack of funding is one of the main reasons many businesses fail, and if you can't figure out a sustainable financial path, yours may be one of them. The good news is there are numerous options: traditional bank loans, investments, credit cards, friends and family, grants and more.

Every option has an upside and a downside, however, so you'll need to educate yourself on every aspect of the financing method you choose.

Build an Administrative Infrastructure

Accounting, insurance and legal considerations aren't the exciting parts of starting a business, but collectively they are one of the most important parts. How you manage money, how you approach risk and liability, and how you safeguard yourself and your team from liability matter tremendously, especially in the vulnerable, formative stages of your business.

Develop Processes for Pricing, Sales, Marketing and Distribution

One of the biggest mistakes many entrepreneurs make when starting a business is giving away their products or services for a song as they seek to build a consumer base. While it makes sense in the moment, it actually hurts in the long run because it devalues what you're selling.

Building sales pipelines and identifying appropriate marketing channels early in your entrepreneurial journey can go far in educating prospects to help them understand the value your product or services will deliver.

Weigh the Pros and Cons of Hiring

There are tremendous benefits to hiring people to help you with your business. You have a team of people who can interact with customers, manage production, and/or process orders. There are also considerable challenges — payroll, record-keeping, job descriptions, screening, worker's compensation, benefit plans, etc. Dive into the details before making your first hire so you have a clear picture of what hiring entails.

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Q&A with Jeff Curtis

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on some amazing Central Oregon courses. Overall, my family and I love the outdoor recreation that exists here, from seemingly infinite hiking possibilities to enjoying the river. I'm excited to get out and about, to explore this region and to live a balanced life. I've always pursued that balance, in work, play and family. Central Oregon seems like a place where my family and I can find that balance.

Tell me about your feelings as you were first coming into this position. How does it feel to be guiding the future of the region's largest gathering space?

After being in Alaska, as beautiful as that state is, it feels like I'm coming home. I am happy and honored to take my talents to the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center. My first thought upon seeing the property was "wow, this place is spectacular." When you look at the grounds, you don't see age. You see respected, well-taken-care-of infrastructure with smart layout for parking, events and even just to see geographical landmarks like the Cascade Peaks. I think it is such an amazing opportunity to be in charge of such a special piece of land, here in Redmond. I'm honored to be its steward and guide into the future, and I'm certainly looking forward to my tenure here.

Tell me about how you will run the show. What changes are planned for the fairgrounds? What will remain the same?

The first step is to step back. I think it is vitally important to my position to take some time and evaluate not only the entire property, but also the region and the many people who call this place home. It is so important to merge my own feelings, ideas and understandings with that of the community. I don't want to come in and make vast swaths of changes without understanding what this place means to people. I need to understand how the space is used, what's been working and what can be improved upon. I need to get to know the region on a personal level to better understand how I can improve this beautiful property. Once I learn more and get the chance to consider public opinion, changes will naturally grow and evolve going forward, but I have no sweeping changes at the moment. For now, I'm excited to run some events and learn more about the region.

Which event/events are you most excited to see, personally?

The Deschutes County Fair, without a doubt. It's the crown jewel. At every fairgrounds across the country, as much as we take pride in every other event and booking, the pinnacle, the showcase event of the year, is the fair. Ultimately, we are the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center. It's in the name. I want to bring a lot of new energy here, to an already quality fair. I'm so excited to see it for the first time, to see it in person, to see who comes, to see why people come, and adapt from there. I really consider it to be the shining star event of the year. I'm most excited about those five days in July. I was able to reach record attendance during my tenure in Alaska, and I'm excited to see how we can continue to make this fair the highlight of the year.

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~ Jeff Curtis, Director
Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center

Facilities with Conference Space *(Listed Alphabetically)*

This is a sampling of Central Oregon's Facilities with Conference Space. If you would like to be added to this list, please email cbn@cascadebusnews.com.

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Bend Park & Recreation District - Hollinshead Barn 1235 NE Jones Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-706-6149	541-388-5429	www.bendparksandrec.org/rental/hollinshead-barn facilityrentals@bendparksandrec.org	Customer Service	0	1983	0	1	55	1,216	Varies	No	N/A
Bend Park & Recreation District - Riverbend Community Room 799 SW Columbia St. Bend, OR 97702	541-706-6149	N/A	www.bendparksandrec.org/park/district-office facilityrentals@bendparksandrec.org	Customer Service	0	2009	0	1	80	1,800	Varies	No	N/A
Bend Park & Recreation District - The Pavilion 1001 SW Bradbury Way Bend, OR 97702	541-389-7588	N/A	bendparksandrec.org info@bendparksandrec.org	Customer Service	60	2015	N/A	1	75+	25,000+	Varies	N/A	Kevin Collier
Bend Park & Recreation - Larkspur Community Center Event Room 1600 SE Reed Market Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-706-6149	N/A	www.bendparksandrec.org/facility/larkspur-community-center facilityrentals@bendparksandrec.org	Customer Service	0	2001	0	1	250	3,500	Varies	No	N/A
Bend-La Pine Schools 520 NW Wall St. Bend, OR 97703	541-355-4701	N/A	www.bend.k12.or.us becky.taylor-negus@bend.k12.or.us	Becky Taylor-Negus	2,300	1883	0	1	125	0	Varies	No	N/A
Benham Hall at SHARC PO Box 3278 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-585-3144	541-593-6900	www.sunriversharc.com/eventspace sharcevents@srowners.org	Ashley Delepine	150	2012	0	4	44-350 (up to 1,250 outdoor amphitheater)	775-5,000 sq. ft.	\$50-\$3,000	No, but have partnered caterers	Scott Reese
Best Western Newberry Station 16515 Reed Rd. PO Box 2820 La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-5130	541-536-7779	www.bestwestern.com/newberrystation 38147@hotel.bestwestern.com	Tiffanie Shaw	20	1996	60	1	35	400	\$75 per hour	No	Tiffanie Shaw
Black Butte Ranch 12930 Hawksbeard PO Box 8000 Black Butte Ranch, OR 97759	541-595-1267	N/A	www.blackbutteranch.com events@blackbutteranch.com	Monica Moran	390	1970	91 homes that can sleep 578	4	225	340-2,600	Varies, please email.	Full Service On-Site	Kim Kohn
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend 500 NW Wall St. Bend, OR 97703	541-617-2877 x7	N/A	www.bgcbend.org jennifer@bgcbend.org	Jennifer Braden	30	1995	0	1	Up to 416 w/out tables, 250 w/tables.	Gymnasium	\$350-\$1,100	No	N/A
Brasada Ranch 16986 SW Brasada Ranch Rd. Powell Butte, OR 97753	888-487-3563	N/A	www.brasada.com Nicholec@brasada.com	N/A	280	2007	170	7	200	8,023 indoor space & 26,050 outdoor space	Varies	Yes - farm to table	N/A
Central Oregon Community College - Bend 2600 College Way Bend, OR 97703	541-383-7775	541-383-7297	www.cocc.edu/departments/campus-services/event-space/bend	Online	760	1949	N/A	60	12-250	2,570 sq. ft.	\$40-\$150/hr	Yes	N/A
Central Oregon Community College - Bend Summer Group Housing 2600 College Way Bend, OR 97703	541-383-7525	N/A	www.cocc.edu/departments/residence-life/summer-groups summergroups@cocc.edu	Summer Groups Associate	350	1949	162	60	12-250	2,570 sq. ft.	\$40-\$150/hr	Yes	N/A
Central Oregon Community College - Redmond SE College Loop Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-2900	541-504-2939	www.cocc.edu/departments/campus-services/event-space/redmond	Online	39	1949	0	Community room, classrooms, computer labs, conference rooms.	18-74 depending on room.	2,400 sq. ft.	\$40-\$80/hr with a 50% discount for nonprofits (does not include event assistance)	No	N/A
Chan's of Bend Inc 1005 SE Third St. Bend, OR 97702	541-389-1725	N/A	www.chanschinese.com ziyanzhang18@gmail.com	Yan Zhang	20	2012	0	3	40	0	Varies	Yes	Yan Zhang
COCC Crook County Open Campus 510 SE Lynn Blvd. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-6442	N/A	www.cocc.edu/prineville prinevillecampus@cocc.edu	Suzie Kristensen, Tracy Crockett	3	2011	0	5	Dec-40	1,031 (1 room) - 2,042 (combined 2 rooms)	\$40-\$100 per hour	N/A	prineville-campus@cocc.edu
Country Inn & Suites 1773 NE Third St. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-7100	541-447-9109	www.countryinns.com/prineville-hotel-or	Customer Service	17	1999	63	2	50	744	\$83-\$112	No	N/A

Bowtie Catering Unveils New Space

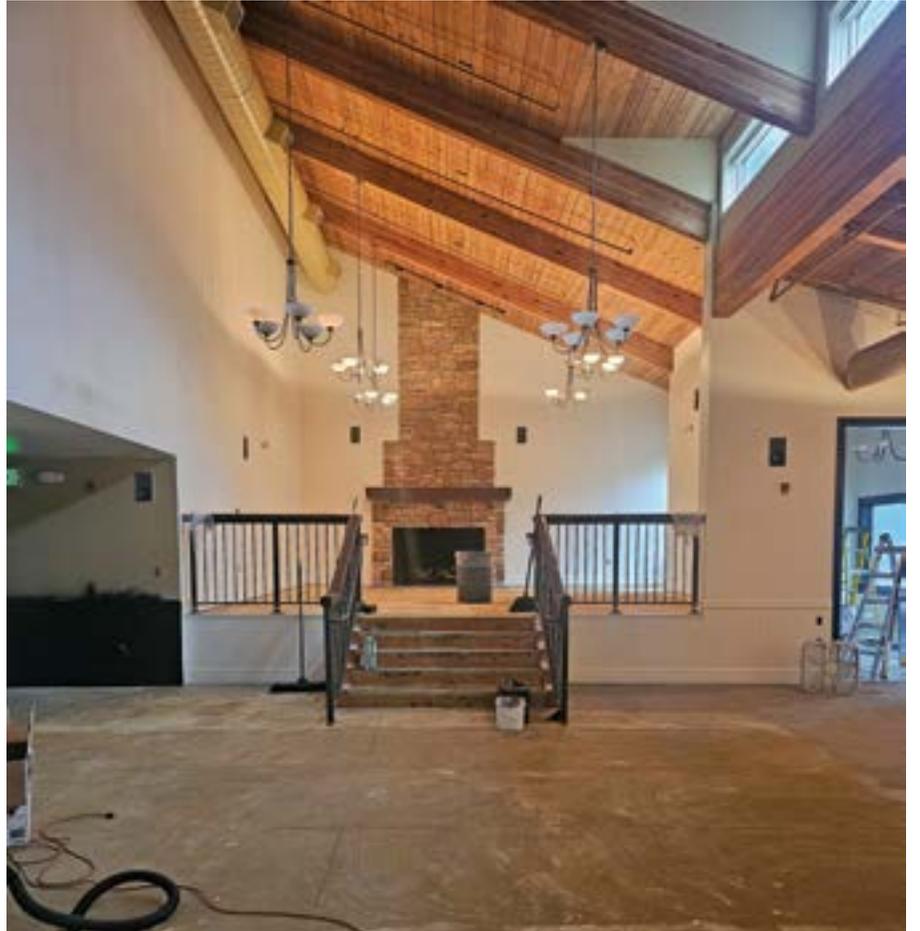
More Options to Gather at Seventh Mountain Resort

by **NOAH NELSON** — CBN Feature Writer

Bowtie Catering Co. is a women-led business that embodies culinary excellence and personalized service in Central Oregon. With over eight years of experience, their team crafts exquisite spreads for high desert events, garnering community recognition and prestigious awards. Rooted in a farm-to-fork heritage and meticulous attention to detail, Bowtie Catering Co. provides full-service catering customized for events of any scale.

Sanda Costello, after emigrating from Romania and managing multiple restaurants for ten-plus years, founded Bowtie Catering. Making the transition wasn't difficult for her, as "food is food, and this is what I'm best at," she says.

Now, Costello has the chance to wow guests with a new event space, situated within the beautiful Seventh Mountain Resort, just south of Bend down the Cascade Lakes Highway. She envisions this space to be a place for



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family reunions and weddings, but also wants to keep it open for the "Monday through Friday folk," as she puts it. Meaning, that this space, while ideal for large and elegant group gatherings, will still be available for team retreats,

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Crook County Fairgrounds 1280 S Main St. PO Box 507 Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-6575	541-447-3225	www.crookcountyfairgrounds.com ccfgstaff@co.crook.or.us	Parker Gales	3	1901	0	21	350	5,500	\$325-490	Available upon request	Casey Daly
Deschutes Children's Foundation - Becky Johnson Community Campus 412 SW Eighth St. Redmond, OR 97756	541-699-1261	N/A	www.deschuteschildrensfoundation.org brandy@deschuteschildrensfoundation.org	Brandy Richardson	1	2000	N/A	1, with option to divide into 2	40	997 sq. ft.	Call for rates	No	Brandy Richardson
Deschutes Children's Foundation - East Bend Campus 2125 NE Daggett Ln. Bend, OR 97701	541-585-3606	N/A	www.deschuteschildrensfoundation.org Robyn@deschuteschildrensfoundation.org	Robyn DeMartin	1	2009	0	1, with option to divide into 2	40	948	Call for rates	No	Robyn DeMartin
Deschutes Children's Foundation - La Pine Community Campus 51627 Coach Rd. La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-2975	N/A	www.deschuteschildrensfoundation.org ciarand@deschuteschildrensfoundation.org	Lily Wisner	1	2000	N/A	1	10	151	Call for rates	No	N/A
Deschutes Children's Foundation - Rosie Bareis Community Campus 1010 NW 14th St. Bend, OR 97703	541-388-3101	458-256-4141	deschuteschildrensfoundation.org info@deschuteschildrensfoundation.org	Ciaran Jones, Cassi MacQueen	3	1990	N/A	1	60-Max	N/A	Call for rates	No	N/A
Deschutes Fair & Expo Center 3800 SW Airport Way Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-2711	N/A	www.expo.deschutes.org Brandi.Ebner@deschutes.org	Brandi Ebner	11	1999	0	14	1,600	75,000+	Call for information	No	Brandi Ebner
DiamondStone Guest Lodges 16693 Sprague Loop South Of Sunriver, OR 97739	541-306-8070	N/A	www.diamondstone.com/diamondstone-events diamond@diamondstone.com	Doug & Gloria Watt	4	1992	5 units	1	30 indoors - 100 outdoors	1,300	Variable	Can arrange	Doug & Gloria Watt
Eagle Crest Resort 1522 Cline Falls Rd. Redmond, OR 97756	855-682-4786	N/A	www.eagle-crest.com info@eagle-crest.com	Customer Service	150	1985	100	5	1,300	10,000	\$100-\$1,000	Yes	David Campbell
Faith Hope & Charity Vineyard 70450 NW Lower Valley Dr. Terrebonne, OR 97760	541-526-5075	541-550-2249	www.faithhopeandcharityevents.com cindy@fhvinyards.com	Cindy Grossmann	8	2010	N/A	3	150-200 beginning Spring 2020	2,000 sq. ft.	Call for details	Yes	Cindy Grossmann
FivePine Lodge & Conference Center 1021 Desperado Trail Sisters, OR 97759	866-974-5900	541-549-5200	www.fivepine.com gw@fivepine.com	Greg Willitts	39	2007	44	4	250	9,000	Reasonable	Yes	Amanda Pierce
Hana'i 62430 Eagle Rd Bend, Or 97701	541-668-6494	N/A	www.hanaifoundation.org info@hanaifoundation.org	Ashlee Gruver	0	2022	0	3	Call for details	1200- 4000 sq. ft.	Starting at &60 per/hr	N/A	Aslee Gruver
High Desert Museum 59800 S Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97702	541-382-4754 ext. 222	541-382-5256	highdesertmuseum.org info@highdesertmuseum.org	Ashley Hammond	40	1982	0	6	200	7,000	Please call or email	No	N/A
Hilton Garden Inn 425 SW Bluff Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-617-6111	541-617-6112	www.bend.hgi.com Cindy.Flues@hilton.com	Customer Service	30	2004	96	3	140	1,820	Varies	Some	Customer Service
House on Metolius NF-980 PO Box 100 Camp Sherman, OR 97730	541-595-6620	N/A	www.metolius.com house@metolius.com	Rachel Gonzalez	6	2012	8 in house (additional rooms in cabins)	1	75-100	75-100	\$3,150 per night plus tax (additional cabins available if needed)	No	Rachel Gonzalez
Juniper Golf Course 1938 SW Elkhorn Ave. Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-8198	N/A	www.playjuniper.com Pcashman@playjuniper.com	Pat Cashman	54	1952	0	1	200	2,700	Call for rates	Yes	Jennifer Jones, jjones@playjuniper.com
Juniper Preserve 65600 Pronghorn Club Dr. Bend, OR 97701	541-693-5388	N/A	www.juniperpreserve.com kasey.conner@juniperpreserve.com	Kasey Conner	130	2004	104	7	4-125, outdoor 250	250-2,146 sq. ft.	Call for rates	Yes	Cas
Lake Creek Lodge 13375 SW Forest Service Rd., #1419 Camp Sherman, OR 97730	541-588-2150	N/A	lakecreeklodge.com marketing@lakecreeklodge.com	Customer Service	10	1935	22 Cabins	2	115	400	Call for information	Yes	Customer Service
McMenamins Old St. Francis School 700 NW Bond St. Bend, OR 97703	541-330-8569	N/A	www.mcmenamins.com sarahn@mcmenamins.com	Sarah Nielsen	85	2004	61	2	100	2 spaces (800 sq. ft.) (1,250 sq. ft.)	Call for information/website	Yes	Sarah Nielsen

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards

A Place to Gather

by **NOAH NELSON** — CBN Feature Writer

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards was founded back in 2010 by Cindy and Roger Grossman, “inspired by a deep-rooted passion for hospitality, agriculture, and the land itself,” Cindy said.

With a background familiar in resorts and tourism, they first considered other farm-to-table concepts to focus on, like blueberries, wildflowers and other crops. Ultimately, they set their sights on the grand endeavor of founding and running a world-class vineyard.

“At the time, vineyards and wineries were not a common part of Central Oregon’s agricultural Landscape,” Cindy said. “However, extensive research into viticulture, including studies through the University of Minnesota and Oregon State University, revealed the potential for cold-hardy, French-American hybrid varietals to thrive in our region’s short growing season. With a strong understanding of Oregon’s winery laws and a vision for creating a destination that combined wine, hospitality, and the natural beauty of Central Oregon, we fully dedicated ourselves to this ambitious agricultural project.”

The result today in 2026 is a beautiful cross-section of agriculture, tourism and events. And of course, all the natural beauty they started with, and more.

The meeting space at Faith Hope & Charity is second to none, and stands out among the regional options.

Nestled in a private valley on a 312-acre farm, the winery is surrounded by expansive views of nearby mountain peaks like Faith, Hope, and Charity, (the names of the Three Sisters Mountains), as well as Broken Top and Mount Bachelor.

“Unlike more densely packed wine regions, our setting offers open space, tranquility, and a true escape into nature,” Cindy said. “Our farm, with a 15-



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acre vineyard and winery, was thoughtfully designed with rolling farmland, lush lawns, flower gardens, a pond, patios, and greenbelts, making it a true destination experience.”

Unlike other places to imbibe, the vineyard here is family-friendly. Woodfired pizzas come fresh from the oven and keep all ages happy. Guests both young and old are delighted to visit with the other guests of the vineyard—the alpacas and cats that call this place home.

The vineyard hosts live music three nights a week in the summer, along

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FAITH HOPE CHARITY VINEYARDS

Faith, Hope & Charity Vineyards offers an amazing place to hold any meeting or gathering for your company. With the beautiful views and idyllic surroundings, we are the perfect place to hold your event. We offer three indoor meeting areas with capacity for 100, 50 and 25 respectively. Two of the meeting areas can be conjoined for greater capacity of 150 if required. An additional event space is under construction with a seated capacity of 200. Tented events for up to 500 attendees is available.



5-41-526-5075 marketing@fhcvineyards.com
70-450 NW Lower Valley Dr Terrebonne, OR 97760



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Meadow Lakes Restaurant 300 SW Meadow Lakes Dr. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-7640	541-447-7831	www.meadowlakesgc.com restaurantcookerguy@yahoo.com	Client Services	20	1993	0	1	150	3,000	Call for information	Yes	Tawna James
NINETEEN at Awbrey Glen 2500 NW Awbrey Glen Dr. Bend, OR 97703	541-317-2885	N/A	www.awbreyglen.com mikeb@awbreyglen.com	Tim Casnelli	50	1993	0	1	60	1,000	Varies, \$500-\$1500	Yes	Tim Casnelli
Open Space Studio 220 Latayette Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-410-5866	N/A	www.openspace.studio info@openspace.studio	Leah Rutz	2	2021	0	2	120	3,000 sq. ft.	Call for information.	Local catering optional	Leah Rutz
Pine Forest Grange 63214 Boyd Acres Rd. PO Box 8256 Bend, OR 97701	541-330-5557	N/A	www.pineforestgrange.org	N/A	0	1920	N/A	1	150	3,000	\$50/hour	Yes, outside catering.	N/A
Pine Ridge Inn Hotel & Suites 1350 SW Colorado Ave. Bend, OR 97702	541-389-6137	541-385-5669	www.pineridgeinn.com frontdesk@pineridgeinn.com	Delaney O'Connor	13	1982	20	1	20	400	Call for information	No	Maryann Leyen
Rally Recreation 549 NW York Dr., Ste. 240 Bend, OR 97703	541-241-8581	N/A	www.rallyrecreation.com info@rallyrecreation.com	Kate Wymore	2	2024	0	2	12-16 for private meeting rooms; 75 for entire facility	2,200	\$250 - \$800/two hours meeting room or entire facility	Can arrange	N/A
River Run Lodge 1730 Blue Heron Dr. Eagle Crest Resort Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-4501	N/A	www.riverrlodge.com info@riverrlodge.com	Emily Dunn, Zach Dunn	2	2005	0	3	235 - wedding & event venue.	0	Varies	Open vendor policy	Emily Dunn, Zach Dunn
Riverhouse Lodge 2850 Rippling River Ct. Bend, OR 97703	541-617-7278	541-389-0781	www.riverhouse.com	Jeanine Conforti	160	1974	223	18	2025	36,000	Call for information	On-Site	N/A
Seventh Mountain Resort 18575 SW Century Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-8711	541-382-3517	www.seventhmountain.com eveanny.zhirnoz@travelandleisure.com	Eveanny Zhimoz	150	1971	190	11	400	5,500	\$150-\$5,000	Yes	Sharron Stewart
Sunriver Resort 17600 Center Dr. PO Box 3609 Sunriver, OR 97707	855-420-8206	541-593-2742	www.sunriver-resort.com info@sunriver-resort.com	Jena Dyches	950	1968	649	16	10-650	44,600 (Total)	Call for information	Yes	Jena Dyches
Tetherow Event Pavilion 61240 Skyline Ranch Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-388-2582	N/A	www.tetherow.com events@tetherow.com	Jennifer Geers	240	2016	50 boutique hotel rooms & 40 vacation rental homes	6	Varies	4,746 sq. ft.	Varies	Yes	Jennifer Geers
The Haven 1001 SW Disk Dr., Ste. 250 Bend, OR 97702	541-323-9675	N/A	www.worklifehaven.com info@worklifehaven.com	Carrie Douglass, Hosanna Wilder	4	2019	N/A	4	12 & 20 (rooms); 120 (event)	5,000 sq. ft. event rental	Conference rooms \$100/hr & \$700/day, podcast room \$50/hr & 350/day, library \$150/hr & \$1,000/day	Client determines	N/A
The Oxford Hotel 10 NW Minnesota Ave., Ste. 120 Bend, OR 97703	541-382-8436	541-382-8437	www.oxfordhotelbend.com devin.cuzzolina@oxfordhotelbend.com	Devin Cuzzolina	65	2010	59	4	14-175	425-2,100	Varies	Yes	Stephanie McNeil
The Suttle Lodge & Boathouse 13300 Hwy. 20 Sisters, OR 97759	541-638-7001	N/A	www.thesuttlelodge.com sales@thesuttlelodge.com	Sami Sherwood	30	2015	11 Lodge Rooms plus 16 cabins	1	25	5,000	Call	Yes	Anne Wilson
The Westwoods 18575 SW Century Dr., Ste. 220 Bend, OR 97702	541-241-8711	N/A	Coming Soon bowtiegateringbend@gmail.com	Sonda Costello	3	2026	0	1 plus patio	120 seated 200 standing	2,100	Call for rates	Yes	Sonda Costello
Worthy Brewing Company 495 NE Bellevue Dr. Bend, OR 97701	541-241-6310	N/A	www.worthybrewing.com events@worthybrewing.com	worthy-brewing.com	100	2013	N/A	1	Varies, contact for details.	N/A	Contact for rates	Onsite catering	Sarah Coursey

Open Space Event Studios

At the Center of Bend

by **NOAH NELSON** — CBN Feature Writer

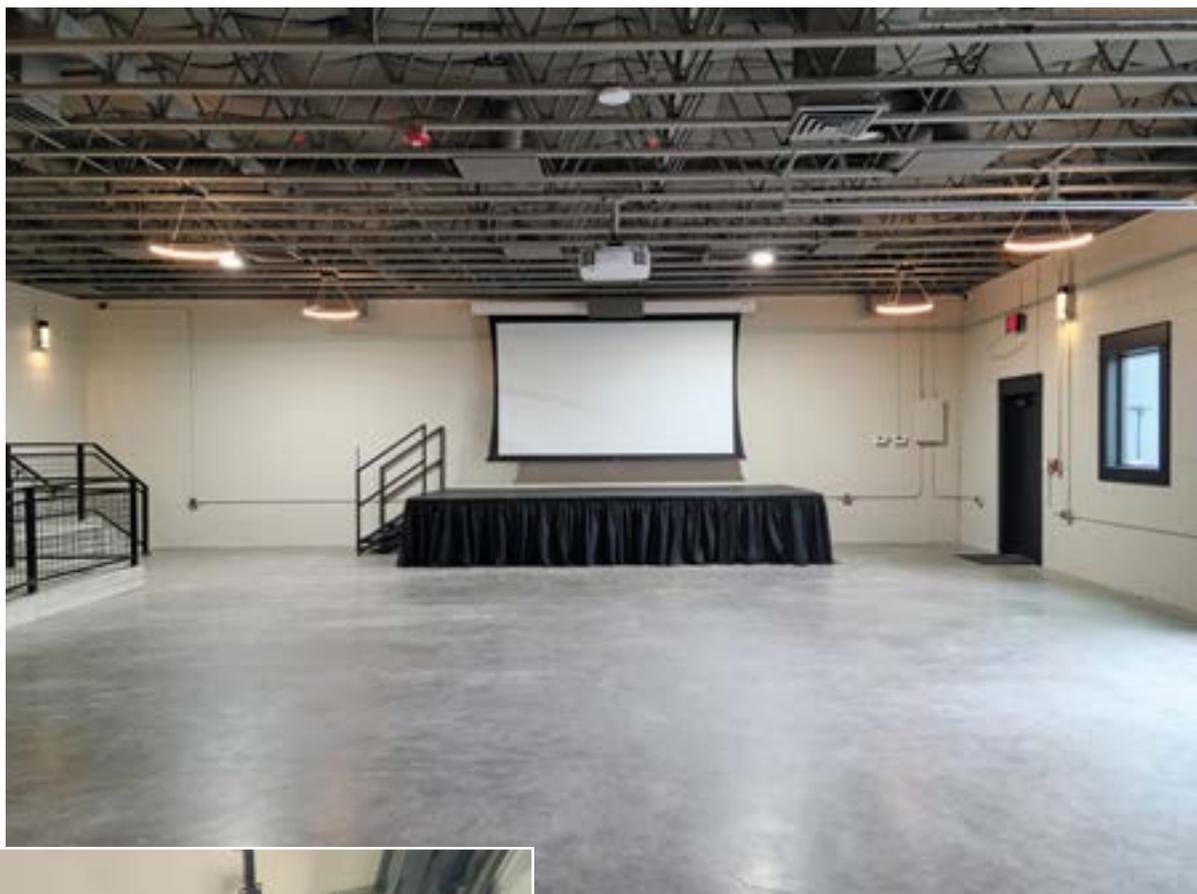
Open Space Event Studios sits in the heart of Bend's Central District, and as the district continues to develop and morph into a more urban and lively collection of city blocks, filled with mixed-use developments, Open Space will be remembered as one of the original businesses to help forge the way.

Open Space provides a contemporary and flexible setting for all kinds of events, from business gatherings and retreats to parties, live performances, farmers markets, wine tastings and so much more.

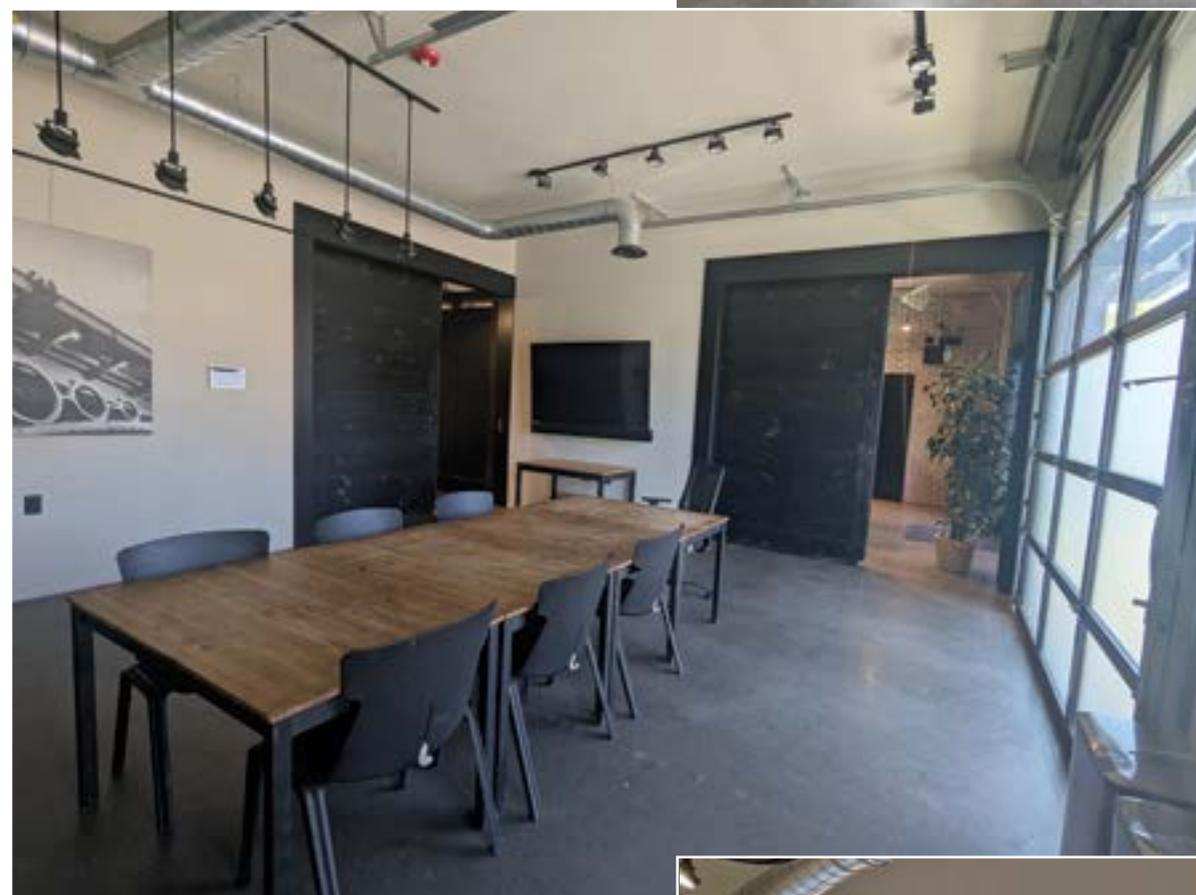
Before it was Open Space, the building was used as a grassroots community theatre. It was a meeting hub for local creatives to write, perform, share and gather. When the current owner bought the space, they didn't want to take that away; they wanted to expand upon its original concept. They wanted a space in the center of town that did everything.

The goal of Open Space is to be a diverse intersection of community activity in Bend, both literally and figuratively; they welcome events of all kinds, and literally sit near the exact middle of town in the burgeoning Central District.

A major draw to Open Space lies in accessibility. Central Oregon has a wealth of meeting and event space, but many of the options are not viable for most people and



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past, they were much more hands-on with setup and planning, but found that they would have to increase their costs to maintain that level of involvement. To keep the space open and accessible to everyone, they now operate somewhere closer to a brick and mortar Airbnb. They welcome guests, tell them everything they need to know, give them access to everything they may need, and let them handle things from there. This lets event planners have full creative freedom with the space, while also maintaining the accessibility of the space.

The team at Open Space believe it is important to welcome all sides of Bend, from cultural celebrations and live theatre to business and civic events, understanding that serious conversations around local governance can be intimidating to people, and a welcoming space can help alleviate that issue.

Looking into the future, Open Space plans on continuing this balanced path that highlights every part of Bend culture. They will continue to offer nonprofit rates to help keep the space accessible and pursue the highest quality possible for every event.

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groups in town. Big businesses and wealthy groups can make any space work, but what about the people who used to use this space as a community theater? The team at Open Space wanted to offer their space to everyone, without cutting off the community that created this gathering space in the first place.

As a result, Open Space stands as an affordable and viable option for many groups that would otherwise have to look much further out of town for any space to gather. That being said, Open Space provides high quality and much sought after gathering space with the capabilities to make nearly any event come to life. It is rare to find a space that hosts community theater and live DJ sets one week, followed by events run by EDCO, Bend Outdoor Worx and Cultivate Bend the next week

This provides prospective events and planners the chance to unveil creative, new ideas and test them out before expanding to other spaces. An example is the local Bend Moonlight Market. This event has grown to regional popularity and can now be found across town on certain dates, but they were first introduced to the community through Open Space.

Something else that sets Open Space apart, while also keeping their costs accessible, is their attitude towards throwing and planning events with their clients. In the



Bowtie Catering

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board meetings, pitch meetings and more, adding to the meetings space in or near Bend that offers professionals both space and natural beauty.

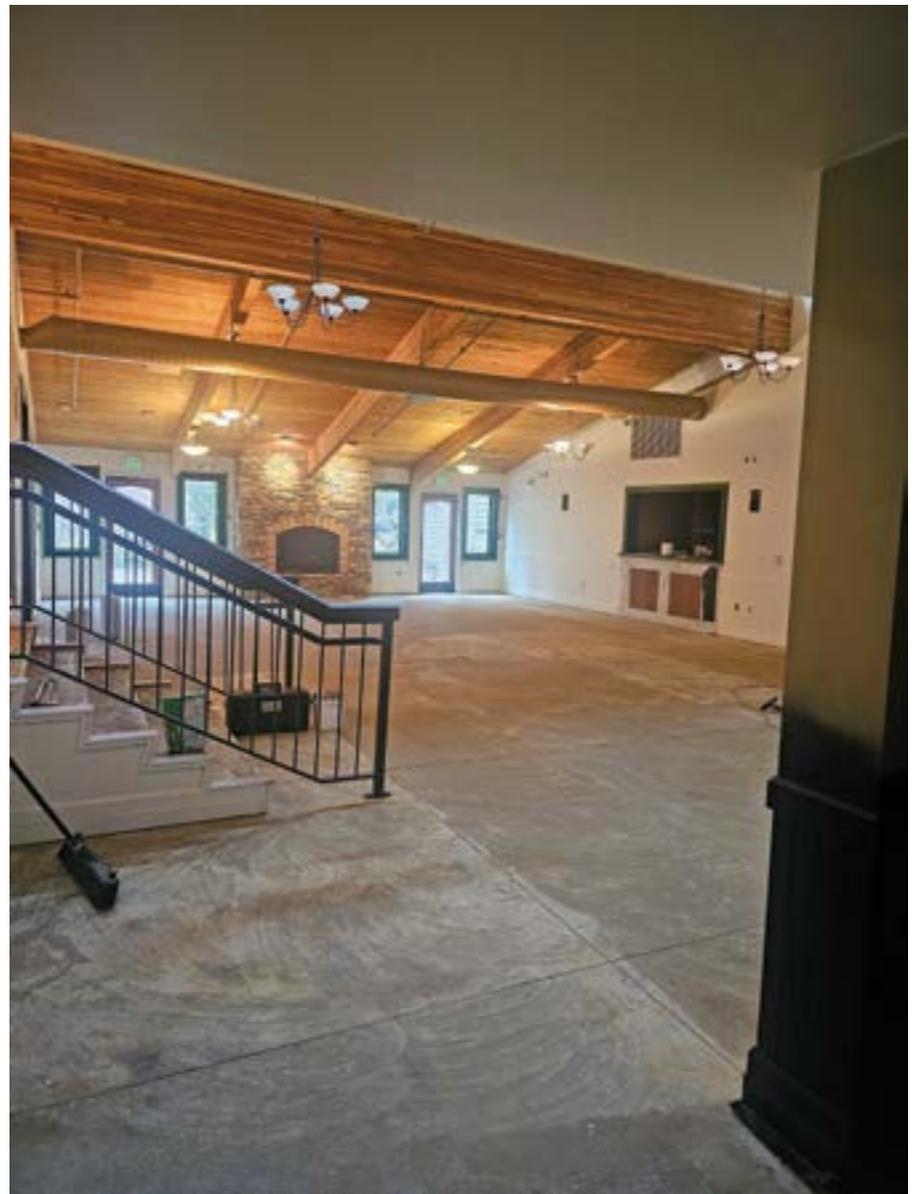
The space itself can accommodate a large diversity of groups, with up to 120 occupants. There are ten speakers hooked up throughout the room, saving guests the hassle of bringing their own. In fact, guests won't have to worry about anything, from speakers and wifi to video conferencing tech, cameras, microphones, screen sharing capabilities, and of course, good food and beverages.

"My goal here is to create an all-inclusive space that meets a wide variety of needs," Costello said.

With Costello and Bowtie Catering, there is an emphasis on personal connection. From designing the menu to staging the event, Costello stays engaged. She manages the front of the house as well as the back, ensuring everything — from cut of meat to serving temperature — meets her standards. "This means you're not handed off to anonymous teams," she said. "At Bowtie, your event matters to the founder as if it were my own."

In addition, Costello imagines the space to be for everyone, specifically envisioning how to bring locals more into that group. From community partnerships to offering up workspace, Costello has plans to bring in locals, so that the people who call Bend home can still enjoy the beautiful things and places that are oftentimes seen as for tourists. All in all, Costello wants people — all people — to feel safe and welcome in her space.

When it comes to style, Costello plans on merging her own style with local PNW features. 13 chandeliers are on their way up, creating what she calls a "European boujee flare." And just outside of this flare sits the stunning backdrop of ponderosa pines and scenic mountain peaks.



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From family reunions to weddings, business retreats and even just as space to work, Costello is excited to do what she loves: gathering people of all kinds into her space, and treating them like guests in her own home. For catering and event service with that kind of feeling, look no further than Bowtie Catering in their new space at the Seventh Mountain Resort.

Events in this space are already being booked.

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Hosting Meetings at Deschutes Children’s Foundation Strengthens Local Nonprofits & Expands Community Impact

by **STEPHANIE POWELL, Events & Marketing Manager — DESCHUTES CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION**

As local nonprofits face growing needs and tighter resources, Deschutes Children’s Foundation (DCF) invites our community to remember that something as simple as where you hold your meetings can make a real and lasting impact.

By hosting meetings, trainings, retreats and community gatherings in one of DCF’s four campus community rooms, local businesses and organizations directly support the nonprofit partners caring for children and families across Central Oregon.

DCF’s mission is simple yet powerful: to provide the space and support nonprofits need to help children and families thrive. Each year, DCF campuses serve approximately 19,000 individuals, nearly one in ten Deschutes County residents, by offering space, facility management and collaborative support to more than 23 nonprofit partners.

“As community needs grow, our mission is more important than ever,” said Cassi MacQueen, executive director of Deschutes Children’s Foundation. “Our nonprofit partners rely on us to keep their spaces safe, functional and affordable so they can focus on delivering critical services. When the community chooses to meet at DCF, they become part of that impact.”

Four Campuses. One Shared Mission.

Deschutes Children’s Foundation offers four community meeting spaces across Central Oregon designed to foster collaboration while directly supporting local nonprofits:

- **East Bend Campus Community Room** (up to 40 guests) – Flexible space for meetings, trainings and community gatherings.
- **Becky Johnson Community Center – Redmond** (up to 40 guests) – Centrally located room serving North County partners and events.
- **Rosie Bareis Community Campus – Bend** (up to 60 guests) – DCF’s largest meeting and conference space, ideal for workshops and larger trainings.
- **La Pine Community Campus** (up to 8 guests) – A vital hub for South County childcare resources and community connection.

Why It Matters

Choosing DCF for offsite meetings, board retreats, or workshops does more than reserve a room, it strengthens the nonprofit ecosystem.

Meeting rental revenue is reinvested into campus operations, ensuring partner nonprofits have safe, professional and affordable space to deliver critical services.



ROSIE BAREIS COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM | PHOTO COURTESY OF DESCHUTES CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION

It keeps dollars local, supports collaboration and helps sustain programs ranging from child abuse prevention and mental health support to housing assistance, childcare, education and family stabilization.

“The community relies on our nonprofit partners. And our nonprofit partners rely on us,” MacQueen added. “Hosting your meeting at DCF is a simple, tangible way to stand behind the children and families of Central Oregon.”

About Deschutes Children’s Foundation:

Founded in 1990, Deschutes Children’s Foundation manages and maintains four nonprofit service centers in Bend, Redmond and La Pine. By providing collaborative spaces and operational support, DCF empowers its 23 nonprofit partners to focus on their core missions, collectively serving over 19,000 vulnerable children and families each year.

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Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards

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with specialty events such as car shows, nonprofit fundraisers, Mother’s Day brunches, and their annual Father’s Day fly-fishing events. They also cater to weddings, corporate gatherings, and wine-paired dinners. All of this introduces guests from around the world to world-class wines.

The vineyard also hosts their own charity event, the Crush Cancer 5k, 10k and half marathon. Established in 2013 when Cindy’s daughter-in-law was diagnosed with cancer, the charity event was founded to raise money first to support other nonprofits such as Fred Hutchinson and Ronald McDonald House. Two years ago, the vineyard founded their own 501c3 nonprofit to cover everyday expenses for cancer patients: food, rent, utility bills, travel expenses and more, allowing them to give directly to patients in need right here in Central Oregon.

With thousands of square feet of patio space next to a stocked pond, multiple venue options, and expansive acreage, Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards stands ready to accommodate all sorts of events, from



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corporate meetings, to charity fundraisers, weddings and more.

“For smaller, more intimate gatherings, our tasting room provides a cozy and welcoming atmosphere. Our upstairs meeting space serves multiple purposes—it’s ideal for business meetings, wine-paired dinners, or as a bridal suite where the bride can prepare for her special Day,” Cindy said. “For larger events, our tented space accommodates up to 100 guests, with the flexibility to expand if needed. Beyond indoor spaces, we offer several stunning outdoor meeting areas, including a gazebo, greenbelts within the vineyard, an expansive lawn, thousands of square feet of patio space, and a picturesque pergola and lawn by the pond. These spaces allow guests to immerse themselves in the

beauty of our vineyard while enjoying the serenity of the surrounding landscape.”

And that truly is what makes Faith Hope and Charity stand out; the natural landscape, those inescapable views, and the unmistakable sense of peace that the vineyard provides. It’s the whole package that keeps guests coming back year after year.

With the strong base of consistent guests and award-winning wine, the vineyard is looking ahead to expand operations and provide an even greater experience to guests.

“We are currently in the process of building a 12,000 sq. ft. tasting room expansion and event center, designed to host 250-300 guests,” Cindy said. “This new space will feature a large tasting bar with seating for 25-30 people, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for wine lovers. The event center will also have the flexibility to divide into smaller, separate rooms, allowing for more intimate gatherings, corporate meetings, or private events.”

Cindy said that they are planning on building overnight accommodations on property, so that guests will be able to enjoy the space for more than an afternoon. In addition, the vineyard has recently unveiled a collection of 5-acre homesites available for purchase. Each parcel provides exceptional privacy, sweeping Central Oregon views, and generous space for a private vineyard, hobby farm or custom country estate.

Cindy said that, “With these exciting developments, Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards is set to become not just a winery, but a true destination—a place where people can gather, celebrate, and create unforgettable memories in the heart of Central Oregon while enjoying award-winning wines grown right here on site.”

The Crush Cancer fundraiser will be held at Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards on May 16, 2026, with sponsorship opportunities still available. Visit faithhopeandcharityevents.com/crush-cancer-event for more information.

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Caterers (Listed Alphabetically)

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Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	Contact	Staff	CO Year Est.	Services
AlpenGlow Adventure Catering 190 Oregon Ave. Bend, OR 97703	425-269-0751	N/A	www.alpenglowadventurecatering.com AlpenGlowAdventureCatering@gmail.com	Robert Dudzik	3	2019	Bringing farm-to-table catering to the great outdoors, we partner with professional chefs & local farms to create fresh, seasonal & flavorful meals for any gathering. Our chefs specialize in over-fire & over-coal cooking, crafting gourmet dishes that highlight the best of locally sourced ingredients. Whether it's a private retreat, corporate event or intimate celebration, we provide an unforgettable dining experience in any setting. Multiple menus to choose from, customizable options.
Ben & Jerry's 680 SW Powerhouse Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-312-8115	N/A	benjerry.com/bend	Customer Service	7	2000	Catered sundae parties for all occasions inc. office, wedding & birthday parties. Custom ice cream cakes & wedding cakes. Scooping Ice cream & smoothies from the cart at outside events.
Bleu Bite Catering 63016 NE 18th St. Bend, OR 97701	541-388-1104	N/A	www.bleubitecatering.com info@bleubitecatering.com	Cerstin Cheatham, Vivian Levi	11	2000	Full service, off-site, contemporary catering, from corporate luncheons to weddings.
Bowtie Catering Co. 18575 SW Century Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-241-8711	N/A	www.bowtiecateringbend.com bowtiecateringbend@gmail.com	Sanda Costello	6	2014	Customized, personalized menu that fits clients individual needs, featuring recognizable gourmet food with fresh, locally sourced products, executing a delicious cuisine with a high quality presentation & service.
Breck Morgan Catering 62605 Waugh Rd. Bend, OR 97701	541-977-7902	N/A	bmcatere@aol.com	Breck Morgan	1	1993	Supporting National Guard, Law enforcement & regional fire agencies. We have three mobile catering units that allow us operational mobility. We can support large off premise events, studio & movie sets. Our units are also available for rent.
Cascade Catering Company 1605 Lyle St. Bend, Or 97701	541-480-4199	N/A	www.cascadecateringco.com ken.cascadecatering@gmail.com	Ken Clarke	1	2020	Caterina all occasions, private parties, wedding receptions, barbeques, corporate events & lunch delivery, dessert & holiday parties.
Chan's of Bend Inc 1005 SE Third St. Bend, OR 97702	541-389-1725	N/A	www.chanschinese.com ziyanzhang18@gmail.com	Yan Zhang	20	2012	Large banquets.
Cody's Country Catering 900 SE Wilson, Unit B Bend, OR 97702	541-383-5014	541-383-3851	www.bendcatering.com cody@bendcatering.com	Cody Serbus	8	1992	Central Oregon's premiere caterer. Authentic ranch style BBQ, specializing in a variety of events. Home of the Famous Tri-Tip sandwich.
McKay Cottage Restaurant 62910 OB Riley Rd. Bend, OR 97703	541-383-2697	541-383-8022	www.themckaycottage.com pam@themckaycottage.com	Pam Morgan	35	2006	Full-service catering including beer & wine, full-service restaurant.
Sandwich Factory & Landmark Catering 277 NE Court St. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-4429	541-447-2910	www.sandwichfactoryprineville.com cpentrack@hotmail.com	Woody Stevens, Celena Pentrack	9	1978	Full-service caterer for all occasions. Breakfast, lunch & dinner. Dine in or take out.
Sunriver Resort 17600 Center Dr. PO Box 3609 Sunriver, OR 97707	855-420-8206	541-593-2742	www.sunriver-resort.com info@sunriver-resort.com	Lindsay Borkowski	950	1968	Full service on & off-premise catering, including weddings.

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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.
Cog Wild Bicycle Tours Tours LLC Central Oregon	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.
Cruizy 695 SW Mill View Way Bend, OR 97702	541-200-8130	N/A	www.cruizyfun.com ride@cruizyfun.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	Chelsie Fisher	30	2001	Lodging, guided whitewater rafting, upriver RV park, seasonal restaurant, local partnerships for other adventures.
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	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 Agoes	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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Advance Portable Toilets 1300 SE Wilson Ave. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-6660	541-385-6061	www.advancedportabletoilets.com cust2912@wcnx.org	Michael Grove	14	1994	Portable restrooms & storage containers.	Handicap units, sink units, free standing exterior sinks & complete line of portable toilets for any type of event.
Audio Visions Plus 1842 First St., Ste. A Redmond, OR 97756	541-480-6299	N/A	www.audiovisionsplus.com sales@audiovisionsplus.com	Eric Tolstoy, Scott Thompson	8	1996	Video sound systems, computer data projectors, videographics & recording equipment.	All your audio visual rental needs, wedding and events, trade shows including pipe and drape.
Central Event Rentals 62890 Peerless Ct., Ste. 1 Bend, OR 97701	541-598-6203	N/A	www.centraleventrentals.com rentals@centraleventrentals.com	Bruce LeBlanc	5	2007	Canopies, tables, chairs, dance floors, stages & decor.	Party & wedding equipment rentals.
Flip Flop Sounds 20664 Carmen Loop, Ste. 1 Bend, OR 97702	541-633-9775	N/A	www.flipflopsounds.com info@flipflopsounds.com	Courtney Latham	3	2009	Lighting for events, speakers, mics, projectors & screens.	DJ, event sound, event lighting, live sound for bands.
Revel Pro AV 20585 Brinson Blvd., Ste. 1B Bend, OR 97701	541-205-4249	N/A	www.revelproav.com freddie@revelproav.com	Freddie Gateley	5	2025	Projectors, screens, sound systems, wireless microphones, laptops, video conferencing.	Custom audio, video and acoustic systems, designed for clarity, reliability and ease of use.
West Coast Event Productions 63064 NE 18th St., Ste. 102 Bend, OR 97701	541-330-0300	541-330-0320	www.wcep.com ddsmith@wcep.com	Duane Smith	5	1980	Tables, chairs, audio-visual, tents, lounge furniture, staging, flooring, props, theme events, flatware, glassware, pipe & drape, meeting/conference equipment, china, linens & chair covers, flowers.	Event rentals, special effects, weddings, decor, customized props.

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Central Event Rentals 62890 Peerless Ct., Ste. 1 Bend, OR 97701	541-598-6203	N/A	www.centraleventrentals.com rentals@centraleventrentals.com	Bruce LeBlanc	5	2007	Party & wedding equipment rentals & retail party supplies.	Canopies, tables, chairs, dance floors, stages & decor.
Cheerful Event Rentals 360 NE Kearney Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-797-9713	N/A	www.CheerfulRedesign.com CheerfulEventRentals@gmail.com	Leah Latham	1	2023	Lounge furniture & decor rentals, design, delivery in Central Oregon for weddings, galas, fundraisers, parties.	Sofas, chairs, side tables, rugs, pillows, foliage, LED furniture, ottomans & backdrops.
Curated Event Rentals - Styling 615 SE Glenwood Dr., Ste. 107 Bend, OR 97702	541-200-7059	N/A	www.curatedeventsbend.com info@curatedeventsbend.com	Kimi Chassie, Taylor Steele	2	2022	Rentals, styled groupings, weddings, corporate meetings & parties.	Tables, seating, dinnerware, barware, decor & more.
DiamondStone Guest Lodges 16693 Sprague Loop South of Sunriver, OR 97739	541-306-8070	N/A	www.diamondstone.com/diamondstone-events diamond@diamondstone.com	Doug or Gloria Watt	4	1992	Rural 3,800 sq. ft. homestead lodge on 1.5 acres may be used for indoor (4 seasons) or outdoor (summer/fall) events like small weddings, anniversaries, family reunions, business conferences, etc. Call to discuss. Mini-resort offers overnight lodging, vacation packages & unique motorcycle rentals.	N/A
Events by Mint 21099 Ann Margaret Dr. Bend, OR 97701	541-318-7400	N/A	www.eventsbymint.com info@eventsbymint.com	Kerry Bergler	5	2005	Event planning & design for weddings, corporate events & private parties.	Call for information.
Neon Toast 827 SE Business Way, Ste. M Bend, OR 97702	541-285-3678	N/A	www.neon-toast.com hello@neon-toast.com	Abby Torchio	1	2014	Event design & planning.	Custom installations, signage, display accessories & decor.
The Indigo Bride 644 NE Greenwood Ave., Ste. 200 Bend, OR 97701	541-362-4967	N/A	theindigobride.com hello@theindigobride.com	Bree Denman	6	2017	Full-service wedding planning, partial planning & day-of coordination for Oregon & luxury destination weddings.	N/A
Wanderlust Tours 61535 S Hwy. 97, Ste. 13 Bend, OR 97702	541-389-8359	N/A	www.wanderlusttours.com info@wanderlusttours.com	Courtney Braun, Jared Garfield	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.	N/A
West Coast Event Productions 63064 NE 18th St., Ste. 102 Bend, OR 97701	541-330-0300	541-330-0320	www.wcep.com joe.stefanich@wcep.com	Joe Stefanich, Kezia Steinmetz	3	1985	Event rentals, special effects, weddings, dA©cor, customized props.	Tables, chairs, audio-visual, tents, lounge furniture, staging, flooring, props, theme events, flatware, glassware, pipe & drape, meeting/conference equipment, china, linens & chair covers.



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Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	Contact	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	Howie Pruitt, Matt Cyrus	1997	Howie Pruitt	68.7-75.4	125-140	72	5,594 - 7,302	\$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 golf@awbreyglen.com	Tommy Berg	1993	Andrew Silvestri, andrew@awbreyglen.com	59.2 - 76.9	101 - 143	72	3,707 - 7,019	Call for membership, ask for Sarah Price, membership@awbreyglen.com	Private, member-owned club. Championship golf, panoramic mountain views, pristine conditioning, exceptional dining & a vibrant year-round community.
Bend Golf & Country Club 61045 Country Club Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-382-3261	541-382-4603	www.bendgolfclub.com info@bendgolfclub.com	Josh Coccagna, Monte Hanson	1925	Karen Goodman, Operations Manager Monte Hanson, Head Golf Pro	66.0 to 73.9	120 to 142	72	5,493 to 7,100	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	541-595-1500	541-595-1293	www.blackbutteranch.com golfgroups@blackbutteranch.com	Jeff Fought	1970	Jeff Fought, Director of Golf	71.2-73.3	131-133	72	7,002 to 5,485	\$100 walking	Mountain views, layout through ponderosa pines offers challenge. Designed by Robert Muir Graves & Damian Pascuzzo. 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	Kyle Johnson	2007	Kyle Johnson	74.2	145	72	7295	\$285 peak season	Semi-private.
Broken Top Club 62000 Broken Top Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-383-8200	541-383-1963	www.brokentop.com brokentopclub@brokentop.com	Mike Sizemore	1993	Jack Perkins- General Manager, Travis Moore- Head Golf Professional	64.5 to 73.5	109 to 131	72	7,161 to 5,281	\$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	Ron Burger	2001	Ron Burger, Director of Golf	59.5 to 61.1	95 to 105	63	3,684 to 4,160	\$44	Tight fairways & lightning 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 randyballard@crookedriverranch.com	Randy Ballard, Richard Jensen	1972	Judy Latora, 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@destinationhotels.com	Mark Meyer	1995	Mark Meyer, PGA, Club Manager & Head Golf Professional	68.0 to 76.6	120 to 146	72	5,213 to 7,683	\$215 (must be lodging with Sunriver Resort)	Heathland Scottish Links style - 4,150 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	Ron Burger	1986	Ron Burger, Director of Golf	69.1 to 75.5	121 to 132	72	6,673 to 5,340	\$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	Ron Burger	1986	Ron Burger, Director of Golf	69.1 to 75.5	121 to 132	72	6,673 to 5,340	\$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	Tom Baker, Jeff Fought	1979	Jeff Fought, Director, Tom Baker, Head Pro	72.9-63.4	135-110	72	7,007 - 4,909	\$44-\$82	Mountain views & ponderosa pines. Designed by Gene 'Bunny' Mason & recently re- designed 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 r Malone@playjuniper.com	Rob Malone	1952	Rob Malone, GM, Tam Bronkey, Head Pro	65.7 to 74	117 to 130	72	7,186 to 5,500	\$88 weekend, \$88 weekdays. Afternoon, twilight & off-season rates avail.	Walkable course wanders through sagebrush, juniper trees & lava rock outcroppings.
Lost Tracks Golf Club 60205 Sunset View Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-385-1818	541-317-9589	www.lostracks.com info@lostracks.com	Bob Garza	1995	Brian Whitcomb, PGA Pro	68.6 to 72.7	126 to 136	72	7,003 to 5,344	\$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	Zach Lampert	1993	Tyler Millsap, Golf Course Superintendent. Zach Lampert, Golf Pro.	63.2 - 71.9	107 - 131	72	4,858 - 6,783	\$80 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 prinevillegolf@questoffice.net	Marge Pierce	1949	N/A	64	115 to 117	65	4,974	\$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@juniperpreserve.com	Tyler Ames	2004	Jerrel Grow	70.8	138	72	6,533	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	Todd Sickles	1991	Todd Sickles, PGA Pro	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.
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	Troy Eckberg	1986	Troy Eckberg, Director of Golf	69.6	130	72	5,340 to 6,683	\$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-resort.com	Chris Points	1999	Chris Points, Head Golf Professional	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@destinationhotels.com	Chris Points	1981	Chris Points, Head Golf Professional	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	Nick OrRico, Scott McIntyre	2008	Hunter Hidalgo, Director of Golf	75.3 - 69.6	147 - 127	72	7,298	\$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	Mike Gruber	1995	Mike Gruber	59	100	58	3,554	\$46, \$31. After 1pm: \$31, \$26 for 9 holes.	Well-designed & playable 18 hole mid-iron course. Robert Muir 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	Randy Akacich	1985	Randy Akacich	Men - 34.2/125 Women - 33.5/123	N/A	36	2,361 - 2,952	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	Brad Hudspeth	1991	Brad Hudspeth	60.1-74.4	109-145	72	6,905 to 3,785	\$55-\$125	Well-maintained course, 11 lakes, 50+ bunkers, full service club, indoor pickleball & bar.

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Kara Campuzano



Sonya Weimer

We're excited to welcome **Kara Campuzano** and **Sonya Weimer** to the **Riverhouse Lodge** sales team as senior sales managers, both of whom joined us on February 9, 2026.

Campuzano will oversee the Corporate Group and Government Group markets. She brings nearly 20 years of hospitality experience spanning operations, catering, sales and marketing, along with a strong understanding of both the guest experience and hotel performance. This role is a full-circle moment for

Campuzano, as she previously worked on property earlier in her career. Based remotely in Salem, Campuzano is an Oregon native with a deep connection to Central Oregon and a passion for community, relationship-building and creating welcoming, meaningful experiences.

Weimer will manage the Ski and Non-Legacy Association Group markets. With more than 20 years of experience in hotel sales and operations, Weimer is known for building strong relationships, driving results and leading successful sales efforts across multiple properties and brands. Based remotely in Colville, Washington, Weimer frequently spends time in Bend and brings a strong appreciation for destination-driven meetings and outdoor-focused group experiences.

Together, Campuzano and Weimer add depth, momentum and proven leadership to the Riverhouse Lodge's already dynamic sales team.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Bend (BGCB) has announced **Jennifer Graham** as their new chief operating officer. Graham will lead Club operations and programming, supporting staff and systems that help deliver safe, high-quality experiences for the youth and families BGCB serves.

Graham is a longtime Central Oregon resident and youth-focused nonprofit leader dedicated to creating environments where young people feel connected, challenged and able to grow. "I'm honored to join Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend and support the incredible work already happening here and I'm excited to work alongside this team and community to reach more youth and strengthen programs," Graham said.

A former elementary school teacher, she brings both classroom and systems-level experience to her work with youth and families. Graham most recently served as youth programs manager at East Cascades Works, where she led regional initiatives connecting youth across rural, urban and tribal communities to opportunity and support. She has been recognized locally for her leadership and contributions to youth initiatives across the region.

"I am so excited to work with Jennifer," CEO Michael Baker said. "She brings a wealth of experience to her role and is going to be instrumental in helping our organization serve more members, more often with deeper impact. Jennifer is going to be critical to our successful expansion to other communities in Deschutes County that desperately need our services."

Graham joins BGCB at an exciting time as the Club seeks to expand programs and services and serve more Central Oregon youth.



Jennifer Graham

Kernutt Stokes, an Oregon-based accounting firm with four offices in the state, announces the addition of three new associates.

Montana State University graduate **Bailey Vargas** and Brigham Young University-Idaho graduate **John Workman** are joining the firm's Eugene

office. Oregon State University graduate **Jonathan Roth** will work in the Corvallis office.



Hailey Groh

NAI Cascade announces **Hailey Groh** as the newest member of its property management team. A licensed Oregon real estate broker, Hailey brings both a strong industry foundation and a natural ability to connect with clients and colleagues, making her an immediate cultural fit.

"Hailey's drive and genuine care for people and the position stood out from day one," said Katy Haines, Managing Principal Broker and Director of Operations. "She's the kind of professional who elevates everyone around her. Her energy and dedication bode well not only for her own success but for the growth and strength of our entire property management department."

Hailey's background spans real estate sales and healthcare operations, including leadership roles overseeing multi-site clinic operations and revenue cycle management. Her experience in team supervision, workflow optimization, and client relationship management translates seamlessly to commercial property management, where responsiveness and attention to detail are critical.

"From the moment Hailey joined our team, her warmth and genuine enthusiasm stood out. She brings positive energy to everything she does and approaches her work with both care and professionalism. Hailey builds trust quickly and consistently, which makes her an incredible asset to our clients and our team. I am confident she understands the importance of the full-circle service that NAI Cascade Property Management has built its reputation on and will continue to carry that standard into the future."

Bend-based composer and pianist **Paula Dreyer** has been awarded third place in The American Prize, a prestigious national competition recognizing excellence among composers across the United States.

The American Prize honors outstanding works for orchestra, chorus, concert band, chamber ensemble, theater, opera, dance and film. Dreyer's award recognizes compositions from her album *Central Star* and her collaboration with choreographer Kevin Jenkins. Jenkins' dance work *Still Waters* brought Dreyer's music into a powerful interdisciplinary setting, expanding the reach of the compositions through movement.

Dreyer's compositional process is rooted in improvisation and intuition. She composes directly at the piano, shaping musical ideas organically until their emotional arc, sonorities and proportions fully emerge. "Composing is one of my favorite activities in life," Dreyer says. "When I compose and perform, I experience a deep sense of focus and connection. In those moments, the distractions of daily life fall away, and I'm fully present in the music."

In addition to her nationally recognized compositional work, Dreyer is the creator of the Piano Flow Live concert series, an immersive performance experience that brings original piano music into distinctive natural and cultural settings throughout the region. Her performances have taken place on candlelit ski trails, inside lava caves, at the Tower Theatre, beside mountain lakes and among blooming lavender fields. Each concert is conceived as a collaborative artistic event and features a visual artist painting live, creating a one-of-a-kind experience shaped by place, season and creative dialogue.

This recognition also highlights Central Oregon's growing presence on the national composition scene. Fellow Bend resident Chris Thomas received an American Prize award last year, underscoring the region's vibrant and evolving creative community.



Paula Dreyer

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Five Central Oregon Craft Beverage Brands Partner to Create the 'Oregon Beverage Collective'

by ZACK HALL

In a move that underscores the power of collaboration and the enduring spirit of Central Oregon's craft beverage community, five iconic brands — Crux Fermentation Project, Silver Moon Brewing, Cascade Lakes Brewing Co., GoodLife Brewing and Tumalo Cider Co. — are joining forces under a newly formed coalition named Oregon Beverage Collective (OBC). This strategic partnership is more than a business decision; it's a shared commitment to preserving local legacy brands, investing in community and building a sustainable future for regional beverages.

Crux Fermentation Project leads the way in this alliance. Crux has been a local Central Oregon brand since 2012, and over the years, it has built its name across the Pacific Northwest. Crux is constantly pushing boundaries with inventive beverages, such as NØMØ non-alcoholic brews, and a commitment to traditional techniques, such as barrel aging and brewing with whole-cone hops. Crux's blend of innovation, craftsmanship and community presence has made it a standout force in the vibrant craft beer scene for over 14 years.

"We're incredibly proud to have the Crux legacy join those who call Central Oregon home, but who also share our passion for pushing forward," said Larry Sidor, Crux co-founder and former brewmaster. "This alliance will ensure Crux will grow in the collaborative hands of folks who truly get what makes it special."

"Crux has always been anchored in community and collaboration from the beginning — in many ways, it's always belonged to the people who gathered on the lawn and filled the tasting room," added Paul Evers, who also co-founded Crux. "This Collective is a natural extension of that ethos — a community of breweries marching together into the next era of craft beverages. We've known the team behind the other brands in this Collective for years, and they're a natural fit to join forces in this next chapter."

At the heart of this alliance is Steve Augustyn of Silver Moon Brewing, known for creating the pub's vibrant culture while maintaining its bold beers and deep community roots. Silver Moon has a history that spans facility ownership, contract brewing and serving as a contract partner, which brings a 360-degree perspective to the coalition. Silver Moon's collaborative partnership with Tumalo Cider, which began in early 2025, reinforces the commitment to keeping the community strong. "Silver Moon has always thrived on energy, creativity and connection," said Augustyn. "After 25 years, it seems as if we've lived every role in the brewing world, and that gives us a unique lens on what works — and what doesn't. This coalition is a chance to share those lessons, amplify our strengths and keep pushing the boundaries of what Oregon beer can be."

Cascade Lakes Brewing, Oregon's first and only not-for-profit brewery, has a strong production backbone, operational stability and a clear-eyed view of

the challenges ahead. "With our production facility in Redmond, we've felt the pressure of rising costs firsthand," said Andy Rhine, owner of Cascade Lakes. "This partnership allows us to continue operations while staying true to our mission. Beer and alternative beverages are key to growth and sustainability, and we're excited to explore new possibilities together."

GoodLife Brewing is another beloved brand in this community and is eager to join forces. "GoodLife was built on community, creativity and innovation," said Garrett Oliphant, co-owner and visionary of GoodLife Brewing. "With rising costs from real estate and suppliers, collaboration just makes sense. It allows us to protect what matters most: keeping beer accessible for our customers, and ensuring GoodLife thrives long into the future."

"By sharing resources, we gain purchasing power, efficiency and scalability that make growth possible," Billy Muzio, co-owner and business strategist, added. Together, Oliphant and Muzio see this partnership as a natural evolution of Bend's brewing culture.

OBC is led by a team with deep industry experience and a passion for regional pride. Together, these brands are proving that in Central Oregon, collaboration isn't just a strategy — it's a way of life.

"This coalition is about more than beer — it's about legacy, leadership and lasting local impact."

~ Steve Augustyn, CEO
Oregon Beverage Collective

"This coalition is about more than beer — it's about legacy, leadership and lasting local impact," said Augustyn, who will serve as CEO of OBC. "We're coming together to ensure beloved brands not only survive, but thrive. Our strategic partners reflect the spirit of Central Oregon: from Crux Fermentation's innovation and creativity, to Cascade Lakes' not-for-profit driven model, to Silver Moon's community-forward events like F Cancer, to GoodLife's investment in family-friendly spaces, to Tumalo's strong branding and community presence.

"This isn't just business — it's a shared commitment to the people and places that make this region special," Augustyn continued. "And with new products on the horizon, we're just getting started."

About Oregon Beverage Collective:

Oregon Beverage Collective (OBC) is a collaborative production partnership uniting some of Central Oregon's most recognized craft beverage brands, including Crux Fermentation Project, Silver Moon Brewing, Cascade Lakes Brewing Company, GoodLife Brewing and Tumalo Cider Co. Formed to strengthen operational sustainability while preserving the individuality and legacy of each brand, the Collective focuses on shared resources, innovation and community investment to create world-class craft beverages that make Central Oregon proud.

oregonbeveragecollective.com

OLCC Celebrates Online Licensing Completion

provided by OLCC

The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is celebrating the implementation of a modernized, all-digital licensing platform. The Cannabis Alcohol Management Program (CAMP) provides the 230,000+ Oregonians who work in the alcohol and cannabis industries with a one-stop shop for all their licensing and permitting needs.

"Completing CAMP is a major accomplishment for the OLCC, and I'm very happy to celebrate it," said Chair Dennis Doherty. "With this modern, all-digital system, we've left the world of paper behind. Now the 19,000+ businesses and their 214,000 workers in both the cannabis and alcohol industries can apply, renew, or update a license or a permit in real time and with a few clicks."

With CAMP in place, OLCC staff can quickly review license applications and issue permits/licenses. This departure from paper-based transactions means businesses can pay for a license or permit using their preferred method, whether it's a credit card, debit card, or an electronic funds transfer. Businesses and their employees can access information including their license/permit, update their contact information and review compliance history.

"The CAMP system has enabled the OLCC to serve Oregon businesses faster and in a more streamlined fashion. Businesses and their employees can access

and update their records directly. And OLCC staff throughout Public Safety can collaborate on records in real time, improving our responsiveness and customer service," said Executive Director Tara Wasiak. "I am grateful for the hard work of our dedicated OLCC staff and our collaboration with our industry partners. Both were central to making this project a success."

OLCC staff worked with industry to produce a system focused on meeting the needs of Oregon businesses and its employees. To that end, it's important to note that while the OLCC has implemented CAMP it will continue to work to maintain the system and update it to meet the ever-changing needs of the alcohol and cannabis marketplace.

On top of that, the OLCC is using this momentum to continue modernizing its distilled spirit operations to build upon the continued success of Oregon's Way. Specifically, the agency is firing on all cylinders to update its distilled spirits program and building a new warehouse in Canby, Oregon. These investments in Oregon's Way will enhance the OLCC's ability to provide funding for communities statewide.

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Commute Options to Increase Employee “Get There Rewards” by 60% with Launch of “Get There Oregon” App

by **STEPHANIE SHAVER**

Commute Options announces a significant evolution in regional sustainable commutes for businesses and individuals. Launching February 1, the ‘Get There Connect’ platform rolled out a comprehensive update designed to make logging commutes more intuitive, powerful and rewarding for employees.

Alongside the technical enhancements to the dashboard and app built by the statewide ‘Get There Connect’ team, Commute Options is boosting the value of its popular ‘Get There Rewards’ program, which serves Central and Eastern Oregon. Increasing the annual earning potential for participants by 60% at no additional cost to participating employers.

About ‘Get There Rewards’

The ‘Get There Rewards’ program is a membership initiative for Central and Eastern Oregon businesses designed to incentivize sustainable commuting. Through the platform, employees earn points for choosing eco-friendly travel options — such as biking, walking, carpooling, vanpooling, using public transit or even working from home. These points are then redeemable for gift cards from a variety of national retailers.

For employers, the ‘Get There Rewards’ program provides a low-cost employee benefit (\$25 per participant annually) that offers valuable insights into their organization’s collective environmental impact, including carbon footprint reduction and calories burned. Visit the website to learn more.

Key Features of the New ‘Get There Oregon’ App Rollout Include:

The updated ‘Get There Connect’ platform introduces a refreshed dashboard that centralizes everything a commuter needs — from trip planning to tracking savings — in one streamlined interface.

- **Integrated Trip Logging:** Users can now log recurring and one-time trips in a single location.
- **Google Maps Integration:** A new seamless transition from the Get There trip planner to Google Maps allows for precise, real-time route refining.
- **Better “Pool” Matching:** An improved algorithm for “pools” (formerly carpools/vanpools) helps users find more relevant matches faster.



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- **New Mobile App:** A brand-new, user-friendly ‘Get There Connect’ app will launch shortly after the website update, featuring automatic trip recording and nearly all desktop functionalities.

More Value for Oregon Businesses and Employees

To celebrate the new platform, the Get There Rewards program is becoming more lucrative. The program allows employees to earn points by biking, walking, carpooling or using public transit.

“We wanted to make it even easier for our member businesses to reward their teams for making sustainable choices,” says Brian Potwin, executive director of Commute Options. “By lowering the point threshold for rewards, we’re putting more money back into the pockets of commuters while keeping the cost to employers exactly the same.”

The 2026 Rewards Update Includes:

Faster Payouts: Employees now earn a \$20 gift card every 30 points (previously 45 points).

Increased Earning Potential: This change represents a **60% increase** in potential annual rewards for participants.

Fixed Low Cost: The annual fee for businesses remains just \$25 per participant, providing a high-impact employee benefit with minimal investment.

How to Get Started:

Current users of the “Commute Tracker” app are encouraged to delete the old version and prepare to download the new ‘Get There Connect’ app upon its release. New businesses interested in boosting employee morale and tracking their organization’s environmental impact can join the ‘Get There Rewards’ program starting today. Go to commuteoptions.org/get-there-rewards/ to get started!

For a detailed walkthrough of the new features of the ‘Get There Connect’ app, users can access the Digital Guide at getthereoregon.org/for-commuters/get-there-connect-digital-guide.

About Commute Options:

Commute Options is a nonprofit based out of Bend, dedicated to transportation options that connect people of all ages to the places they go — employees to their workplaces, students to their schools and neighbors within their communities. They champion active transportation and infrastructure improvements, fostering essential partnerships and educating the community on transportation options, working towards healthier individuals, a cleaner environment and a stronger economy.

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About Get There Oregon:

Get There Oregon is a program led by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Transportation Options Program and local partners across the state that helps connect people and organizations with active and shared transportation options to improve commutes and everyday trips.

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OSU-Cascades Receives \$1 Million Grant to Advance Campus Solar Energy

by **CHRISTINE COFFIN** — Oregon State University – Cascades

Oregon State University – Cascades moved closer to achieving its net-zero energy goal thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Oregon Department of Energy to buy and install solar panels on all campus buildings.

The net-zero energy goal, under which the campus generates as much energy as it consumes each year, emerged from community engagement discussions that informed the development of the campus's long-range development plan in 2018.

Campus planners anticipate the solar projects will annually generate more than 1 million kilowatt hours of clean energy for the campus.

The solar installations, in conjunction with the campus's groundwater based geo-exchange system, will provide a significant portion of annual campus energy needs.

The geo-exchange system currently provides year-round heating and cooling of Edward J. Ray Hall and the Student Success Center. Future plans include connecting

the system to all buildings as the campus expands.

The ODOE funded solar projects will be installed later this year on the rooftops of the Tykeson Hall and Edward J. Ray Hall academic buildings; Obsidian Hall, which is a multipurpose building; the Student Success Center and residence hall; and the Little Kits Early Care and Education Center.

Funds were provided through ODOE's Community Renewable Energy Grant Program.

About OSU-Cascades:

Oregon State University's campus in Bend brings higher education to Central Oregon, the fastest growing region in the state. Surrounded by mountains, forest and high desert, OSU-Cascades is a highly innovative campus of a top-tier land grant research university, offering small classes that accelerate faculty-student mentoring and experiential learning. Degree programs meet industry and economic needs in areas such as innovation and entrepreneurship, natural ecosystems, health and wellness, and arts



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and sciences, and prepare students for tomorrow's challenges. OSU-Cascades is expanding to serve 3,000 to 5,000 students, building a 128-acre campus with net-zero goals.

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Bend-La Pine Education Foundation Partnership with Mt. Bachelor Raises \$28,125 for Local Students

by **MARY PAULSON**

The Bend-La Pine Education Foundation continues its partnership with Mt. Bachelor and the Ski 4 Schools program, now in its 21st year. This popular program offers discounted tickets to skiers and snowboarders and directs the proceeds to local area schools in Bend and Redmond. Once again, the tickets sold out in record time, raising \$28,125 for Bend-La Pine students.

"The Bend-La Pine Education Foundation's ongoing commitment to empowering youth and supporting teachers is essential to our community," said Mt. Bachelor spokesperson Presley Quon. "While Ski 4 Schools has existed for over two decades, the fundraiser has gained a lot of traction in the past few years. We look forward to keeping the momentum going. It's awesome to see people rally around snow sports while supporting local schools."

Since 2005, Mt. Bachelor has generously donated over \$232,000 to support students in Bend-La Pine Schools through the Bend-La Pine Education

Foundation's Activity Fee Scholarship program. Each year, the program funds approximately 270 student activity fees for OSAA-sanctioned sports and activities at middle schools and high schools in the district.

These scholarships ensure that extracurricular opportunities, such as sports teams and clubs, are open to every student, regardless of their financial situation, removing barriers to participation.

"We appreciate Mt. Bachelor's dedication to the Ski 4 Schools program and their collaboration with the Bend-La Pine Education Foundation. Offering these scholarships is crucial in helping all students achieve success through a well-rounded education. Mt. Bachelor's ongoing support for our community is greatly valued and deserves recognition," said Michele Emery, board president of the Education Foundation.

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across multiple carriers, delivering strategic commercial insurance solutions for businesses and personalized coverage for individuals and families.

The new office, located at 220 NW Meadow Lakes Dr. in Prineville, will serve as a Central Oregon hub for Prineville Insurance and its affiliated agencies,

including Insure Pacific (insurepacific.com) and Gerald Ross Agency (ross-insurance.com).

"Opening our new Prineville office reflects our continued investment in Central Oregon and our belief in serving clients with a local presence," said Monica Elsom, owner of Prineville Insurance. "While many long-standing agencies are being absorbed by larger firms outside the region, we remain committed to independent, locally focused service built on long-term relationships."

In addition, Insure Pacific opened a new Bend office on March 2, located at 2843 NW Lolo Dr., expanding access to independent insurance services throughout Bend, Redmond, Sisters and surrounding communities.

With more than nine decades of continuous local ownership, Prineville Insurance continues to combine trusted hometown service with modern insurance solutions. The new offices reflect confidence in Central Oregon's continued growth and the agency's long-term commitment to

keeping insurance decisions local.

About Prineville Insurance:

Founded in 1935, Prineville Insurance is a locally owned independent insurance agency based in Central Oregon. The agency celebrated 90 years in business in 2025 and enters its 91st year in 2026. Along with affiliated agencies Insure Pacific and Gerald Ross Agency, the company provides personal, commercial, and specialty insurance solutions locally, regionally and nationally.

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to their workforce at no cost.

New research from Ipsos and Google reveals a critical "AI Fluency Gap" in the U.S. workforce. While 70% of managers believe an AI-trained workforce is important for organizational success, the majority of workers are not currently receiving AI training. Only 40% of U.S. workers use AI at work, and only 5% of those users are considered AI fluent. Ipsos's research finds that AI-fluent workers are 4.5x more likely to have received higher wages and are 4x more likely to report a promotion.

"The Google AI Professional Certificate translates the power of AI into tangible economic opportunity for every business and worker. Top employers like Walmart and universities across the country will use this training to help their teams and students succeed," said Lisa Gevelber, founder, Grow with Google. "By providing this program at no cost to U.S. small businesses, we're ensuring that businesses of all sizes have the most up-to-date AI tools and training to empower their people, at every level, with the hands-on AI experience needed to

thrive in today's workforce."

"We're making a choice to prepare our people for the changing work environment. We're providing associates with the best tools and training, and this is another example of that," said Donna Morris, chief people officer, Walmart. "Tools like this are helping our people embrace AI at work, unlock their creativity and drive growth for the business."

The training covers foundational AI skills including brainstorming, communication, planning, and content creation alongside advanced AI skills including:

- Producing professional-grade images, videos, presentations and marketing materials
- Conducting deep research to uncover key insights
- Building infographics
- Turning goals into comprehensive project plans and timelines
- Cleaning, analyzing, and visualizing data to make smarter decisions
- Vibe coding custom apps without writing a single line of code

"Fundamental AI skills are the new 'driver's license' for the modern workforce, providing the foundational standard required to move from basic tool access to measurable productivity," said Matt

Sigelman, president, Burning Glass Institute. "By aligning cross-functional teams around employer-validated skill domains, we are building a unified operating system for talent that ensures every worker, and every organization, can thrive in an AI-enhanced economy."

Taught by AI experts at Google, the certificate is self-paced and can be

completed in under ten hours. It features over 20 hands-on activities where learners practice real-world tasks using skills that can be applied to any generative AI tool.

For more information on the training, visit: grow.google/aiCert. And to access the small business scholarships and other AI resources visit: grow.google/smallbusiness.

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of a 5,054 SF mixed-use property located at 631 NW Federal Street in Bend. The property sold for \$2,040,000.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, of NAI Cascade, represented the Landlord and Tenant in leasing 1,409 SF of medical office at 111 NW Larch in Redmond.

Brokers **Pat Kesgard, CCIM**, and **Kristie Schmitt, CCIM**, both with **Compass Commercial Real Estate Services**, represented the sellers, Dicopa Inc., in the sale of a 21,376 retail building at 355 NE 2nd Street in Bend. The property sold for \$1,800,000.

Walt Ramage, of NAI Cascade, represented the Buyer of 343 SW 6th St in Redmond, a mixed-use property with first floor restaurant and second floor residence. This property closed at \$510,000.

Brokers **Graham Dent, SIOR**, and **Jay Lyons, SIOR, CCIM**, both with **Compass Commercial Real Estate Services**, represented the landlord, JCIP-Simpson, LLC, in leasing the 7,010 SF second floor of 123 SW Columbia Street in Bend to a physical therapy clinic.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM and **Paul Evers**, both of **NAI Cascade**, represented the Landlord in leasing 1,870 SF of office at 575 SE 9th St, Suite 201 in Bend known as the Midway Innovation Campus.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services broker **Robert Raimondi, CCIM**, along with outside broker Josh Wangsgard, represented the seller, 200 Greenwood, LLC, in the sale of a 4,950 SF Sherwin-Williams in Ogden, Utah. The property sold for \$930,000.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, of NAI Cascade represented the Tenant in subleasing 2,738 SF of office space at 233 SW Wilson, Suite 1 in Bend.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers **Bruce Churchill, Jay Lyons, SIOR, CCIM**, and **Grant Schultz, SIOR, CCIM**, represented the landlord, Sisters Corporation, in leasing a 2,016 SF standalone restaurant building located at 620 N Arrowleaf Trail in Sisters.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM and **Paul Evers**, both of **NAI Cascade**, represented the Seller of 919 NW Bond St, Units 101-103. The property was purchased by the existing tenant, reflecting a long-term commitment to the location and the continued success of one of Bend's favorite restaurants.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers **Jay Lyons, SIOR, CCIM**, and **Grant Schultz, SIOR, CCIM**, represented the landlord, Crane Shed, LLC, in leasing a 3,260 SF office suite at 721 SW Industrial Way in Bend.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM and **Paul Evers**, both of **NAI Cascade**, represented the Seller and Buyer in the disposition and acquisition of 919 NW Bond St, Unit 204 in Bend. This property closed at \$575,000.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers **Russell Huntamer, CCIM, Eli Harrison, and Graham Dent, SIOR**, represented the landlord, Edison Bend, LLC, in the lease of a 1,155 SF retail suite located in The Current building in Bend. The tenant was Cöpow Foods.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM and **Paul Evers**, both of **NAI Cascade**, represented the Seller of 919 NW Bond St, Units 201 & 202 in Bend. This property closed at \$1,600,000.

Brokers **Russell Huntamer, CCIM** and **Eli Harrison**, with **Compass Commercial Real Estate Services**, represented both the landlord and tenant leasing a 2,025 SF restaurant space at 425 NE Windy Knolls Drive in Bend. The landlord was Barbara Atchison Marital Trust, and the tenant was Dani's Taco Shop, LLC.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM and **Paul Evers**, both of **NAI Cascade**, represented Landlord in leasing 9,166 SF of industrial space located at 1305 SE Armour Rd in Bend.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services brokers **Luke Ross** and **Terry O'Neil** represented both the landlord and tenant in leasing a 2,000 SF restaurant space at 63595 Hunnell Road in Bend. The landlord was CLC Bend, LLC, and the tenant was Juniper Food Cooperative, LLC.

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, of NAI Cascade, represented the Landlord and Tenant in leasing 2,619 SF of retail/showroom space at 405 NW Third St in Prineville.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services broker **Terry O'Neil** represented the landlord, Madras Eagle, LLC, in leasing a 4,425 SF industrial space at 35 NW Cherry Lane in Madras.

Jeff Reed, of NAI Cascade, represented the Buyer of a multi-tenant mixed-use 5,015 SF building located at 631 NW Federal St. This property closed at \$2,040,000.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services broker **Graham Dent, SIOR**, represented the tenant, Deschutes Investment Consulting, LLC, while **Peter May, CCIM, Emilio Tiscareno, and Jay Lyons, SIOR, CCIM**, also with **Compass Commercial Real Estate Services**, represented the landlords, Paul & Tanya Alston, in leasing a 1,593 SF of office space at 300 SW Columbia Street in Bend.

Walt Ramage, of NAI Cascade, represented the Landlord in leasing 3,054 SF of medical office space at 2041 NE Williamson Ct in Bend.

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BUSINESS EVENTS



- March 5**
8-9am Madras - Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers at Pregnancy Resource Centers of Central Oregon.
- March 5**
8am Deschutes County 2026 Legislative Update Meeting.
- March 5**
11:30am-1pm League of Women Voters of Deschutes County Free Public Information Meeting, Open Primaries: An Idea Who's Time Has Come is Overdue, at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon, Bend.
- March 5**
11:45am-1pm ConnectW Munch & Mingle at Feast Food Co., Bend.
- March 5**
3:30pm City of Redmond Parks Committee Meeting.
- March 10**
8-9:30am Bend Chamber Commerce & Coffee at Kirby Nagelhout Construction.
- March 10**
4:30-5:30pm SCORE Free, Confidential One-on-One Small Business Counseling at Bend Downtown Library.
- March 10**
8am City of Redmond City Council Meeting.
- March 11**
3:45-6pm Bend Chamber Emerging Talent Expert Lab at OSU-Cascades Edward J. Ray Hall.
- March 12**
8-9am Madras - Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers at Heart of Oregon Corps.
- March 12**
11:45am-1pm ConnectW Munch & Mingle at Currents at The Riverhouse, Bend.

- March 12**
5-7:30pm Bend Chamber What's Brewing at Deschutes Brewery Mountain Room.
- March 12**
5:30-7pm Madras - Jefferson County Chamber Taproom Talks at Initiative Brewing.
- March 12**
5:30-7:30pm City of Bend Southeast Area Neighborhood Roundtable on Growth and Future Planning at Larkspur Community Center.
- March 17**
6-8pm Skeptoid Media Nerd Night Science Trivia at Worthy Brewing Company, Bend.
- March 19**
11:30am-1pm City Club of Central Oregon March Forum, The Deschutes County Commission's Next Chapter and Your Vote in 2026: A Look Into the District Mapping Process and Upcoming Elections, at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon, Bend.
- March 24**
4:30-5:30pm SCORE Free, Confidential One-on-One Small Business Counseling at Bend Downtown Library.
- March 25**
9am-2pm Redmond Chamber Business Summit at Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center.
- March 31**
5-7pm Bend Chamber Bend Emerging Talent Social at Willamette Valley Vinyards.
- May 22**
4-6:30pm Ride4Life NW Honors & Donors Pre-Run Event at Kendall Import Campus Audi Showroom, Bend.

WORKSHOPS & TRAINING



(Ongoing)
COCC Small Business Development Center Virtual Classes.

Building Permits

DESCHUTES COUNTY 2.17.26 & 2.24.26

- \$63,232.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 1,595 sf. at 511 W Cascade Ave. Sisters 97759 OR Owner: Stranger, LLC 1215 NW Ogden Ave. Bend, OR 97703
Builder: VIP Remodeling, LLC 541-797-9531 Permit # 247-25-007041
- \$40,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 288 sf. at 70350 Brooks Scanlon Logging Rd. Sisters 97759 OR Owner: AT & T 57 E Washington St. Chargin Falls, OH 44022
Builder: Ericsson, Inc. 469-266-1818 Permit # 247-26-000370
- \$4,367,486.00 - Commercial (Addition) 239,000 sf. at 59800 Hwy 97 Bend 97702 OR Owner: Oregon High Desert Museum 59800 Hwy 97 Bend, OR 97702
Builder: Sunwest One, Inc. 541-548-7341 Permit # 247-25-005662
- \$370,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) at 17645 Tennis Village Ct. Sunriver 97707 OR Owner: Sunriver Resort Limited Partnership PO Box 3609 Sunriver, OR 97707 Permit # 247-26-000212

CITY OF BEND 2.24.26

- \$48,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 8,976 sf. at 62975 Boyd Acres Rd. Bldg B Bend 97701 OR Owner: Bend Park and Recreation District Builder: 2kg Contractors, Inc. 503-489-2020 Permit # PRRE202504328
- \$1,026,275.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 4,760 sf. at 520 SW Powerhouse Dr. Ste. 606 Bend 97702 OR Builder: Embree Construction Group, Inc. 512-819-4700 Permit # PRRE202505758
- \$170,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 4,047 sf. at 3194 N Hwy 97 Bend 97703 OR Owner: RPP Bend, LLC Builder: Canyon Contracting Corp. 360-837-2204 Permit # PRRE202508464
- \$70,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 11,815 sf. at 62975 Boyd Acres Rd. Bldg. C Bend 97701 OR Builder: 2kg Contractors, Inc. 503-489-2020 Permit # PRRE202504329
- \$20,841.00 - Commercial (Alteration) 507 sf. at 450 SW Powerhouse Dr. Ste. 400 Bend 97702 OR Builder: Kellcon, Inc. 541-312-4034 Permit # PRRE202505907

CITY OF REDMOND 2.24.26

- \$1,506,800.00 - Commercial (Tenant Improvement) 3,550 sf. at 639 SW Forest Ave. Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Personalized Learning, Inc. 628 SW Glacier Ave. Redmond, OR 97756
Builder: Sunwest One, Inc. 541-548-7341 Permit # 711-25-001284
- \$35,000.00 - Commercial (Alteration) at 1113 SW Black Butte Blvd Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Zion Lutheran Church Corp 1113 SW Black Butte Blvd Redmond, OR 97756 Permit # 711-26-000057

KLAMATH CO. & CITY OF KLAMATH FALLS 2.17.26

- \$100,000.00 - Commercial (New) at 104 E Front St. Merrill 97633 OR Owner: SOS Family, LLC 1301 Esplanade Ave. Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Builder: Ed Staub & Sons Petroleum 541-887-8900 Permit # 483-26-000239

St. Charles

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nursing officer for Ambulatory Care at St. Charles. Before becoming a nurse, Brooks spent several years as an MA and believes it's a fun and fulfilling position.

St. Charles' new program at COCC will provide funding for ten students in an accelerated six-month MA program starting in June and an additional 20 students in the regular nine-month tract starting in September. After graduation, individuals who received the funding

commit to working for St. Charles for a minimum of two years.

"Our Medical Assisting program at COCC blends hands-on clinical training with strong classroom instruction so students graduate confident and job ready. As an accredited program, our curriculum is built on national standards and prepares students with the knowledge and skills today's clinics expect," said Shannon Waller, medical assisting program director for COCC. "This funding opportunity helps remove financial barriers and opens the door for more students to step into meaningful health care careers."

Medical assistants serve in the clinic

setting and are often the first clinical staff members patients interact with when they visit a doctor's office. Medical assistants support providers, prepare patients for exams, maintain equipment, help address patient questions and much more, all while working standard office hours. Certified MAs can also perform EKGs and blood draws, among other medical tasks.

"Becoming a medical assistant is a great first step entry into the profession of health care. Many MAs go on to become nurses, doctors, physical therapists and other types of health care professionals," said Kaylyn Grammater, clinical educator for Ambulatory Care at St. Charles. "They

are like the glue that keeps our outpatient clinics together."

St. Charles currently employs about 250 medical assistants, almost all of whom work at outpatient clinics. The system has approximately 50 vacancies and anticipates needing to hire up to 70 within the coming year. Starting wages for medical assistants are typically between \$24 to \$30 an hour.

St. Charles is also now hiring pre-certified medical assistants. This new position allows caregivers to earn their certification while employed as medical assistant, with a more limited scope of practice.

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