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The **Central Oregon Builders Association (COBA)** announced the hiring of **Galen Blyth** as its new executive vice president. A longtime leader within the organization and respected member of the regional construction and small business communities, Blyth brings deep experience, strong relationships and a passion for industry advocacy to the role.



Galen Blyth

Blyth has longstanding roots in Central Oregon's construction community, having served as one of the longest-tenured members of COBA's Board of Directors. In addition to his leadership within the association, he has owned and operated a small business in Bend for more than 20 years and he and his wife have raised their two children in the community. His background reflects a strong commitment to supporting local businesses, workforce development and sustainable growth across the region. As executive vice president, Blyth will oversee the association's strategic direction, member engagement, industry advocacy efforts and community partnerships. His leadership will support COBA's continued mission to promote and protect the building industry while strengthening the region's housing and construction workforce.

Tim Knopp, who led COBA as executive vice president for 23 years, stepped down in January to serve as Oregon's Chief Prosperity Officer following his appointment by Governor Tina Kotek.

Sisters GRO, an independent nonprofit founded in 2006, partners with local donors each year to support students pursuing higher education and career training.

This marks a milestone year for the organization, awarding a record \$385,250 in scholarships (up \$30,000 from last year); distributing 152 individual awards among 68 students (up from 140 awards in 2025); increasing the minimum award from \$500 to \$1,500; launching a new Endowed Scholarship Fund; introducing eight new scholarships; and surpassing \$3.4 million in total scholarships awarded since inception.

Saving Grace has hired **Megan Kantrim** as its development director. Kantrim brings more than 15 years of experience in fundraising, events and marketing across nonprofit and mission-driven organizations. She most recently served as director of events and community relations at Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), where she led the organization's events and community engagement efforts, including the Bend Venture Conference. Her background also includes development and engagement roles with the High Desert Museum, CASA of Central Oregon and international nonprofit Vitamin Angels.



Megan Kantrim

In her new role, Kantrim will oversee fundraising strategy, including major gifts, grants and community-based initiatives supporting Saving Grace's programs across Central Oregon.



Joseph L. Mansfield

Continuity Group recently announced that **Joseph L. Mansfield, CLU, ChFC**, has joined the practice as of April 17, 2026, as managing director – investments, bringing approximately \$230M in client assets. He will be based in Continuity Group's Bend office. Mansfield's addition reflects the practice's continued growth and its commitment to providing experienced advisors with a simplified, well-supported path to independence.

Mansfield brings decades of experience and a deeply client-centric planning philosophy to Continuity Group. His planning approach centers on helping clients navigate retirement income planning, long-term care considerations, tax-aware strategies, multigenerational wealth transfer and thoughtful legacy and estate planning strategies.

He emphasizes creating stable, reliable income strategies for clients transitioning into retirement and aligning estate and wealth-transfer strategies with each family's values and long-term goals.

Mansfield began his career during a period of significant generational wealth transitions, which underscored the growing need for trusted financial guidance. He has held leadership roles including vice president, first vice president and senior vice president. He holds a bachelor of science from Santa Clara University and the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) designations.



Danielle Hurley

HWA Civil Engineering & Surveying announced that **Danielle Hurley** has joined the team, returning to her hometown of Bend to continue her professional career.

A Summit High School graduate, Hurley has a deep appreciation for the Central Oregon community and a strong personal connection to the region. She brings valuable experience in civil engineering design and project management, including work on large-scale development projects in Southern California. Her decision to return reflects both a professional and personal commitment to the place she has always called home.

Hurley will support a range of civil engineering projects, helping HWA continue its mission of delivering thoughtful, high-quality solutions tailored to the needs

of Central Oregon.

TEN OVER STUDIO announces four new additions to its growing team.

Thomas Fagan, Architect, CPHC, joins as an architect, bringing years of experience running a well-regarded design practice in Central Oregon. Known for creative work that feels both distinctive and grounded in its surroundings, Fagan is also a PHIUS certified passive house consultant.

Jon McAlpin, Architect, LEED AP, joins as project manager, bringing 45 years of experience and a strong reputation in custom home design on the California Central Coast.

Joslyn Amato, SITES AP, joins as landscape senior designer, with 13 years of experience in landscape design-build and a strong focus on sustainability.

Moises De La Cruz joins as a designer, bringing technical versatility and careful attention to documentation and BIM coordination.



Thomas Fagan

Jon McAlpin

Joslyn Amato

Moises De La Cruz

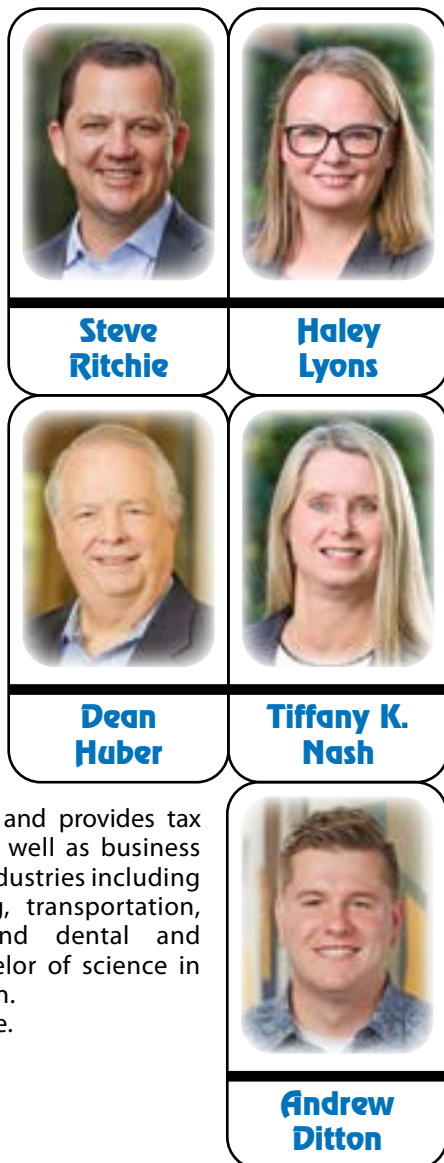
Kernutt Stokes announced that four of its partners have been named to *Forbes'* 2026 Best-in-State CPAs list. Managing Partner **Steve Ritchie**, CPA, CFE, and Partner **Haley Lyons**, CPA, were recognized for the second consecutive year, while Partners **B. Dean Huber**, CPA, CPC, and **Tiffany K. Nash**, CPA, were named to the list for the first time.

The *Forbes* Best-in-State CPAs list highlights leading professionals across the country who are recognized for their expertise, leadership and contributions to the accounting profession. Honorees are selected through a rigorous evaluation process that includes peer nominations, industry research and an independent review by an advisory board.

Kernutt Stokes also announced the promotion of **Andrew Ditton** to manager.

Ditton joined Kernutt Stokes in 2023 and provides tax consulting and compliance services, as well as business consulting, to clients across a range of industries including beverage, construction, manufacturing, transportation, commercial real estate, medical and dental and professional services. He holds a bachelor of science in economics from the University of Oregon.

Ditton is based in the firm's Bend office.



Steve Ritchie

Haley Lyons

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Tiffany K. Nash

Andrew Ditton

Visit Central Oregon has announced that 12 recipients will be awarded a total of \$300,000 in grant money as part of the Central Oregon Future Fund. Now in its fourth annual cycle, the grant program supports local tourism projects that benefit both visitors and Central Oregon residents. Visit Central Oregon selected the 12 recipients from a total of 26 applications requesting more than \$1 million in funding.

The recipients represent a wide range of tourism-related projects — from a new event complex expanding Cowdeo youth rodeo programming in Jefferson County, to a trail project in Sisters with a goal to create the first fully verified accessible adventure trail system in Oregon.

Visit Central Oregon chose the 12 recipients in cooperation with eight advisory grant reviewers, which included industry representatives from regional tourism and hospitality, media/publishing, outdoor recreation and Central Oregon's rural communities, including the Warm Springs Reservation and Warm Springs Reservation community-based nonprofit.

Each of the recipients has at least one thing in common: every project awarded a Central Oregon Future Fund grant emphasized tourism-related programs and enhancements in line with the Fund's pillars of promoting accessible adventure, cultural tourism and stewardship. The 26 applications included nine accessible adventure projects, 14 cultural tourism projects, and three stewardship projects.

Sisters High School students were recently awarded \$385,250 in scholarships during the **Sisters GRO's** annual Senior Celebration.

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The 12 recipients include five accessible adventure projects, six cultural tourism projects and one stewardship project.

In addition to the Future Fund, Visit Central Oregon supports stewardship projects through the Central Oregon Destination Management Studio, which is a regional collaborative process. That program includes more than \$100,000 in support for stewardship projects, including Dark Sky initiatives, a trails improvement project managed by the Deschutes Trails Coalition, and the development of an arts and heritage program focused on Central Oregon's music culture.

The 2026 Central Oregon Future Fund grantees include **Jefferson County Event Complex, Wasco County Fairgrounds, High Desert Food and Farm Alliance, Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory, Deschutes Land Trust, Sisters Trails Alliance, Ballet Bend, BendFilm, Oregon Adaptive Sports, ThinkWild, ScaleHouse and Wake Creative, Inc.**

The **Latino Community Association (LCA)** strengthened its client services team in Bend, welcomed a new coordinator in Prineville, and hired an executive liaison this year.

LCA hired **Anthony Sanseri**, a temporary assistant since August 2025, as client services coordinator in our busy Bend office. Sanseri graduated from Bend High School and lived in Ecuador for about 25 years, working as a volunteer and teaching English. With this experience, he can understand the challenges of adapting to life in a new country.



Anthony Sanseri



Maria Juliana Mellen



Ana Gutierrez

In Prineville, **Maria Juliana Mellen** brings skills in management and customer service from her education in business and hospitality in Bogota, Colombia, to her role as client services coordinator. In 2019, she enrolled in a work and travel program that brought her to Camas, Washington, where she met her husband. The couple and their daughter later moved to Central Oregon, where they enjoy outdoor activities. With her experience as an immigrant, Mellen wants to help build "a strong, supportive community where people feel welcome, supported and empowered to achieve their goals."

In Bend, **Ana Gutierrez** came on board as an executive liaison to LCA's executive director, from a career centered on law and community service. She grew up in Idaho and earned a bachelor's degree in international studies at Utah State University. She has worked as a deputy criminal court clerk and legal assistant, and most recently, in Eagle County, Colorado, helping community members navigate complex systems. Ana is an author and published her debut novel, *When Darkness Falls*, in 2025, the same year she and her husband moved to Bend.

First Interstate Bank recently was awarded a Gold badge on the 2026 Where You Work Matters list, an unprecedented rating of how well 1,750 large employers are creating high-quality jobs in the United States.

First Interstate's Gold badge serves as recognition of its investments in the growth and future of its workforce, placing the organization in the top tiers of all companies assessed and demonstrating organizational strength across the criteria assessed by the List.

The Where You Work Matters List rates nearly 55,000 jobs across 1,750 U.S.-

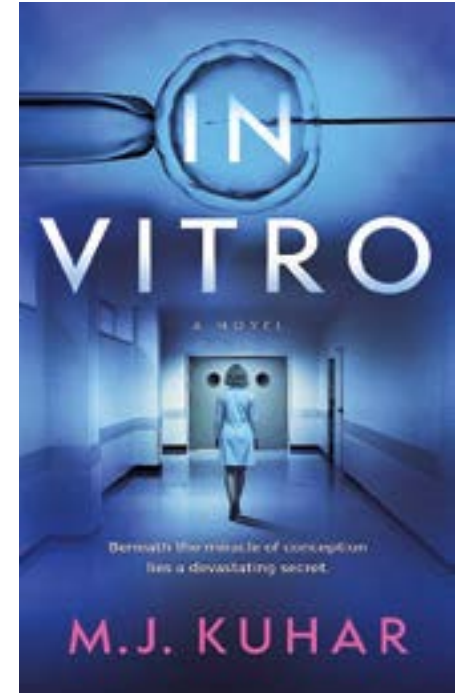
based employers, using the publicly available career progression data of more than 12 million American workers. In a time of rapid change and mounting economic instability, the List highlights companies with highly effective workforce strategies that provide them with a differentiated business advantage toward innovation, productivity and brand loyalty.

In Vitro, a novel by first-time Bend author **M.J. Kuhar**, has recently made an appearance on the Amazon list of top 25 medical fiction books in the country. The day of its release in December, it was in the top ten nationally of medical thrillers; it was number 23 in the last week of March on the broader medical fiction compilation.

In Vitro is set in a renowned in vitro fertilization (IVF) clinic in Virginia, where a young doctor is faced with a moral dilemma – whether to continue helping couples desperate to conceive a child achieve their dreams, or to confront the well-respected director of the clinic about his unscrupulous deeds. Kuhar expertly describes both sides of the struggle.

A retired physician, college faculty member and administrator, Kuhar spent a year working in an IVF clinic as a fellow and began contemplating the plot for the book then. After working in private practice as an OB GYN doctor for ten years, she moved into academia, serving first as a faculty member at Central Oregon Community College, and then an administrator at COCC, Lane Community College (Eugene and Florence) and Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton). She retired in 2018 from her role as vice president of instruction. It was after retiring that she began pursuing her dream to write this book.

As for the book, Kuhar balances the detailed science of the process with the extreme emotional roller coaster experienced by the hopeful parents. Kuhar chronicles the daily challenges of Dr. Joyce Porter as she continues to compassionately work with her patients going through the IVF process, while also learning more about questionable practices led by the director.



BOOK JACKET IMAGE | COURTESY OF M.J. KUHAR



PHOTO | COURTESY OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Sisters Habitat for Humanity announced the completion of the Village Meadows development, a 21-home affordable housing neighborhood. The

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final two homes will be dedicated on March 20, marking a milestone for the community and the households who now have access to safe, stable and affordable homeownership.

Construction began in 2015, and over the last decade, the project has brought together volunteers, donors and future homeowners to create a lasting impact in Sisters. With hands-on support from volunteers, individuals helped build and move into their new homes.

With Village Meadows complete, Sisters Habitat is turning its attention to Larch Commons, a new development of 25 homes offering a mix of affordable and workforce housing to meet the growing needs of the community.

Members of **100+ Women Who Care of Central Oregon** have collectively donated \$19,500 as of April 15 to **M Perfectly**, a Central Oregon nonprofit dedicated to ensuring the long-term success of women in recovery.

M Perfectly's mission is simple yet powerful: to equip women in recovery with the education, opportunities and resources they need for long-term success. M Perfectly believes that when women are empowered to overcome their past and build a new future, they create a ripple effect of positive change that strengthens families, communities and society as a whole.



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MICHELE MICHAEL



Sunriver Music Festival
49th SEASON AUGUST 10-20, 2026 SUNRIVER & BEND, OREGON
STRAWBERRY SKIES BY MICHELE MICHAEL

Sunriver Music Festival has selected **Michele Michael's Strawberry Skies** as its featured artwork for 2026.

Each year, the Festival features an artist local to Central Oregon for the season's poster. Artists were invited to submit their artwork for consideration and a jury of professional artists from the Artists' Gallery Sunriver assists in making the final selection. Michael's 18x24" acrylic on canvas painting, which has been custom framed by Eastlake Framing, will be auctioned at the Raise the Baton fundraising party on July 18 in Bend. Details and tickets at sunrivermusic.org.

Fine art quality reproductions of this work will grace the cover of the program magazine for the 49th season of Sunriver Music Festival. Posters are available for \$35. Framed posters are \$85. Notecards with Festival art are \$25 for a pack of ten available at the Sunriver Music Festival office. Clothing and other merchandise are also available online at sunrivermusic.org/merch. Call 541-593-1084 or email tickets@sunrivermusic.org with merchandise questions or purchasing information.

About Michele Michael, in the artist's words:

"I was raised in the countryside of Ohio farmlands and spent my youth creating everything from hand-drawn paper dolls to detailed illustrations in Microsoft Paint. I spent most of my teenage years and 20s dismissing my creativity, instead studying photojournalism and working odd jobs. I moved out west to Olympia, Washington in 2009 and immediately fell in love with the natural beauty of the mountains, rivers and coastlines of the American West, as well as the outdoor recreation community. I started working at REI, and did so for over ten years, which gave me a business mindset, an intimate knowledge with retail, and most importantly, the introduction to my husband and business partner, Jeff.

"That job also took me to multiple locations in Washington, Alaska and Oregon. After living all over the Pacific Northwest, I deepened my love of the outdoors and was drawn to bigger adventures. However, I did not feel compelled to capture the beauty of the natural world in art until Jeff and I spent a year traveling the world. With the rise of social media, and being exposed to artists of all kinds, I felt inspired to finally paint and draw again. I started posting my small sketches on Instagram and was encouraged by friends and strangers. I got my first commission while living in New Zealand; it was a request to draw... the Three Sisters mountains! When we returned stateside, we settled in my

husband's hometown of Bend, and I started my art business shortly thereafter.

"I started designing stickers and got my first retail account in 2018. My art and business has slowly grown, and I am proud to have my art in many local shops, as well as seven National Parks (and counting!). Along with my husband, we support our family with our business. I still live in Bend (in Three Rivers area now) with Jeff, our two young children, and our mutt dog. In 2022, I made the leap to pursue art full-time. I feel like the luckiest gal in the world to make art for a living!"

Sunriver Music Festival's 2026 summer season will be held in Bend and Sunriver from August 10-20. Events are at the iconic Tower Theatre in downtown Bend and the historic Great Hall at Sunriver Resort. Artistic Director and Conductor Brett Mitchell will lead world-class orchestra musicians and acclaimed soloists in a remarkable 49th season.

Sunriver Music Festival is a year-round nonprofit presenting world-class orchestral performances and supporting music education throughout Central Oregon. Through a commitment to excellence, collaboration and innovation, the Festival seeks to foster a lifelong love of classical music in its many diverse forms.

Cayuse Holdings (Cayuse) recently donated \$5,000 to the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at Nixyaawii Community School (NCS) of the Pendleton School District. On April 8 at a spirited student assembly, Cayuse presented a ceremonial check to the group, rallying the FBLA team as they prepared to head off to the State competition.

With these funds, FBLA students purchased matching polos and blazers — the team's first-ever coordinated uniforms — and received critical support for travel expenses to the Regional and State competitions. The gift marks a step forward in helping young leaders represent their school and community with pride.

Representatives from Cayuse Holdings were on hand for the assembly, including board member Leo Stewart, and Cayuse staff member Dazon Sigo.



STUDENTS DAIJHA ROPER (SOPHOMORE), BRODY KENNEY (SOPHOMORE), NEVAEH MOORE (SENIOR) AND RYAN TITUS MCCOY (SENIOR); NCS FBLA FACULTY LEADER CHRISTINA GRACE-THOMAS; CAYUSE HOLDINGS BOARD MEMBER LEO STEWART; AND CAYUSE STAFF MEMBER DAZON SIGO | PHOTO COURTESY OF CAYUSE HOLDINGS



Kelly Chambers

Kelly Chambers of Puyallup, Washington, has been appointed by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the Pacific Northwest Regional Administrator for the **U.S. Small Business Administration** (SBA). In this role, Chambers will oversee the SBA's programs, offices and operations across the Pacific Northwest, serving small businesses in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Chambers previously served as Washington State House Representative from 2018 to 2025, where she held leadership roles, including House Republican Caucus Vice Chair, Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee; and Regulated Substances and Gaming committee; in addition to serving as a committee member on the Healthcare and Transportation committees.

A longtime small business owner, Chambers owns Visting Angels, an in-home senior care company, operating in Tacoma, and Newberg, employing approximately 200 people. She is also the owner of Lomcevak Cellars, a winery and vineyard located in Lake Chelan, Washington. The five-acre vineyard and winery produces estate grown Pinot Gris, Gewurztraminer, Syrah, Malbec and Tempranillo varietals.

Chambers is actively involved in civic and nonprofit leadership. She serves on the board of directors for Puget Sound Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring America's veterans by transporting them to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. She previously served as a Leadership Council Member of National Federation of Independent Businesses and Health Care Providers Council of Pierce County.

Chambers brings extensive legislative, business and community leadership experience to the SBA as she assumes responsibility for supporting and strengthening small business throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Mosaic Community Health, Sisters School District and Deschutes County Health Services are expanding access to critical substance use disorder (SUD) treatment for adolescents across Central Oregon, thanks to new funding from the state's Rural Health Transformation Program.

For the past two years, the three partners have collaborated on the UpShift program, a school-based initiative providing SUD screening, early intervention and diversion services for students experiencing low- to moderate-risk substance use (Levels 0-2). Based at the Sisters School-Based Health Center, the program connects students with timely behavioral health support—often as an alternative to suspension—helping them stay engaged in school and on a path to recovery.

With this new funding, the partnership will expand services to include youth with higher-risk (Level 3) substance use needs and extend care to additional rural communities in Central Oregon.

Currently, many adolescents requiring more intensive treatment must travel outside their communities for weekly services—creating barriers to access, consistency and recovery. This expansion will bring comprehensive care closer to home, incorporating both in-person and telehealth options, along with

Today is Opening Day for Bend Farmers Market

by ANN PISTACCHI-PECK, Market Manager — Bend Farmers Market

The Bend Farmers Market returned to downtown Bend today, ushering in another season of fresh food, community connection, and lively Wednesdays in Brooks Alley, just off Drake Park. The market brings together local farmers, ranchers, bakers, and artisan food producers for shoppers eager to enjoy the freshest flavors of the season.

The Bend Farmers Market is a true farmers market dedicated to supporting the viability of local farmers, ranchers, and food producers who grow, raise, and create food in Oregon, with a strong emphasis on Central Oregon agriculture.

Visitors can expect a wide variety of seasonal produce, pasture-raised meats, eggs, locally made cheeses, fresh flowers, baked goods, pantry staples, and handcrafted food products. Each Wednesday offers a changing snapshot of the high desert growing season and an opportunity to meet the people who produce the region's food firsthand.

"We have been hard at work planting and cultivating food for what will be our eighth season vending at the Bend Farmers Market," said Ashley Thompson of Sungrounded Farm. "We hope to see you there to support our amazing community of local producers and celebrate the beginning of the high desert growing season with us."

Beyond shopping, the market has become a weekly gathering place where neighbors connect, families spend time together, and visitors enjoy one of Bend's favorite summer traditions.

"Small acts like attending the farmers market each week, eating nourishing food, and making community are what our collective souls really need right now," said Megan Kellner-Rode, co-owner of Boundless Farmstead.

"If you're looking for truly local, seasonal food produced in Central Oregon, come to the Bend Farmers Market," said Courtney Schuur of North 44 Farm.

The Bend Farmers Market welcomes shoppers using EBT/SNAP benefits and offers a \$20 weekly match through the Double Up Food Bucks program for fresh fruits and vegetables, along with a \$10 weekly Protein Perks match for cheese, meat, poultry, eggs and seafood.

The market runs every Wednesday from 11am to 3pm, May 6 through October 14, 2026, in Brooks Alley in downtown Bend.

2026 Market Vendors:

Bend Breakfast Burrito, Berkey's Blueberries, Beruna, Blue River Ferments,



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Bohemian Roastery, Bombaci Pasta, Boundless Farmstead, Brandywine Fisheries, Broadus Bees, Chili Royal, Compassion Kombucha, Curmuffins, Dan's Smoked Salmon, DD Ranch, Deschutes Canyon Garlic, Deschutes Gourmet Mushrooms, Deschutes Produce, Farmhouse Pies, Field's Grassfed Beef, Fixa Foods, Good Friend, Happy Harvest Farm, Hummus Stop, Lazy Z Ranch, Leaven & Love, M's Bakery, Marquam Hill Berries, Mill Fire Baking, Mountain Town Foods, Noosh, North 44 Farm, Oh Ghee, Pine Mountain Ranch, Rainshadow Organics, Rawmona's Kitchen, Rooper Ranch, Royal Juice, Sakari Farm, Sungrounded Farm, Sweet Yeli's, The Crows Croft, Tumalo Lavender, Upriver Organics, Windy Acres and Zodiac Farms.
bendfarmersmarket.com

Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps Provides Over 50 Jobs for Local Youth

by SHELBY SAUER — Heart of Oregon Corps

Long sunny summer days are ahead, and Heart of Oregon Corps' Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COYCC) program has summer jobs for young people! This is a great opportunity for youth ages 16-18-years-old to gain job skills and learn more about natural resources while improving public lands and reducing the threat of wildfires in our community.

Over 50 local youth will be selected for this competitive summer program and earn \$16 an hour, working 36 hours a week, Monday through Thursday.

Hands-on projects in Central Oregon's beautiful forests and high deserts include building trails, maintaining fences, piling hazardous fuels, restoring campgrounds, and improving wildlife habitat on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and Crooked River National Grassland. Non-project days include a first-day hands-on training, Central Oregon Community College tour, job fair, and end-of-season awards celebration.

In 2025 alone, COYCC members dedicated 12,000 hours to improving public lands across Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, and northern Klamath counties.

"The conservation work the COYCC crews do has a positive impact that can be seen across our Central Oregon public lands," said Nick Swagger, Forest Service Volunteer & Partnership coordinator. "We collaborate with Heart of Oregon Corps and the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council to organize one of the country's biggest and longest teen-serving youth conservation corps."

The COYCC program runs from June 22 through

August 13. Members will work nine hours a day, Monday through Thursday. Youth crews meet daily at a U.S. Forest Service site in Bend, Redmond, Sisters, Prineville, La Pine/Crescent, Madras, and Warm Springs. In this program, youth will gain work experience, leadership skills, and guided professional development while earning money and making friends!

"The COYCC program educates and provides hands-on experience for youth who are our future environmental stewards," said Shelby Sauer, Heart of Oregon Corps Youth Conservation Programs Recruitment and Data coordinator. I have seen firsthand what a meaningful impact this program has on the youth who participate."

That's not all! We offer this amazing work experience for up to 30 youth who participate in our Camp LEAD program, a paid camping experience for youth experiencing disabilities. Members learn our leadership, empowerment, and advocacy curriculum while camping at Caldera near Suttle Lake in Sisters and working on conservation projects. Youth are paid \$16 an hour for about 21 hours of project work they complete over the Monday-Friday camp. Then up to eight participants have the opportunity to join the COYCC bridge crews for the last three weeks of the season.

Mandatory COYCC information sessions are being held across Central Oregon. Youth and parents who are interested in this opportunity should attend one of the in-person sessions. Information session details



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and our simple online application can be found at heartoforegon.org. For questions or more information, contact Youth Conservation Programs Recruitment and Data Coordinator, Shelby Sauer, email recruitment@heartoforegon.org or call/text 458-206-0535.
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enhanced staff training to meet the needs of more complex cases. The initiative is part of a broader statewide effort to improve rural healthcare access and outcomes, particularly for behavioral health and substance use prevention among youth.

Services offered at Mosaic SBHCs include annual well-child visits, vision and mental health screenings, vaccinations, sports physicals and general health concerns; primary care, including diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, developmental screening and chronic condition management; and behavioral health services, helping youth build skills to cope with social, emotional and health challenges, with referrals to specialty care when appropriate.

Mosaic operates seven school-based health centers across Central Oregon, working in close partnership with school districts, county health departments and community providers to ensure continuity of care.