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We're the Wurst New Owners Build on Longtime Local Reputation

by JEFF SPRY — CBN Feature Writer



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Everyone loves Italian-style salami, whether it's on a pizza, in a sub sandwich or stacked on a cracker. But this savory seasoned sausage is often avoided due to its unhealthy nature since it's often processed using highly carcinogenic preservatives like sodium nitrate and sodium nitrite.

Hoping to change consumers' perception and acceptance of salami by steering clear of any harmful substances to produce an all-natural product that can be devoured without concerns, Redmond's Chef Matthew Fidler, owner of We're The Wurst catering, has a simple solution.

His secret? It's sea salt for natural curing, something as basic and elemental as one could imagine. Steering around insanely complicated and confusing restrictions used by the government's USDA, Fidler is confident that his healthier salami will be an attractive option for consumers and restaurants to serve up flavorful, domestic salami made right here in Oregon.

"Ten years ago I started as a Bend food truck doing bratwurst, and it's the age-old problem of businesses solving problems," Fidler tells CBN. "If I were happy with what was in the markets, I would never be in business. About five years ago I became USDA-approved for sausages. We were selling in stores and basically what we're doing today is continuing the sausages. I make salami because everything out there gives my son a headache, gives me a headache, it's a proven carcinogen, and that's not even the worst part.

"There's a whole brand of product out there labelled as 'uncured.' The problem is that it's misleading, but the government has deemed that it's okay. It's misleading because consumers are led to think it doesn't have any nitrates in its ingredients. But it has backdoor nitrates. It has celery powder. Then as a consumer you think, 'Oh, that's just celery powder, I use celery all the time.' And while that might be true, you might be getting naturally occurring nitrates. The problem with celery powder used in uncured meats is that it's highly refined for nitrates only."

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Madras Is 'Setting the Table' With Long-Term Investment Incentives

by ANDREA HINE, CBN Feature Writer

"It really bothered me to see some of my neighbors go out of business after years of severe drought," said Mark Wunsch, a lifelong Jefferson County resident who grew up working on his family's cattle ranch and today continues that tradition by raising Angus beef.

Long active in local farming organizations, he decided to run for the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners in 2022 after learning that "there had not been a commissioner representing the agriculture/ranching industry for more than 20 years. That's ridiculous," Wunsch thought. "I'm going for it." And won the election after garnering 60% of the vote. (He was reelected in May 2026.)

Currently serving as board chair, Wunsch said that a top focus for all board members is "opening up the community to general retail businesses to make up for their limited number – restaurants being one example. We want to encourage this type of investment, knowing that it will be recouped."



GOLD BEACH LUMBER WAS AWARDED A \$500,000 GRANT TO FUND NEW LOCATION IN MADRAS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF GOLD BEACH LUMBER)

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Carlson Testing Inc. Celebrates 50 Years

by LEAH ETLING — CBN Feature Writer

Carlson Testing Inc. (CTI) operates largely behind the scenes of construction and development, but its work plays a critical role in ensuring that Oregon's roads, buildings, and infrastructure perform as intended. Founded in 1976 by Doug Leach, the statewide firm provides consulting services centered on construction inspection, materials testing, and geotechnical engineering, which together form the backbone of construction quality assurance.

At its core, CTI acts as an independent verifier. When a new bridge is built, a commercial building rises, or an airport or housing development constructed, Carlson engineers, inspectors and technicians are often on-site or in the lab, confirming that materials meet regulatory standards. This includes everything from testing the compressive strength of concrete cylinders to analyzing soil density and stability before foundations are ever poured.

"You might never see our role in the projects we work on, but that means we've done our job correctly," said Kevin Jordan, a CTI vice president. "Carlson's role is to make sure that built spaces of all kinds, all across the state of Oregon, are safe and secure for the general public."

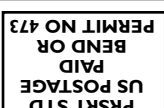


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OSU-Cascades launches OP:EN prototyping studio to support outdoor product, engineering students

Oregon State University - Cascades has opened a new studio to help students in its outdoor products and engineering programs design and prototype innovative gear and equipment.

Located in Edward J. Ray Hall, the 1,500-square-foot OP:EN studio—named to reflect outdoor products

and engineering —was funded by the Oregon Legislature to help grow the state's outdoor recreation economy.

Outdoor product and engineering students will use OP:EN to produce class assignments and to design and build

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LaPine Affordable Housing

The Foundation for Affordable Housing is proud to announce that applications for Wickiup Station Apartments, the new affordable housing community in La Pine, are available in person and on-line beginning on May 28, 2026, marking a major milestone for the highly anticipated development in the Wickiup Junction area. A community

lease-up event will also be held on May 28 to provide information about the application process, apartment availability, and resident services.

The new development will provide 39 affordable housing units, offering a

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OSU-Cascades advances innovation district goals with launch of Energy Innovation Center

Cascades has launched the Energy Innovation Center to accelerate research and development in energy technologies in Central Oregon and beyond.

The center will focus in areas such as energy storage, carbon capture and abatement, and power generation and controls. It is also designed to help advance the work of entrepreneurs and companies focused on energy solutions.

Campus leaders see the center as demonstrating the caliber of university-industry partnerships possible at the

campus's future innovation district. The center is anticipated to move to the Innovation District at OSU-Cascades as the district develops.

Led by Zachary Taie, executive director, and Chris Hagen, co-director, the Energy Innovation Center leverages the growing expertise in energy research underway at the OSU campus in Bend, as well as the energy sector assets in Bend and beyond.

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Visit Bend Awards \$300,000 to Support Arts and Cultural Tourism Projects

Twenty-two organizations supporting Bend's arts and culture scene will receive a total of \$300,000 in grants from the Bend Cultural Tourism Fund (BCTF), a Visit Bend program designed to increase participation in cultural experiences and spur economic activity during Bend's shoulder seasons.

Funded entirely by taxes paid by overnight visitors in Bend's short-term commercial

lodging properties, RV parks, and vacation rentals, the BCTF reinvests those dollars into

local arts and culture to support experiences residents and visitors share. This year's

projects include the debut season of Ballet Bend, a benefit performance by Pattie Gonia in partnership with

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SERA by Stereo Planet Named to the 2026 CE Pro 100

Central Oregon-based SERA by Stereo Planet has been named to the prestigious 2026 CE Pro 100, an annual national ranking recognizing the top custom integration companies in the United States. Widely regarded as one of the custom integration industry's leading benchmarks, the CE Pro 100 recognizes companies specializing in smart home technology, automation, lighting control, networking, security and high-performance audio/video systems.

For SERA by Stereo Planet owner Jon

Houston, the recognition reflects far more than technical expertise.

"We've always believed this work is about more than equipment," said Houston. "It's about creating experiences that genuinely improve how people live, listen, connect, relax, and feel in their homes. To be recognized nationally while remaining deeply rooted in Central Oregon means a great deal to us."

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Breedlove Guitars Celebrates Grand Opening of New Retail Space with Annual Warehouse Sale

Breedlove Guitars, one of America's most celebrated acoustic guitar manufacturers and a proud contributor to the Central Oregon creative community, announces the Grand Opening of its new permanent retail space — and invites the public to celebrate in style with a one-day Warehouse Sale on Saturday, June 13, from 10am-4pm. The event will feature exclusive sale pricing up to 50% off

select models, complimentary hot dogs and beer, a guitar giveaway raffle and free Breedlove hats for the first 100 attendees.

This is more than a sale — it is a milestone. After years of crafting world-class guitars from the high desert of Bend, Breedlove is opening a dedicated

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New Express Survey: Rising Skill Demands Squeeze Entry-Level Hiring, Shrinking Talent Pipelines

by KAREN TURNER, Express Employment Professionals

Entry-level work has long been the first rung on America's economic ladder, but new research from an Express Employment Professionals-Harris Poll survey suggests that rung is slipping away, creating ripple effects that extend beyond today's job seekers to the workforce of the future.

A new white paper, "Sounding the Alarm: The Narrowing Path to Work," examines how higher skill demands, automation and fewer true entry-level openings are compressing the bottom of the labor market and weakening the foundation of future talent pipelines.

Key findings include:

- More than 4 in 5 hiring managers say entry-level jobs require candidates to possess more skills than in the past, and 82% of job seekers agree
- 79% of hiring managers say entry-level jobs are essential or very important for developing future talent at their companies.
- Nearly two-thirds of hiring managers say implementing AI could allow them to reduce workforce size.
- 60% add it's more efficient to use AI for entry-level tasks than to hire and train a candidate.

While entry-level work isn't disappearing, the availability and accessibility of true entry-level roles are changing dramatically. Positions once designed to provide a first foothold with on the job learning

increasingly expect candidates to arrive work ready with stronger technical and soft skills.

For example, entry-level office jobs that once focused on basic tasks like data entry or scheduling now use automation to handle much of that work. Today, entry-level workers are often expected to step in ready to manage systems, solve problems, and communicate clearly with coworkers or customers, rather than learning those skills over time.

This shift has become especially urgent because its impact is already evident in the labor market.

Recent college graduates faced worsening conditions at the end of 2025, with unemployment rising to about 5.7% and underemployment reaching 42.5%, the highest level since 2020.

When early career opportunities narrow, job seekers struggle to gain traction, employers risk weakening future talent and leadership pipelines and communities can face lasting economic consequences. If the first rung continues to erode, the entire career ladder becomes harder to climb.

Rebuilding the Path to Workforce Readiness

Drawing on national survey data from The Harris Poll and insights from Express franchise owners across the U.S., the white paper also outlines practical steps organizations can take to protect and modernize entry-level opportunities, including:

- Preserving true entry level roles designed for zero to two years of experience

- Aligning job requirements with real training and supervision

- Maintaining early career learning as routine tasks are automated
- Expanding internships, short term roles and varied assignments that build foundational skills

Download the full white paper to see why the rapid shift in entry level work demands action now from employers and job seekers alike: ExpressPros.com/EntryLevelUS. And discover more research and real-world workforce trends from the America Employed series at ExpressPros.com/Newsroom.

Survey Methodology

The Job Insights survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of Express Employment Professionals from Nov. 3 to 19, 2025, among 1,002 U.S. hiring decision-makers.

The Job Seeker Report was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of Express Employment Professionals from Nov. 7 to 20, 2025, among 1,003 adults ages 18 and older.

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Time to Make a Statement

by EXPERT DAVE GROTJAHN,

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Question:

Every month my bookkeeper sends me my profit and loss statement, which I regrettably do not fully grasp. What do I need to know — from terminology to concepts — for a better handle on these things?

A: It's not uncommon for business owners caught up in their daily business to not take the time to understand the financial resources at their fingertips. Below are the three financial statements, interconnected, that can help you stay financially focused:

1. Income statement: This measures profitability of your business relative to sales generated, less expenses over a period of time.

- Your sales reflect your product demand, pricing strategy and advertising effectiveness.
- Gross profit represents your sales, less cost of goods sold, and measures your direct profit contribution for each sale dollar.
- Gross margin (or gross profit/sales) is a key efficiency metric that calculates how well you're managing direct costs as a percentage of sales, easy to track over time.
- Overhead identifies costs used to frame-up your business, subtracted from gross profit to arrive at your net profit.
- Net margin (net profit/sales) tells you how well you are managing your overhead relative to changes in sales.

2. On the balance sheet: This statement is a measurement of risk at a specific point in time. It highlights your assets (what you own) against liabilities (what you owe), plus equity (your residual interest in the business). This statement is essential for evaluating the following:

- Liquidity: Sufficient current assets to service current debt obligations.
- Financial stability: Growing retained earnings signals the business is retaining a portion of their net income for future use rather than owner distribution.
- Capital structure: Favorable debt/assets ratio (<.5) demonstrating the business is financed more with equity than credit.

3. Cashflow, the king: If you could only have one statement, this is it. Yes, "cash is king." It measures the amount of cash that is being generated and consumed by your business. It takes your net earnings (from the income statement) and combines changes in your balance sheet accounts to help you understand how your cash is used and where it is sitting. It's truly the one-stop-shop statement.

If you need further assistance with your financial statements, we encourage you to come see us at Central Oregon Community College's Small Business Development Center for free consultations.

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With anything that shakes up the status quo, it hasn't been easy to bring this pioneering product to market. There were regulatory hurdles to overcome lasting three years. Now the salamis are safely curing in his Redmond drying chamber and will be ready for market later this summer.

"It's really stupid that this product is revolutionary," he adds. "The product is just age-old salami using sea salt. There's nothing special about it. If you go over to Italy or Eastern Europe, they make it exactly how I make it. But our government is so dumb that it's taken me years to get this program approved with the USDA. This salami program has been seen and combed through by twelve different doctors and PhDs and microbiologists. It's totally asinine that it's been this difficult to make a product this simple. But that's the state of our system of food in the U.S.

Literally, my salami is pork, sea salt, wine, spices, and garlic. That's exactly how ma and pa have done it over in Europe and haven't killed anybody in forever. Yet to do it in this country and see how long it's taken, we're only number two in the nation to get approval and that's crazy."

The only way for Fidler to obtain the necessary USDA seal of approval is to wait five months from the point where the sausage is ground to when he's allowed to sell it, which for some reason satisfies their tough protocol in order for it to be considered scientifically nitrate-free.

"It only takes about a month to ferment, cure, and dry-age a salami. But because of the nature of how little scientific data there is out there for this type of endeavor, it takes five months to get a product to where I can get a monetary return on it. This first batch will be ready for buyers in about two months. I have a strong demand for it already through our customer base and every single time anybody hears about it they want to buy it. I can only make 1,000 pounds in one shot and that loses 50% of its weight during the curing and aging period. That's the reason why we do business, right? Is to create a good product and to have satisfied people willing to wait."

For more info on We're the Wurst and Fidler's zero-nitrate salami call 541-633-9800 or visit him online for all available meat products at www.werethewurst.com



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CTI has around 100 employees and offices in Bend, Tigard and Salem. As it celebrates its 50-year milestone, the company is heralding a long history of strong family ties while building toward the future.

A foundation of family and innovation
CTI's history is rooted in family leadership and long-term industry experience. The company was founded in 1976 by Doug Leach, who established the firm with a focus on quality testing and inspection services at a time when regulatory oversight and formalized materials verification were becoming widespread in the construction industry.

Doug Leach later brought his sons, Brian and Steve, into the business, helping to shape Carlson Testing into a multi-generational company. Brian has since passed away, and today Steve Leach leads the company as president, continuing the family's direct involvement in day-to-day operations.

Steve Leach's leadership as the President of CTI reflects decades of hands-on experience across nearly every function within the company, from fieldwork and laboratory testing to executive management. For clients, that translates into leadership that understands the technical realities of projects in the field.

"I'm proud that we've reached our 50th year while staying true to our commitment to customer service and quality," Steve Leach said. "As we've transitioned from the first generation to the second and now the third, it would have been easy to lose sight of what matters most — but we've remained consistent in upholding our core values."

The company's history also includes the contributions of Bend's Scott Jordan, who spent more than 40 years with CTI before his untimely death in 2024. Beginning his career as a laboratory technician, Jordan rose through the ranks to eventually serve as president. Scott left a legacy of excellence and was a mentor and role model to many. His tenure helped reinforce the company's reputation for technical rigor and customer service, and his influence continues to shape its culture even after his passing.

That legacy is now reflected in the next generation of the CTI team. Kevin Jordan, Scott's son, currently serves as a vice president, continuing a pattern of internal development that has long defined the company.

"I have pictures of me as a baby wrapped in a blanket in front of the first Carlson Testing, Inc. office, and I started with the company in an entry-level position and have been able to work my way up throughout my career," Kevin said. He began his career performing laboratory testing on concrete and soils before advancing into field inspection and project management.

Kevin's career progression mirrors CTI's broader emphasis on hands-on expertise. After transferring to the Bend office in 2015, he gained extensive experience in heavy civil construction projects across eastern and southern Oregon. His work has included local highway and airport projects, along with oversight of mixed design and radiation safety operations — technical areas that require both certification and practical field knowledge.

A focus on employee growth within the firm is CTI's long-standing approach to workforce development, where many employees have built careers over decades. Looking to the future, CTI is now beginning to attend recruiting fairs at local colleges like OSU with the hopes of continuing to attract talent, particularly in the geotechnical and geological engineering space.

A broad variety of work
The firm's materials testing division is particularly expansive, covering concrete, masonry, asphalt, and aggregate. In practice, that means technicians may evaluate whether a batch of concrete will hold up under load, determine if masonry, rebar or other materials meet durability requirements, or verify that asphalt mixes can withstand long-term traffic loading. These tests are essential not just for compliance, but for preventing costly structural failures down the line.

Beyond basic materials testing, Carlson Testing also performs "special inspections," a regulatory requirement for many large-scale construction projects.



THE CTI TEAM: (L-R BACK ROW) CHRIS STIDD, TIM SUESS, DAVE IRISH, ARI TENOLD, KAREN SHEPARD, KIM TABERT, LESA TABERT, KEVIN JORDAN AND JAY HATHAWAY. (L-R MIDDLE ROW): JASON BRYANT, BENTO NIMO, PARKER RICHMOND, GIGI STETLER, STEVE LEACH AND BRAD WILCOX. (L-R FRONT ROW): KEITH GAUVIN, DESTRY MCNEELY, JASMINE GHERING AND TAYLOR RUNKEL | PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARLSON TESTING INC.

These inspections ensure that work complies with building codes, engineering plans, and safety standards. The company staffs its projects with certified inspectors and engineers who monitor everything from structural steel installation to reinforced concrete placement, serving as a critical checkpoint between design and execution.

Equally central to the company's work is geotechnical engineering: the science of understanding how soil and rock behave under structures. Carlson Testing evaluates subsurface conditions through a variety of methods including drilled borings, laboratory testing, and geophysical surveys. Carlson's team then engineers the soil and rock to meet project design requirements, accounting for challenges like slope instability, expansive soils, and earthquake shaking. These insights inform how buildings are designed and where they can safely be constructed, particularly in complex environments like steep slopes and seismically active terrain.

"Geotechnical engineering provides the foundation for nearly every project that we work on here in Central Oregon. Having a strong understanding of the soils you're building on allows you to optimize the new structure for cost, safety, and long-term performance," said Sam Kane, PE, Principal Geotechnical Engineer at CTI.

"The geology of Oregon is very diverse, and different types of soil and rock present different challenges that need to be overcome before a single foundation is poured. Geotechnical engineering often represents less than one percent of overall project costs, yet the problems that can arise without it can easily consume up to twenty percent of project costs. Having the wrong dirt can hurt," Kane explained.

The company's capabilities extend into advanced and specialty testing as well. Using tools such as ground-penetrating radar and non-destructive testing methods, technicians can assess structural elements without damaging them. This allows engineers to locate rebar within concrete, detect voids beneath surfaces, or evaluate moisture levels in flooring systems, all while preserving the integrity of the structure.

CTI has played a consistent and visible role in supporting projects across Central and Western Oregon, providing critical materials testing, geotechnical engineering services, and special inspections.

In Central Oregon, their recent work is often part of community-focused development, including projects like the new Bend Central Library, Bend Senior High upgrades, and the new City of Bend Public Works Campus, alongside public-sector investments such as the Bend North Corridor Highway 97 project, the Bend Airport Taxi Lane Improvements project, and numerous ODOT highway maintenance projects across the state.

In the Portland metro area, CTI's portfolio expands to include some of the region's most complex and high-profile developments. From large-scale vertical construction like the Block 216 high-rise and Port of Vancouver Terminal 1 to major public infrastructure such as the Portland International Airport headquarters and the Washington Park Reservoir replacement, the firm has demonstrated its capacity to operate at the highest levels of technical demand.

Additionally, CTI's full-service concrete, asphalt, and earthen materials laboratory (run by Destry McNeely) holds U.S. Army Corps of Engineers accreditations, which has allowed them to provide testing and inspections on a new fish ladder project at Dexter Dam, outside of Springfield, Oregon. Carlson also recently contributed to Mazama Energy and Quaise Energy's pilot projects to harness geothermal energy from the Newberry Volcano in Central Oregon. The scope of work is ever-varying and never boring.

To accomplish it all, CTI employs professionals ranging from laboratory technicians to licensed engineers and geologists, reflecting the technical breadth required to support projects of widely varying scale.

"The legacy of the company is reflected in our employees, and in the customer service we deliver for our clients," Kevin Jordan said. "Our philosophy is that the client comes first. Whether your project is taking place at 5 pm or 1 am, and no matter where it is located in the state of Oregon, our clients know that they can count on us to be there and make sure the testing and inspection job gets done."

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IAIN SMITH OF CTI ON SITE TESTING AT A SOLAR FARM PROJECT

Keeping Great Employees and Getting the Best Out of Them

Why clarity, growth, and leadership are critical advantages for Bend businesses

by MAT HUNNICUTT, Partner — True Wealth Group

For many business owners in Central Oregon, one challenge continues to rise to the top: finding good employees.

In today's environment, however, hiring is only the beginning.

The businesses that are thriving in Bend are not just attracting talent. They are keeping strong employees and creating environments where those individuals can perform at a high level. In a competitive labor market, that combination has become a key driver of long-term success.

The Cost of Turnover

Employee turnover carries obvious costs. Recruiting, onboarding and training require time and resources. Productivity often slows, and team dynamics can be disrupted.

Less visible, but often more significant, is the loss of experience and institutional knowledge. When a high-performing employee leaves, they take with them relationships, efficiency and familiarity with operations that are difficult to quickly replace.

For small and mid-sized businesses, losing even one strong employee can have a measurable impact. In a market like Bend, where competition for talent continues to grow, retention is increasingly viewed as a strategic priority.

Why Employees Stay

While compensation remains important, particularly as the cost of living rises in Central Oregon, it is rarely the sole factor determining whether employees stay.

Business owners across industries point to several consistent drivers of retention and performance: clarity in roles, opportunities for growth, a clear sense of purpose and employees feeling valued.

Clarity in Expectations

One of the most common challenges within organizations is a lack of clearly defined roles.

When expectations are unclear or constantly shifting, employees can struggle to perform effectively. By contrast, high-performing teams tend to operate with a clear understanding of responsibilities, performance standards and priorities.



Clear communication and well-defined roles allow employees to focus on execution rather than navigating uncertainty.

Opportunities for Growth

Employees also evaluate their future within an organization, not just their current role.

In larger companies, career paths may be formalized. In smaller Bend-based businesses, growth often takes a different form: expanded responsibilities, leadership opportunities, skill development or greater involvement in decision-making.

The key is visibility into that progress. When employees feel stagnant, they are more likely to look elsewhere. When they see a path forward, they are more likely to stay engaged and committed.

A Clear Mission and Vision

In a region like Central Oregon, where lifestyle and community play a major role in why people choose to live and work, employees often seek more than just a paycheck.

They want to understand what the business stands for, where it is headed and how their work contributes to that direction.

Companies that consistently communicate their mission and long-term vision tend to build stronger alignment across their teams. When employees understand the purpose behind their work, engagement and performance often improve.

The Importance of Feeling Valued

Another critical, and sometimes overlooked, factor is recognition.

Employees who feel that their contributions are noticed and appreciated are more likely to remain engaged. Recognition does not need to be formal or costly. It can be as simple as acknowledging strong performance, giving credit publicly or providing meaningful feedback.

Consistent recognition reinforces a sense of value and ownership within a team.

Leadership as a Multiplier

At the center of these factors is leadership.

Strong leaders set clear expectations, communicate direction, support employee development and create environments where people feel respected and valued. In contrast, inconsistent or ineffective leadership can lead to confusion, disengagement and higher turnover.

In many cases, employees leave not because of the company itself, but because of the environment created by leadership.

For business owners, investing in leadership development, whether through training, coaching or more intentional management practices, can have a direct impact on retention and performance.

A Competitive Advantage

As Bend continues to grow, so does competition for skilled workers.

Businesses that focus primarily on hiring may find themselves in a constant cycle of recruitment and replacement. Those that prioritize retaining and developing their employees often build stronger teams, more stable operations and better long-term outcomes.

In a local economy where relationships and reputation matter, that advantage can compound over time.

Building for the Long Term

For Central Oregon business owners, the message is straightforward.

Retention is not simply about keeping employees. It is about creating an environment where they can succeed. Clear expectations, opportunities for growth, a well-communicated mission and a culture where employees feel valued are not soft benefits. They are the foundation of a stable, high-performing business.

Companies that invest in these areas are more likely to keep their best people and get the best from them. In a local economy where relationships and reputation matter, that advantage compounds over time.

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New Commuter Flights Launched Out of Redmond

“Hop on & Go” Service to Portland, Seattle and Spokane Skips TSA Snarls

by SIMON MATHER, CBN Feature Writer

A new seasonal, twice-weekly service from Redmond to Portland, Seattle and Spokane has been launched, with the aim of avoiding the crowds and significantly cutting travel time, while boosting flyer convenience.

Portland-based SeaPort Airlines is running the flights using its Pilatus PC-12 commuter aircraft on Friday and Monday, through Labor Day, between Redmond Airport (RDM) and PDX, with continuing service to Boeing Field Seattle (BFI) and Spokane's Felts Field (SFF).

The PC-12 is widely known as a versatile, single-engine turboprop, and the nine-seater Swiss-made planes fall outside of TSA jurisdiction, allowing use of smaller Business Aviation terminals such as Skyservice Redmond, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) for Redmond Municipal Airport, located on the north side of the runways.

SeaPort Airlines CEO Kent Craford, who was at Roberts Field recently to officially introduce the new Central Oregon service, said: “Avoid the long unpredictable drive, the big airlines, big parking garages and big TSA hands.

“If you live in Central Oregon, hop over to Portland or Seattle for a fun weekend getaway. Or a full work week, and get back to Bend in time for dinner Friday evening.

“It’s the key to the SeaPort difference – airports that are the right size for regional travel.

“Who needs the overhead and delays of larger airports when you’re just taking a quick flight in our region?”

Craford cited the example of Boeing Field (BFI) as a welcome antidote to SeaTac issues, being located just south of downtown Seattle, and by additionally flying to the other easy-to-reach airports, customers could avoid all the snarls and be on their way.

The new Central Oregon service is primarily designed to support summer leisure travel, weekend getaways, outdoor recreation and business connectivity during the peak travel season.

With convenient parking right out front of the terminals, no TSA security screening, and check-in at the SeaPort counter up to 20 minutes before scheduled flight departure, Craford says passengers can just “hop on and go,” without the need for online check-in.

The new service is currently operating on a limited seasonal basis employing professional “customer-focused” flight crew and gate staff.

As with the other Business Aviation terminals along the routes, Skyservice Redmond has rideshare service and rental cars available, as part of SeaPort’s goal of offering a “streamlined and efficient service”, designed to help travelers skip airport terminal crowds and the unpredictable drives over the Cascades.

According to the SeaPort website, one-way fares run between \$189 and \$469, depending on date, destination and whether it’s a refundable or non-refundable ticket. For example, a direct flight from Redmond-Portland on Friday, June 5 was currently quoted at \$279.

SeaPort Airlines began its operations providing air services in Alaska. Craford lives in Portland and has family in Central Oregon, and says he grew frustrated after experiencing lengthy Pacific Northwest commutes. Finding commercial flights between Central Oregon and Portland often taking as long as driving or taking a train, he decided to launch a private flight service using his aircraft to address the issue.

He added: “The PC-12s can fly high and fast, up over the clouds. You can get to Portland in about 40 minutes.

“It’s an amazing aircraft, primarily used in business aviation and typically for private purposes, but here we use it in an airline configuration. As a 5th generation Oregonian, it gives me great joy to bring SeaPort back to intra-state service. ‘Will you add more destinations,’ I keep getting asked. Well, that’s up to you.



KALININ COMPANIES CHAIRMAN AND CEO KENT CRAFTORD, WHO CO-FOUNDED THE FIRST SEAPORT AIRLINES IN 2008, STANDS BY ONE OF THE COMPANY'S PC-12 AIRCRAFT, NOW BEING USED FOR SEAPORT'S NEW SERVICE FROM REDMOND TO PORTLAND, SEATTLE AND SPOKANE.

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About SeaPort

SeaPort Airlines is a division of the Juneau, Alaska-based Kalinin group of regional airlines, which include Alaska Seaplanes and Island Air Express. The company was started in 1997 and today operates over two dozen aircraft and employs approximately 300 team members. Kalinin Chairman and CEO Kent Craford co-founded the first SeaPort Airlines in 2008. The new SeaPort Airlines aims to fulfill its founders’ original vision of bringing the Pacific Northwest Region closer together again, and, as Craford says, “actually getting you home for dinner”. The company’s motto is: “It’s about time!”

About Pilatus PC-12s

Dubbed the “Swiss Army Knife of the Skies”, the Pilatus PC-12 is statistically known as one of the safest pressurized turboprops built. Its PT6A engine is one of the most reliable in aviation, delivering jet-like performance with turboprop efficiency, while an extremely strong airframe and advanced avionics make the PC-12 a trusted tool of the United States Air Force.

About Skyservice Redmond

Skyservice Redmond is a modern Fixed Base Operator (FBO) located at Roberts Field in Redmond, Oregon, supporting business aviation operations in Central Oregon. As part of the Skyservice network, the facility provides professional aircraft ground handling, Jet A fueling, hangar services, and passenger support within a controlled, safety-focused operating environment. Passenger and crew facilities include comfortable lounge space, private work areas, and crew rest amenities designed to support productivity and efficient turnarounds. High-speed Wi-Fi connectivity and quiet preparation areas allow crews and passengers to manage ground time effectively. Concierge and ground transportation coordination are also available to support onward travel throughout Central Oregon.

For more information, including route maps and booking availability, visit: flyseaportair.com

New Event Space Option on Bowtie Catering Menu

All-Inclusive Opportunity Opens up at Inn of Seventh Mountain Resort Base

by SIMON MATHER — CBN Features Writer

After more than a decade of embodying the best in culinary excellence and personalized service, Bend-based Bowtie Catering Company is spreading its wings with the opening of a dedicated event venue space aiming to boost Central Oregon community connectivity.

Led by Sanda Costello, who originally emigrated from Romania and went on to manage multiple restaurants in the US before co-founding the catering service in Bend, Bowtie’s primary commercial kitchen is located at the Inn of Seventh Mountain Resort on Century Drive.

And after an underused function area at the resort complex became available, Costello jumped at the chance of leasing the space, with an eye to providing turn-key on-site amenities, particularly for local clientele. In realizing Costello’s vision, the 120-capacity facility - now named ‘The Westwoods’ - has been substantially renovated, with investment in improvements including new flooring, imported chandeliers, upgraded bathrooms, and the installation of state-of-the-art audio-visual amenities.

Costello, who exemplifies a strong work ethic and is often hands-on during Bowtie-catered events, added: “The space gives us a new dimension and offers the opportunity to reconnect with the community and forge deeper local links. We are an established part of the Central Oregon fabric, and here to help by giving more amenities on a local level, as well as continuing to cater to out-of-town clients.

“We have already catered events there such as a 60th birthday and county political campaign party, and the new space is ideal for gatherings such as family functions, reunions and relatively smaller weddings or private conferences in a ‘plug-in-and-play’ type scenario.”

She said primarily local vendors helped with the remodel, including Bend’s Stereo Planet who installed the AV infrastructure and in-house projector. Tables and chairs are also provided, together with a full liquor license, outdoor patio and ample parking, to provide an all-inclusive turn-key option for customers.

Costello praised a “great kitchen team and operational staff” rooted in farm-to-fork heritage, for maintaining the highest standards in crafting exquisite spreads for High Desert events. Known for meticulous attention to detail, Bowtie Catering Co. has garnered a deserved reputation for providing full-service catering customized for events of pretty much any scale.

Illustrating the diversity of its range, Costello said recent events have included everything from starview parties in the Ochocos staged in a forest-flanked field with no lights, to a private party at a Central Oregon ranch owned by a prominent video game creator.

She said May and June had become a busier period for weddings, as concerns about potential fire and smoke hazards later in the summer see clients scheduling earlier dates.

Viewing the new event space as an ideal space for family reunions and weddings, she is also aiming to provide more opportunities for a wider range of large and elegant group gatherings, while still being available for events such as team



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retreats and corporate gatherings, in a naturally beautiful environment.

The space is designed to blend natural beauty with professional and celebratory amenities and, having established a reputation with larger-scale gatherings including fundraisers, Costello now wants to become even more involved in the local community by offering a welcoming environment for smaller events such as baby showers and luncheons.

“I would say that I am pretty competent,” she said, “And like to throw my hat into the ring on everything. “We really aim to deliver culinary inspiration and elevated service to any style of event and offer full-service, fully-staffed catering.

“We like to say we are big but small. We are a boutique caterer that can do large events of any size. Our core group of people makes the magic happen, then we have a roster of loyal and highly qualified employees that are called in for the events. We wouldn’t be able to do it without our staff. We are really blessed by the number of good people we are able to call on every year, and access to the new event space broadens our horizons even further.”

Information on availability, menus, and booking of the space is available via website: bowtiecatering.com.

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The Peaks 360 Project Receives Final Approvals, Advancing Toward Development and Community Impact



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Nearly four years after its initial land use application was filed on December 2, 2021, **710 Properties, LLC**, the developer behind The Peaks 360, has received all major approvals required to move forward with its 710-acre rural residential community northwest of Redmond.

On October 22, 2025, the Oregon Court of Appeals issued a final ruling affirming the decision of the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), which upheld Deschutes County's approval to rezone the property from Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) to Rural Residential (RR-10). This ruling marked a significant milestone in a multi-year land use process involving extensive review, public hearings, and appeals.

Building on that decision, on April 3, 2026, the project's subdivision application received approval from the Deschutes County Community Development Planning Division, completing the final phase of land use entitlements for the project.

With these approvals secured, 710 Properties is moving into the next phase of development, including horizontal infrastructure construction, to prepare individual 10-acre rural residential lots for sale.

At the core of The Peaks 360 project is a long-term commitment to community impact. As previously announced, the project's majority owner, Dale Stockamp, is committed to donating all his profits, making most of the profits generated from the development available, to nonprofit organizations serving local and regional initiatives and beyond. This builds on his work, over the last 25 years, in helping over 500 Oregon-based nonprofit organizations achieve significant increased income, enabling them to serve more people.

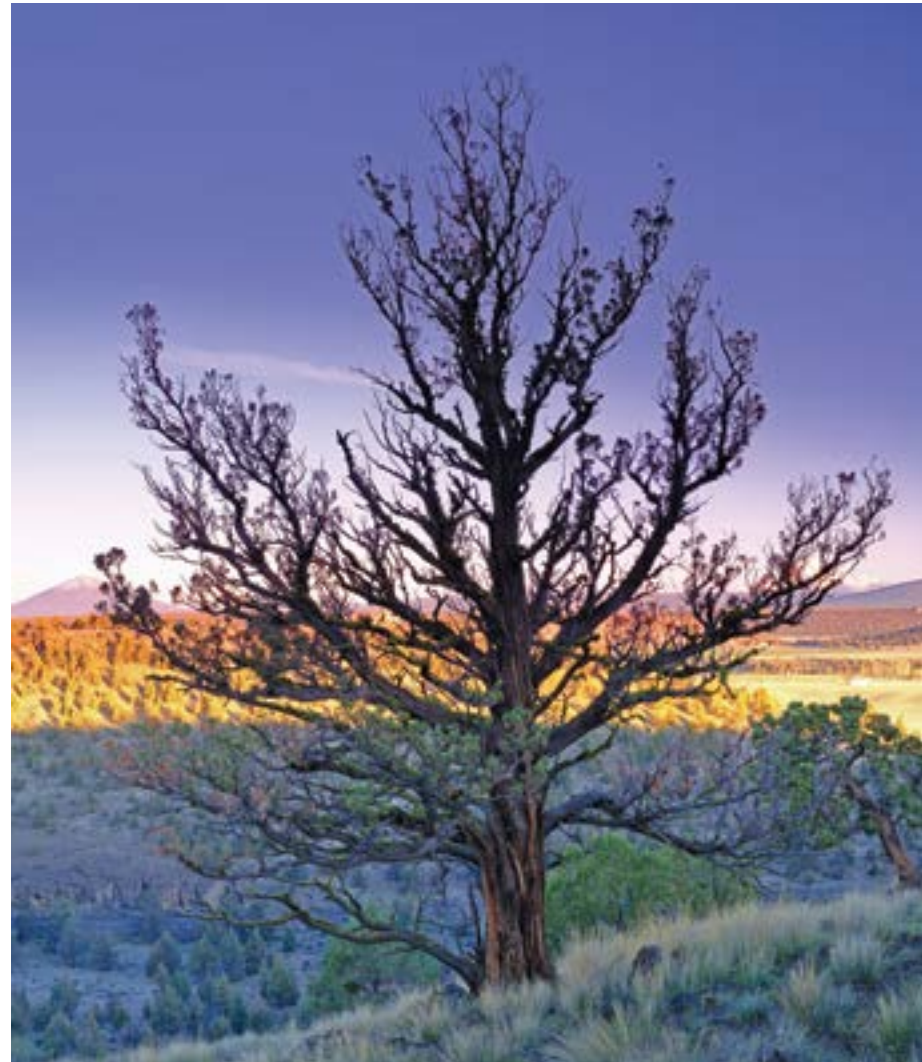
This ongoing commitment builds on 710's track record of early contributions, including more than \$300,000 in donations to local nonprofits, supporting organizations such as Furnish Hope, NeighborImpact, The Giving Plate, and Northwest Outward Bound School.

"Our Partners' vision for The Peaks 360 has always extended beyond development. This project represents an opportunity to create lasting community benefit—both through thoughtful land use and through meaningful financial support for organizations serving those in need," said Stockamp.

Stockamp added, "We are deeply grateful to the many community members who supported this project from the very beginning. Their encouragement and belief in what this development can become have meant a great deal throughout this long, uncertain process. We move forward with a profound sense of gratitude and optimism—for the future of The Peaks 360, and for the many nonprofit organizations and individuals whose lives we hope to positively impact in the years ahead."

The Peaks 360 project has undergone a rigorous and transparent review process since its initial filing in late 2021. The Oregon Court of Appeals' decision in October 2025 affirmed that Deschutes County and LUBA properly evaluated the application based on established land use law, scientific evidence, and environmental considerations.

With all appeals resolved and final approvals in place, the project now moves forward with certainty and clarity.



As development progresses, 710 Properties remains focused on delivering a low-density, thoughtfully designed rural residential community that aligns with Deschutes County's long-term planning goals while creating a sustainable funding source for nonprofit impact.

About The Peaks 360

The Peaks 360 is a 710-acre rural residential community located northwest of Redmond, Oregon. Designed to balance responsible land use with long-term community benefit, the project is distinguished by its commitment to donate the majority of its profits to nonprofit organizations supporting communities in Central Oregon and beyond.

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OSU Cascade Advances

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"Central Oregon and the Pacific northwest are evolving as an epicenter for businesses and entrepreneurs focused on finding solutions to energy challenges facing our country and world," said Taie. "The Energy Innovation Center at OSU-Cascades, in partnership with OSU, will support these companies and entrepreneurs, helping them more quickly transform ideas into viable commercial solutions."

Facilities and equipment in the Energy Innovation Center's 11,000-square-foot space will include a light industrial laboratory, access to 800 amps of 208 three-phase power, as well as tall ceilings and roll-up garage doors that can accommodate forklift access. The space also includes meeting, conferencing and project space, and a kitchen for researchers and tenants.

The center will provide tenants access to resources within OSU, including the Advantage team which supports intellectual property licensing, entrepreneurial training through the Advantage Accelerator, and additional manufacturing instrumentation through the Advanced Technologies and Manufacturing Institute.

Taie earned a bachelor's degree in energy systems engineering from OSU-Cascades, and both his master's degree and doctorate in mechanical engineering from OSU where he was awarded a fellowship from the U.S. Department of Energy to conduct research at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Taie also worked in the Department of Energy's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office where he led a \$35 million portfolio of projects. He returned to Bend in 2023 to join RedoxBlox, a startup focused on thermochemical energy storage technology, before joining the Energy Innovation Center at OSU-Cascades.

Hagen is a professor of energy systems engineering and an expert in energy conversion and storage related issues such as thermal energy storage and next generation fuels which may present greenhouse gas reduction opportunities. As founder and director of the Energy Systems Lab at OSU-Cascades, Hagen led work that resulted in the spinoff of Onboard Dynamics, located in Bend.

The Energy Innovation Center is located in District 2 in Northwest Crossing on Potts Court, about one mile from the OSU-Cascades campus.

Campus leaders are currently securing a master developer for the first eight-acre phase of the future 24-acre innovation district. The first buildings are anticipated to be open in 2028.



CHRIS HAGEN, CO-DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF THE OSU-CASCADES ENERGY INNOVATION CENTER.

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 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. osucascades.edu

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Madras Community ‘Has a Ton of Tenacity,’ Says EDCO’s Area Directors



EDCO’S AREA DIRECTOR DESCRIBES THE MADRAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS ‘THE CROWN JEWEL’ OF THE COMMUNITY. (PHOTO COURTESY OF EDCO’S BRENNIA FULKS)

by ANDREA HINE, CBN Feature Writer

When EDCO reestablished a local presence in Jefferson County in 2024 after a five-year absence, there were two active projects under development – now there are seven, reflecting rising business interest and economic momentum, according to EDCO’s Area Director Brenna Fulks.

“I’ve been struck by just how much is happening in Jefferson County,” she said. “While the community is deeply rooted in agriculture – which continues to anchor the region -- diversification is also critical. That’s why the growing presence of innovation and advanced manufacturing that people may not immediately associate with a rural community is key to EDCO’s efforts.

Here, Fulks noted, “agriculture, manufacturing, research and innovation are not competing priorities. They exist side by side. The strength of this community comes from that mix – and from the willingness of people here to collaborate, adapt and think long term about what growth can look like.”

“For example, there are many cool things about the Madras community,” she said, “but the crown jewel is the Madras Municipal Airport – which offers so much potential given the availability of leasable property. This goes hand in hand with the Industrial Park that provides an opportunity to invest in the area as companies like Keith Manufacturing and Brightwood Corporation have done. Adding to the allure is the fact that the airport is right there.”

Together, the City of Madras currently has 780 acres of airport and industrial-zoned property with land available for lease and/or purchase.

“Much of the progress we anticipate this year builds on groundwork already laid,” Fulks said, singling out the 2024 Urban Growth Boundary expansion and two Enterprise Zone boundary expansions in 2025 that created new opportunities for industrial and commercial development.

“Together, these changes help ‘set the table’ for future recruitment by making more industrial properties eligible for incentives and better positioning the county to attract traded-sector investment.” In 2025, the Madras Industrial Site Readiness Plan was also launched, she added. “Once completed, it will identify infrastructure needs tied to emerging industries.”

Fulks, who came from an agricultural family in Northern California, has worked in rural communities in Montana, California, and Oregon. “I love their boots on the ground, direct on-site involvement,” she said. “The Madras community, for instance, has a ton of tenacity, with a willingness to try new things while also becoming more focused, as opposed to using a broad-brush approach. This focus is critical in pursuing growth, as well as enhancing livability, or the sum of factors that make an area suitable and enjoyable, and contribute to the overall quality of life and well-being for residents.”

Fulks emphasized that “In moving forward, and continuing to diversify and strengthen Jefferson County’s economy, our goal is to recruit companies that not only bring in new jobs and investment, but companies that support our vision: pursuing balanced growth while honoring the area’s distinctive history and culture.”

Emma’s Café Changing Name & Logo to La Estacion Mexican Restaurant

by ANDREA HINE, CBN Feature Writer

Joining The Spot and Initiative Brewing as new food options in downtown Madras, Emma’s Café, which officially opened in July 2025 with great fanfare and a Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting, is changing its name to La Estacion Mexican Restaurant. Accompanying the name change is a new logo featuring a locomotive at full steam bordered by an assortment of colorful vegetation.

Praised for its “fresh ingredients, generous portions, comfortable atmosphere, and friendly service,” Emma’s Café specializes in authentic Mexican dishes like street tacos, birria, carne asada, and shrimp tacos capeados. The owners are described as “lovely and supportive of the community.”

Located on the first floor of the Harriman Building on Fourth and D streets, Emma’s Cafe is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.



SHOWN (FROM LEFT TO RIGHT) ARE EMPLOYEES JOSE PADILLA, YESENIA RODRIGUEZ GRADILLA, AND RAMON RODRIGUEZ. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREA HINE)

COCC’s Deer Ridge Prison College Program to Confer First-ever Associate Degrees

Nine students will receive their college degree at the Deer Ridge ceremony.

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Central Oregon Community College’s education program at Deer Ridge Correctional Institution is conferring its first-ever degree awards from its recently established associate degree program. Nine students will receive their college degree.

The degrees will be presented at the annual graduation ceremony from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, at the facility in Madras, 3920 E. Ashwood Road, that will also award certificates to welding students. GED students will be recognized at a later ceremony.

Note: Media attendance is welcomed at the commencement ceremony. Please contact Jackie Currie, COCC’s prison education program coordinator, at 541-330-4369 or jcurrie@coocc.edu to receive details.

“This program exemplifies COCC’s commitment to educational access, and we’re so excited to reach this milestone with our first graduating class,” said Tony Russell, instructional dean at COCC.

Under the guidance of COCC biology professor Emma Chaput, the college introduced a fully accredited, cohort-modeled associate degree program in the spring term of 2024. Of the approximately 1,100 adults in custody at Deer Ridge, some 30 are enrolled during the academic year, taught by COCC instructors who travel to the site. Subjects have included biology, history, communication and human development. The degree is a transfer award, allowing students to continue their college studies upon release.

A study from the RAND Corporation indicates that recidivism rates for adults in custody drops to 50% for those earn their GED in prison, and falls to 13.7% for those who earn an associate degree. Financial assistance for students has in large part been provided by federal Pell Grants. When Congress lifted a 26-year ban on Pell Grants for incarcerated individuals in 2023, COCC was one of the first in the country to apply for and receive the national grant certification.

The college provides a range of instructional services at Deer Ridge, through a contract established in 2008 with the Oregon Department of Corrections. Anchored by its state-mandated GED prep program, educational services also include Adult Basic Skills classes and a welding program.



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Madras Is 'Setting the Table'

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Incentives for Retail Business Development

Wunsch cited a \$1.2 million construction loan awarded by the Madras Redevelopment Agency (MRC) to Andre Jackson, owner of The Spot, that has "quite a lot of action, especially during the summer. The venue is definitely helping to revive downtown through increased foot traffic," he said.

Encouraging the establishment of new retail businesses is in line with several programs developed by the MRC to assist in the renovation, preservation, and rehabilitation of existing commercial properties to upgrade the city's physical characteristics and enhance the vibrancy of its downtown commercial core.

As an example, grants and loans are available to upgrade physical characteristics, enhance storefront appeal, and for structural upgrades and reuse of older buildings.

In addition, a \$42 million ODOT and City of Madras project (2025-2027) will repave 4th and 5th streets, improve stormwater systems, and add pedestrian-friendly features like curb extensions to improve safety and aesthetics.

Retail Revitalization Program & Partnerships Bring in Gold Beach Lumber

Wunsch honed in on the importance of "spending local." For instance, he said, "each dollar that farmers or ranchers make turns over six or seven times within the community in terms of buying supplies and groceries from local businesses."

A challenge to "spending local" was posed by the fact that "we used to have three local home improvement/supply stores – then there were none, so all those dollars were being spent outside of Madras."

However, Wunsch continued, "thanks to our Retail Revitalization Grant Program, a new funding opportunity designed to attract and expand retail businesses that address key service and amenity gaps in the region, Gold Beach Lumber was awarded a \$500,000 grant to fund a new nine-acre location off U.S. 97 that will enable people to shop locally for their hardware and building materials. It's an investment in our future."

Madras former City Administrator Will Ibershof praised the Retail Revitalization Grant Program – a collaborative effort between Madras and Jefferson County launched in 2025 – by saying, "If we want to see (these areas) succeed, we need to put some skin in the game."

Ibershof also credited EDCO's Brenna Fulks for her role in bringing the endeavor to fruition. "We would have never gone down this path if Brenna hadn't been part of the team here," he said. "Economic development is an idea. But ideas float around all the time. Actually putting an idea into action is where Brenna has been able to really help us."

Fulks responded: "This project is indicative that you've got a county and two cities willing to do something to spur revitalization and growth. An awesome group of people came together, providing an example of what makes this community so successful."



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"Setting the Table" With Long-Term Investment Incentives

Wunsch described efforts like this as "trying to set the table" with incentives that attract investment. The expansion of Madras's Urban Growth Boundary that adds 196 acres of land for future industrial development is a key step in Jefferson County's economic advancement, he said.

"The new site will allow private developers to purchase land outright, rather than being restricted to lease-only options – a key incentive for attracting larger, long-term investments, and creating sustainable jobs, particularly in manufacturing and technology."

The impact of these long-term investments is also reflected in the area's tax base. As Wunsch pointed out, "Portland General Electric (PGE), a major power provider in the region, is a significant taxpayer – contributing approximately \$3.4 million in annual property taxes to Jefferson County."

"Support of the tax base by companies such as PGE is crucial to the local economy," he said, "as they bring dollars back home and enable the community to fulfill an increasing need for services such as bringing in more law enforcement, and remodeling the 30-year-old Madras fire house."

Jefferson County Ranking Improves From #8 to #3

"Thanks to years of disciplined work and strong partnerships," Wunsch emphasized, "Jefferson County has made significant progress in strengthening its local economy – improving its ranking from the most economically distressed county in Oregon to number eight."

"This milestone shows that community investments in economic development, workforce, and infrastructure are making a real difference for our residents and businesses," he said. "And although we're not quite there yet in terms of securing and bringing in outside dollars, this is a time to stop and appreciate where we've come – knowing that we're on the right path moving forward."

From Madras to the World: Richesin Engineering Builds the Internet's Edge

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When Richesin Engineering opened its doors in Madras in October 2022, co-owner and CTO Josh Richesin described a simple mission: empower communities with reliable connectivity where it matters most. Three years later, that mission has taken the company across three states — from the floors of tribal operations centers in Central Oregon, to the shores of Maui, Hawaii, serving Hawaiian Homelands communities, to the rooftops of remote Alaska villages — and now to one of the most significant internet exchange points in the Pacific Northwest.

In 2025, Richesin Engineering launched its own internet network division operating out of the Westin Building in Seattle — a facility that serves as a critical hub for Pacific Rim internet traffic. Through a co-location agreement there, the company deployed enterprise-grade server infrastructure, secured its own ARIN-allocated IP address space, and established an active port on the Seattle Internet Exchange (SIX), putting it in direct peering relationships with some of the largest networks on the planet — including SpaceX.

But what sets the company apart from a typical internet carrier is what it is doing with that network position: deploying NVIDIA GPU servers directly at Internet Exchange points to deliver artificial intelligence inference at the edge of the network. The concept addresses a fundamental problem with cloud-based AI — every AI request from a Starlink subscriber, a rural broadband user, or a remote tribal facility must travel hundreds or thousands of miles to reach a data center in a major city, adding 200 to 400 milliseconds of delay to every interaction. By placing GPU compute directly where network traffic physically interconnects, Richesin Engineering can serve AI responses in under five milliseconds — fast enough for real-time voice AI, interactive applications, and the kind of instant responsiveness that makes AI genuinely useful in the field.

The company is expanding this infrastructure to seven Internet Exchange locations across the country — from Seattle to Honolulu, Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Ashburn, and Miami — creating a coast-to-coast edge AI network built specifically for satellite and rural broadband users. Services offered on this infrastructure include AI inference APIs, VPS hosting on dedicated hardware with native IP space, CDN and edge caching with GPU-powered dynamic content, and IP transit optimized for satellite and rural last-mile networks.

"Cloud AI was built for cities," said Richesin. "A rancher in Jefferson County on Starlink, a fishing crew off the Alaska coast, a family on a Hawaiian Homelands lot — they all deserve the same AI performance as someone sitting in a downtown Seattle office. That is what we are building."

Solving Starlink's Last Problem

One of the company's most visible products is StarlinkBonding.com, a managed service platform that addresses a fundamental limitation of SpaceX's Starlink satellite internet: reliability. While Starlink has revolutionized connectivity for rural and remote customers, a single dish can be disrupted by weather, obstructions, or satellite handoff gaps. Richesin Engineering's bonding platform uses MPTCP — multipath networking technology — to combine multiple Starlink terminals into a single high-throughput connection with automatic failover, with traffic aggregated and terminated directly at Internet Exchange points where the company maintains peering with SpaceX's own network.

The service runs on purpose-built hardware managed remotely by Richesin Engineering's team, making it well-suited for ranches, remote worksites, tribal facilities, vessels, and enterprises in areas where fiber and fixed wireless simply do not reach. Customers receive hardware that the company configures, monitors, and supports — no technical expertise required on the customer's end.

Tribal Broadband: From Warm Springs to the Alaskan Bush

Richesin Engineering's largest ongoing partnership is with a major tribal

telecommunications provider in Central Oregon, where the company serves as the primary technical partner supporting broadband infrastructure for one of the region's largest tribal nations. That relationship spans network engineering, voice over IP, enterprise switching, and edge security — essentially the full technology stack that keeps the operation connected and running.

The company has extended that tribal broadband expertise north to Alaska, where it serves as a technical and management partner for Alaska Tribal Tel (ATTI), a broadband provider serving more than 30 remote tribal villages across some of the most logistically challenging terrain in the country. The partnership exemplifies what Richesin Engineering means by its operating philosophy: "We work remotely everywhere. We work on-site where others will not go."

The firm is also actively pursuing federal BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) and Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program funding partnerships in Alaska, working alongside native organizations to bring high-speed internet to communities that have been on the wrong side of the digital divide for decades.

AI-Enabled Voice & Managed IT

One of the most compelling applications of the company's edge AI infrastructure is Voice AI Agents — AI-powered phone systems that answer calls, handle customer service, schedule appointments, and manage intake around the clock, with response times fast enough that callers cannot distinguish the AI from a live person. Because the AI inference runs on Richesin Engineering's own hardware at Internet Exchange points rather than in a distant cloud data center, the voice interactions have the natural, real-time flow that cloud-based systems cannot achieve over satellite or rural broadband connections.

The service works with any existing phone system — no PBX migration, no new hardware, no disruption. For small businesses, tribal organizations, and rural enterprises that cannot staff a phone line around the clock, it delivers a professional front line that never takes a day off. The combination of the company's carrier-grade telecom infrastructure and its own AI compute is one that neither a typical AI software vendor nor a typical phone company can replicate on their own.

The company's managed IT and security practice has also grown significantly, serving clients across Central Oregon and beyond with cybersecurity monitoring, surveillance systems, access control, and Microsoft 365 administration. In early 2026, the firm exhibited at the ITA Showcase in Hillsboro, Oregon — the largest telecommunications trade show in the Pacific Northwest — where Sales Engineer Logan Webb delivered a seminar on satellite bonding technology, placing Richesin Engineering alongside the region's leading carriers, equipment manufacturers, and network operators.

Still Rooted in Madras

Despite the company's growing footprint across three states — Oregon, Hawaii, and Alaska — and a network presence in Seattle, its headquarters remains at 574 SW 4th Street in Madras, and its team remains committed to being a resource for Jefferson County businesses. Oregon CCB License #246006.

"Madras is our home base and always will be," said Richesin. "The work we do in remote Alaska or on tribal lands in Oregon is possible because of the infrastructure and team we have built right here in Jefferson County. We are proud of where we come from, and we think the rest of the region is starting to see what we have known for a while — there is a lot more going on in this community than people realize."

With a team of field technicians and engineers experienced in everything from fiber splicing and tower climbing to enterprise routing and AI-integrated operations platforms, Richesin

Engineering continues to expand what's possible for the clients and communities it serves.

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Cascades East Transit Increases Frequency on Bend Routes, Launches Simnasho Route in Warm Springs & Madras

by ANDREA WASILEW, CET Outreach & Engagement Administrator — COIC

Cascades East Transit (CET), operated by the Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), will implement significant service enhancements across Central Oregon beginning May 4. These improvements are designed to increase frequency, improve reliability, and expand access for riders throughout the region.

CET will increase service frequency across its Bend fixed-route network, focusing on the busiest corridors. Routes 1 and 4 on Third Street will run every 15 minutes during the busiest times of weekday service, improving from the current 30-minute intervals. Additional Bend routes will increase weekday peak service from 45-minute to 30-minute intervals, with select high-demand segments near St. Charles Medical Center, Neff Road, and portions of 27th Street improving to 15-minute frequency.

Service is also expanding to key community destinations, including a new stop at the Central Library in Bend, opening May 11.

"Our goal is to make transit easy to understand and accessible for everyone in our community," said Andrea Wasilew, Outreach & Engagement administrator at CET. "Through ongoing outreach and partnerships, we're connecting with riders where they are - supporting seniors, people with disabilities, and rural residents in accessing transportation and staying connected to essential services."

Coming May 5, CET will introduce a new route in Jefferson County connecting Warm Springs and Madras to service to Kah-Nee-Ta and Simnasho. This new route improves access to jobs, healthcare, essential services, and recreational opportunities, strengthening connectivity within the Warm Springs community and surrounding areas.

CET is also advancing a series of system-wide improvements focused on enhancing the rider experience. These include safety, improving bus cleanliness, strengthening professionalism and customer service, enhancing call center support, improving schedule reliability and on-time performance, upgrading bus stops and transit facilities, and increasing public awareness of service changes.

"These service enhancements reflect CET's commitment to meeting the growing transportation needs of Central Oregon," said Bob Townsend, Transit director at CET. "By increasing frequency on our busiest routes and expanding service to underserved areas, we are making transit more convenient, reliable, and accessible for everyone. These improvements help support daily mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and provide a cost-effective alternative to driving."

Riders will begin to see updated schedules and information at bus stops, onboard buses, and at Hawthorne Station in Bend. More information is available at CascadesEastTransit.com or by calling CET's Customer Service Center at 541-385-8680.



About Cascades East Transit:

Cascades East Transit is Central Oregon's regional public transit provider, offering fixed and flex-route buses, city connector routes, recreational shuttles, Dial-A-Ride, and paratransit services. CET serves Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson Counties, and the Warm Springs community. Its mission is to exceed rider expectations by delivering safe, reliable, and high-quality transit that strengthens regional connectivity, reduces congestion, supports environmental sustainability, and enhances quality of life.

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Stettler Supply Company Provides Irrigation Support to Region's Agricultural Producers

by ANDREA HINE, CBN Feature Writer

"Water is life," said Chris Carpenter. "Just as the human body can't survive more than a few days without it, water is essential for growing crops and raising livestock" – with agriculture being the main industry in Jefferson County, and generating an estimated \$63 million to \$74 million in direct annual commodity sales, as well as hundreds of millions of dollars in broader Central Oregon economic impact.

Carpenter, Central Oregon manager for Stettler Supply Company, grew up in Madras among the farming and ranching communities, and sees firsthand the impact of the area's persistent dry conditions, and the increasing importance of irrigation resources and support.

These conditions (94% of Jefferson County is currently experiencing severe drought, according to the Oregon Water Resources Dept.) and minimal streamflow have led to reduced water allotments from the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID) for the 2026 growing season. The significant drop in numbers from previous years provides farmers with just over half (57%) of their normal water supply.

Carpenter emphasized that other areas in Central Oregon are "just as challenged" by the circumstances facing Jefferson County. For example, Three Sisters Irrigation District's senior water users (i.e., those with the oldest priority dates) are seeing a 50% allocation cut for the 2026 season.

"Producers have some tough decisions to make," Carpenter said. "For example, local producers dependent on 1,000 acres – and only able to utilize 300 of them – will have to make up another 700 acres in order to survive. And they are doing this by leasing land from other property owners – perhaps ones based in Crook County or as far away as the Valley – which results in having noncontiguous parcels of land, all of which need water."

These circumstances require innovation and water management in irrigation, Carpenter said, "which is a really big focus for us as we work in this region. You could say that 'it's our niche.'"



STETTLER SUPPLY HAS FOUND THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN TECHNOLOGY HAVE MADE WATER MANAGEMENT EASIER. (PHOTO COURTESY OF STETTLER SUPPLY COMPANY)

Responding to the need for irrigation support, as voiced by people in the area, Stettler Supply opened a new location in Madras this March to better serve local producers. As Carpenter explained: "Every farm is different. Our goal is to find specific solutions that address each customer's specific needs. This is true for all our producing friends," Stettler said, "whether large (with thousands of acres) or small (with as few as 5-10 acres)."

Since opening in 1948, Stettler has been offering "holistic, all-encompassing irrigation solutions (including equipment installation and repair services) to Oregon farmers," according to the company.

Carpenter defined holistic in this context: "As consultants, we're like medical professionals who consider the whole person and focus on finding the root cause of illnesses rather than just treating symptoms. Stettler doesn't put band aids on a single pain point, but rather looks at the customer's whole operation and where we can best be of use."

"The opportunity to be of service to our growers and support their operations – not just in Jefferson County but the entire Tri-County area as we look to expand our operations – is very exciting," Carpenter said. "There's a lot that can be done in terms of system infrastructure upgrades, and bringing new technology into the market. Stettler's objective as a company is to align with our producers by helping them become more knowledgeable, and make it easier for them to do their job."



STETTLER SUPPLY DEFINES ITS NICHE AS INNOVATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPING IRRIGATION SOLUTIONS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF STETTLER SUPPLY COMPANY)

"Improvements in technology have made water management easier," he added, "as has growing awareness of the importance of good stewardship of land" – defined as "managing land in a way that balances human needs with long-term ecological health, ensuring that it remains productive and resilient for future generations."

Another factor is lack of labor, Carpenter said, "with fewer and fewer people willing to do the work that's entailed. So farmers have to adjust with, for example, remote monitoring and controls."

He elaborated: "We educate our customers about new products such as pump systems that link to a central irrigation controller (like a smart timer), which dictates exactly when and for how long the pump and valves will run – taking into account fluctuating water needs based on factors such as outside temperatures and evaporation rates. Innovations like this allow a farmer to control hundreds of acres of noncontiguous parcels that can be anywhere from a few hundred feet to tens of miles apart."




STETTLER SUPPLY'S GOAL IS TO FIND SPECIFIC SOLUTIONS THAT ADDRESS EACH CUSTOMER'S SPECIFIC NEEDS. (PHOTO COURTESY OF STETTLER SUPPLY COMPANY)

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At El Torito Supermarket, 'Our Goal Is to Make Customers Happy'

by ANDREA HINE, CBN Feature Writer

"I've met so many people from Bend, Prineville, and the Valley who come here for our extensive variety of Hispanic items – including an entire aisle of spices that are used in Latin and South American cuisine – and tell us they're grateful not to have to travel further," said Rosita Rivera, manager.

"If customers ask for something the store hasn't stocked, such as aji amarilla (a very hot pepper native to the Andes), we try to get it in for them, calling upon our vendors that we have everywhere."

"And there is such great diversity among our shoppers," Rivera said, "including people from Peru, Cuba, and Venezuela, in addition to our Mexican clientele." (Hispanic and Latino residents make up roughly 31.9% to 36.1% of Madras's population, making it one of the top cities in Oregon with the highest concentration of residents identifying with Latin American heritage.)



PEOPLE LINE UP ALL WEEKEND TO PURCHASE ROASTED WHOLE CHICKENS BASTED WITH A SPECIAL MARINADE. (PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDREA HINE)



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Reviews of the Madras El Torito are highly positive, with customers praising the fresh bread coming out of the bakery case several times a day, the on-site prepared foods such as birria pizza and fresh ceviche in its deli section, and the friendly service and welcoming atmosphere.

"Number one in popularity is a station outside the store where one of our employees roasts whole chickens basted with his special marinade on Saturdays and Sundays," Rivera said. "People line up all weekend from the time El Torito opens in the morning at 7 a.m. to when we close at 9 p.m."

"Response from the community since we opened our doors last year has been what we expected," Rivera said. "Our goal is to make customers happy."

COCC Unveils New Madras Campus Expansion New Facilities to Address Community Needs

by NOAH NELSON, CBN Feature Writer

On April 30 of this year, COCC held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially unveil their newest campus expansion in Madras. On 26 acres of land that was generously donated by the Bean Foundation, COCC has built a new, approximately 24,000 square foot building that houses four stand-alone health and education programs related to Nursing, Nursing Assisting, Medical Assisting and Early Childhood Education; the latter of which is offered in both English and Spanish.

The facility also includes science labs that will serve the new health programs, as well as other degree and certificate programs, along with an onsite childcare facility with a capacity of 100 spots. The childcare facility will integrate directly into the COCC students' learning experience while providing jobs for a number of graduates.

Sitting down with COCC Madras Campus Director James Rodriguez, he said, "I have been so excited and honored to be a part of this with COCC, in giving back to our community through this expansion of programs designed to address the needs of Madras and Jefferson County. Providing this education close to home breaks down a large barrier that many students would otherwise face, and helps create a local workforce to help fill critical roles in the region."

Looking at the numbers, the impact of this expansion will be a significant one, especially for a smaller community like Madras. According to COCC, the new Madras expansion will create 58 additional health career students, per year, who can earn credentials needed to enter the local workforce, 30 educators trained per year through the Early Childhood Education program, along with 80 additional staff and students at Madras High School who will benefit from on-site early learning college credits over the first four years following the expansion, and finally, 20 full-time jobs added by The Children's Learning Center at the new on-site child care center.

By focusing on local education investment, COCC and the City of Madras hope to address the growing need for accessible career and technical education, creating a pipeline that will help provide students the ability to grow, learn and contribute in their own community.

All together, this expansion has come to fruition through a collaborative effort. Starting with the donation of the land, which was valued at around \$1.5



MADRAS RIBBON CUTTING

million, additional investments to date have come from the U.S. Congress, the Oregon Legislature, COCC's Real Estate Fund and private donors. The Madras campus expansion's overall design and construction costs are estimated at \$22 million, with up to 60% expected to come from federal, state and other public resources.

This effort was made possible through local partnerships with the Bean Foundation, Jefferson County, the Jefferson County School District 509J, St. Charles Health System, and The Children's Learning Center.

For more information on the Madras Campus Expansion or on COCC, please visit their website at cocc.edu.

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Alpine Veterinary Clinic 354 NE Dekalb Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-382-8930	541-388-8329	www.alpinevetbend.com	Dr. Allan Kelley	11	1985	Small animal clinic, orthopedic & soft tissue surgery, preventive healthcare plans, dentistry, x-ray.
Ark Animal Clinic 528 NE Greenwood Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-389-6111	541-389-8935	www.thearkanimalclinic.com ark-bend@wellhaven.com	Dr. Matthew Reed, Dr. Tucker Barton	11	1972	Small animal veterinary care.
Bend Animal Emergency & Specialty Center 1245 SE Third St., Ste C-3 Bend, OR 97702	541-385-9110	N/A	www.bendanimaler.com info@bendanimaler.com	Kayla Robinson, Colbi Hill, Naomi Kitagaki, Adam Stone	50	2021	24/7/365 veterinary emergency services, veterinary specialty services by appointment, feline I-131 treatment, cardiologist by appointment only, local emergency veterinary care.
Bend Animal Hospital 63240 Service Rd. Bend, OR 97703	541-389-7778	N/A	www.bendanimalhospital.com bendanimalhospital@bendbroadband.com	Dr. Matt Wesley, Dr. Steven Pappa, Dr. Lynne Brown	12	1985	Complete medical & surgical facilities. Equine, livestock, companion & most specialty animals. After-hours & emergency services are available for current patients.
Bend Equine Medical Center, LLC 19121 Couch Market Rd. Bend, OR 97701	541-388-4006	541-389-7508	www.bendequine.com info@bendequine.com	Dr. Wendy Krebs, Dr. Wayne Schmotzer	11	1998	Full service equine hospital, in-house lab, advanced & routine dentistry, 3 mobile vet units, neonatal intensive care unit, complete reproduction center. Lameness specialists.
Bend Veterinary Clinic 360 NE Quimby Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-382-0741	541-382-0711	www.bendveterinaryclinic.com bendveterinaryclinic@bendbroadband.com	Dr. Tabitha Johnston, Dr. Lauren Stayer, Dr. Erin Miller, Dr. Byron Maas	25	1964	Full-service small animal hospital including exotic pets & limited house calls. Chat with team members to get quick answers, request pet records & earn loyalty points in exchange for discounts on goods/services with Pets of Bend app, available in both Google & Apple stores.
Bird Dog Bioventures/The Athletic Horse 67550 Harrington Loop Rd. PO Box 7017 Bend, OR 97701	5415491709	N/A	www.theathletichorse.com theathletichorse@msn.com	Dr. Patrick Young	1	2001	Diagnosis & treatment for horses & small animals.
Blue Sky Veterinary Clinic 20205 Powers Rd., Ste. 103 Bend, OR 97702	541-383-3833	541-383-5856	www.blueskyvet.com blueskyveterinaryclinic@gmail.com	Dr. Chad Moles, Dr. Kara Tennant, Dr. Amanda Ford	15	1990	Complete adult, puppy & kitten health exams, vaccinations, geriatric care, diagnostics, dentistry, surgery, emergency care & pet foods.
Brookwood Animal Clinic, LLC 19550 Amber Meadow Dr., Ste. 100 Bend, OR 97702	541-306-6991	N/A	www.brookwoodanimalclinic.com	Liz Gray, Ruth Loomis	11	2014	Veterinary services, dentistry, soft tissue & orthopedic surgery, behavior consultations, imaging, preventative healthcare, pet washing station, wellness plans.
Caldera Veterinary Center 530 SW Mill View Way, Ste. 1 Bend, OR 97702	541-382-7671	541-389-9391	www.calderavetcenter.com contact@calderavetcenter.com	Brett Thomas	3	2026	Provide comprehensive medical & surgical services for dogs, cats & exotic animals, including dermatology, ophthalmology, internal medicine, diagnostic imaging (X-ray & ultrasound), bloodwork, USDA travel certification, surgery, vaccine titers & vaccinations, behavioral support, at-home care guidance, wellness care for all life stages, urgent care, preventative medicine & end-of-life care.
Cascade East Veterinary Clinic 1689 SW Hwy. 97 Madras, OR 97741	541-475-7226	N/A	www.cascadeeastveterinary.com cascadeeast@hotmail.com	Dr. Steven Nitschelm	3	1979	Serving Madras & surrounding area, companion pets only, emergency service available.
Central Oregon Animal Hospital 366 NE Underwood Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-382-7067	541-389-2667	www.CentralOregonVet.com coah@nva.com	Dr. David Johnston	25	1972	Companion animal wellness & preventative care, medical & surgical services, ultrasound & limited orthopedics.
Cinder Rock Veterinary Clinic 2630 S Canal Blvd. Redmond, OR 97756	541-923-1638	541-923-1752	www.cinderrockvetclinic.com	Dr. Keith Sides, Dr. Holly Sides	30	1983	Small animals & horses.
Cole Veterinary Services 18460 Pinehurst Rd. Bend, OR 97701	541-382-0184	N/A	N/A	Dr. Jennifer Cole	2	1983	Equine only practice: reproduction, medicine & surgery, 24-hour emergency service.
Colorado Cat Clinic 655 NW York Dr. Bend, OR 97703	541-318-9879	541-617-1825	www.coloradocatclinic.com catclinic@outlook.com	Dr. Kirsten Munck	4	1997	Cats only veterinary clinic.
Countryside Equine Clinic 2660 NE Hwy. 20, Ste. 610-39 Bend, OR 97701	541-385-8487	541-389-3075	N/A	Dr. Trish Kentner	2	1999	Mobile service: vaccinations, ultrasounds, x-rays, medicine, nutritional consulting, neonatal care, emergency service, special interest in reproduction.
Desert Valley Equine Center 21199 NW Spruce Ave. Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-5299	541-548-4030	www.desertvalleyequine.com dvequine@msn.com	Dr. Tim W. Phillips	2	2000	All equine work specializing in lameness, reproduction & dentistry.
East Bend Animal Hospital 409 NE Greenwood Ave., Ste.110 Bend, OR 97701	541-318-0090	N/A	www.eastbendvet.com ebah@eastbendvet.com	Dr. Anna Kilgore, Dr. Brett Thomas, Dr. Dalton Webb, Dr. Jaime Thurk	20	2016	Exams, avian pets, exotic pets, spaying & neutering, pet dentistry, surgery, laser therapy, micro-chipping, nutrition, lab services, flea, tick & heartworm prevention, pet emergency, nutritional supplements, vaccines, Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (VOM).
Feline Fine Cat Clinic LLC 61249 S Hwy. 97, Ste. 120 Bend, OR 97702	541-306-2442	541-306-2443	www.felinefinevet.com info@felinefinevet.com	David Cheney, Dr. Josslyn Bloom	9	2021	Feline only low-stress veterinary clinic, Fear-Free Certified staff members. Services include wellness & health; illness, injury & behavioral problems, procedures & oral surgery (dentistry); laser therapy, microchipping, end-of-life care.
High Desert Veterinary, PC 60885 SE 27th Bend, OR 97702	541-382-9262	541-317-0550	www.highdesertvet.com	Dr. Anthony Oddo	6	1986	Dogs & cats internal medicine soft tissue & orthopedic surgery, emergency & critical care.

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HosPet Therapy Dogs Deliver Comfort, Affection, and Companionship



by TYLER CARSKADON, Marketing Manager PIC

Partners In Care's Volunteer program is a shining example of how compassion comes in many forms—and sometimes, on four paws. At the heart of this special initiative is a remarkable team of more than 200 volunteers who give their time to bring comfort, connection, and care to patients and families. Among them are dozens of certified hospice therapy dogs, whose presence offers warmth and reassurance during life's most delicate moments. Affectionately known as HosPets, these dogs and their handlers are a cherished part of the Partners In Care community.

HosPets bring more than smiles—they offer a calming presence that can ease anxiety, reduce stress, and create moments of peace and joy in difficult times. Whether visiting patients in hospice care or supporting families and caregivers, each HosPet provides unconditional affection and a gentle reminder that no one is alone.

One of the most delightful aspects of the HosPet program is its diversity. These therapy dogs truly come in all shapes and sizes. There's Chica, a tiny and affectionate Toy Poodle; Koia, a towering yet tender Great Dane; and Captain, a stylish Rottweiler/Doberman mix who sports sunglasses and a tie to be the best dressed in the room. Each HosPet brings a unique personality, creating meaningful and memorable connections with those they visit.

Behind every HosPet is a dedicated volunteer handler, forming a powerful partnership rooted in empathy and service. Notably, one of Partners In Care's volunteers is also a certified therapy dog trainer, helping ensure every HosPet meets rigorous standards for temperament, training, and safety. This

commitment supports a program that is both compassionate and highly professional, allowing it to continue growing while maintaining exceptional quality of care.

The impact of the HosPet program extends well beyond traditional care settings. These hospice therapy dogs are a valued presence throughout the community, offering comfort in a variety of environments. They have participated in youth grief summer camps like Camp Courage, where children navigating loss find solace in a dog's quiet companionship. HosPets have also made appearances at student stress relief events at Oregon State University-Cascades, helping students unwind and recharge during demanding academic periods.

The HosPet program is just one example of the powerful role volunteers play in shaping compassionate care. Whether human or canine, each volunteer contributes to a mission centered on dignity, comfort, and connection. As Glenda Lantis, Partners In Care Volunteer Coordinator, shares, "Our volunteers, and their incredible HosPets, create meaningful moments of comfort and connection that truly brighten someone's day."

For those inspired to give back, Partners In Care welcomes new volunteers to join its caring community. New volunteer orientations are held three times a year, offering an opportunity to learn more and get involved.

To explore volunteer opportunities and become part of this extraordinary team, visit PartnersBend.org.



Veterinarians (Listed Alphabetically)

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Highland Veterinary Hospital 839 SW Highland Ave. Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-6114	541-504-2174	www.highlandvh.com	Dr. Rachel Poet, Dr. Erin Cook	5	1978	Medicine, surgery & dentistry for small animals & exotics, general exams & vaccinations.
Hometown Animal Hospital 1255 NE Third St. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-5219	541-416-0911	www.hometownvet.net service@hometownvet.net	Dr. Bill M. Williams, Dr. Scott Davis, Dr. Amy N. Achille	6	1975	Quality small & large animal medicine & surgery, 24-hour emergency service.
La Pine Animal Hospital 51693 Huntington Rd. La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-2001	541-536-6102	www.lapinevet.com info@lapinevet.com	Lani Voyles, Gordon Pickering	15	1989	Surgeries, small animal care, puppy & kitten packages, limited grooming & boarding, behavior/obedience training & dentistry.
Madras Animal Hospital 401 SW Fairgrounds Rd. Madras, OR 97741	541-475-2283	541-475-4237	madrasanimal@gmail.com	Dr. Jerud Rhen	3	1992	Large & small animals, hospitalization, in-out patient & boarding.
Mt. Bachelor Veterinary Hospital 61535 S Hwy. 97, Ste. 3 Bend, OR 97702	541-389-6612	541-385-6521	www.mtbachelorvethospital.com	Dr. Rex Ulrich	4	1991	Full-service small animal veterinary hospital.
Prineville Veterinary Clinic 350 NE Hickey Farms Rd. Prineville, OR 97754	541-447-2179	541-447-5051	www.prinevillevet.com reception@prinevillevetclinic.com	Dr. Rhet Schultz, Cindy Malott	12	1995	Small & large animal complete medical & surgical service. 24-hour emergency service.
Redmond Veterinary Clinic 1785 NW Sixth St. Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-1048	541-548-2323	www.redmondvetclinic.com office@redmondvetclinic.com	Dr. Cassee Terry, Dr. Curt Nitschelm, Dr. Shawn Clark	20	1942	Small & large animal & equine medicine, surgery & dentistry, 24-hour emergency service.
Riverside Animal Hospital 25 NW Olney Ave. Bend, OR 97703	514-585-3739	541-585-3740	www.riversidevetbend.com drmenasco@gmail.com	Dr. Sarah Cummings, Dr. Debbie Putnam, Dr. Cody Menasco	12	2015	General veterinary practice.
Sage Veterinary Alternatives 22063 Rickard Rd. Bend, OR 97702	541-312-2360	541-317-9216	www.sagevet.com	Dr. Leslie McIntyre	3	2015	Chinese herbal medicine, therapeutic class IV laser, acupuncture, nutrition counseling & food therapy, animal chiropractic, homotoxicology & homeosiniatry, diagnostic ultrasound/echocardiography for dogs, cats & horses at Cinder Rock Veterinary on a non-emergent basis.
Sisters Veterinary Clinic, LLC 371 E Cascade Ave. PO Box 1030 Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-6961	541-549-9262	www.sistersvetclinic.com sistersveterinaryclinic@gmail.com	Dr. Kelly Barton, Dr. Carl E. Berg	12	1976	Complete small animal medical & surgical facility, 24-hour emergency service, specializing in preventive care.
Stride Canine Rehabilitation & Fitness Center 19550 Amber Meadow Dr., Ste. 170 Bend, OR 97702	541-241-6664	N/A	www.stridecaninerehab.com info@stridecaninerehab.com	Kristin Wolter, Janice McConnell	5	2008	Physical rehabilitation & fitness through hydrotherapy, therapeutic exercises, acupuncture, laser therapy, pain management & more.
Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 56825 Venture Ln., Ste. 102 Sunriver, OR 97707	541-593-8128	541-593-1573	sunrivervet.com info@sunrivervet.com	Wendy Merideth	9	1982	Companion animal full service medical & surgical hospital. Wellness & preventative care, canine & feline foods & supplements.
Terrebonne Veterinary Clinic 8485 N Hwy. 97 Terrebonne, OR 97760	541-923-0232	541-923-0877	www.facebook.com/Terrebonne-Veterinary-Clinic-196712663749716/ terrebonnevetclinic@gmail.com	Dr. Steve Myrin	6	1982	Large animal, equine, exotics, dog & cat veterinary clinic.
Tumalo Animal Hospital 19850 Fifth St. Bend, OR 97701	541-389-1540	541-389-3104	www.tumaloanimalhospital.com tumaloah@gmail.com	Dr. Keaton Cuthbert, Dr. Blair Westbrook, Dr. Katie Nicol, Dr. Rebecca Cochran	15	1982	Complete small & large animal medical & surgical facility. Dentistry including equine dentistry, X-ray, ultrasound, lab services, acupuncture & laser therapy. Urgent care same-day appointments. Animals we see include but are not limited to: cats, dogs, pocket pets, ferrets, rabbits, chickens, ducks, pigs, llamas, goats, sheep, horses, donkeys & cows.
Westside Pet Hospital 1288 SW Simpson Ave., Ste. G Bend, OR 97702	541-543-2481	N/A	www.bendvets.com bendwph@gmail.com	Dr. Brian Loudis, Dr. Ralph Pettus	9	2012	Preventative care, puppy & kitten packages, diagnostic services, surgery, internal medicine, dermatology, ophthalmology, dentistry, microchipping radiology, holistic medicine, acupuncture, Chinese herbs, homeopathy, nutritional counseling & more.
Wickiup Animal Hospital 52407 Skidgel Rd. La Pine, OR 97739	541-536-5911	N/A	www.wickiupah.com info@wickiupah.com	Lindsey Bohard	7	2018	Dogs, cats & equine.

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Paws & Pints and Heroes and Hounds Day

Two Tail-Waggin' Events for the Whole Family

by JEFF SPRY, CBN Features Writer

Bend goes absolutely bonkers for its canine companions and two pup-pleasing activities organized by Hungry Hound's Bryan Du Toit and Street Dog Hero in collaboration with Greg's Grill promise to deliver a total family-friendly experience for participants and spectators alike.

First up, Second Saturday: Paws & Pints is a new monthly event taking place in the Old Mill District. As its name suggests, this will occur on the second Saturday of every month throughout the summer. Du Toit describes it as sort of similar to a First Friday crawl with people and their artworks, but will be trotting out on Saturdays for humans and their furry doggie friends.

"When we approached the Old Mill about the idea, they were very excited about it and gave us a green light pretty much right away to do the event," Du Toit tells CBN. "So we had our first one in March and that went very well. All the local advertisers and papers were there. We had our second in April and most recently the third event in May, which was well attended and we were blown away. Basically, the second Saturday each month is a free dog party downtown."

Rolling out from Noon to 3:00 pm, it's a relaxed, engaging afternoon of canine-centric pop-up shops, local vendors, adoptable dogs and wellness clinic from Street Dog Hero, special treats, demonstrations, giveaways, fun photo opportunities, munchies, and chill hometown vibes.

The Hungry Hound dog-targeted food cart owner conceived the event series to bring Bend's huge dog crowd out to explore local businesses and mingle with other enthusiasts. Paws & Pints sets up on the green lawns beside the Greg's Grill Patio and invites the whole town out, woofers included, to celebrate our love of dogs and the innumerable joys they bring to our lives.

"People can come and see things like our local leash makers and dog runners and dog groomers and mobile dog gyms, and things like that," he adds. "Eventually people can come and start to book services with the businesses that are there. They can book ahead of time for a nail trimming or groom or run and drop their dog off, then go have a pint or do some shopping or do some sightseeing around the Old Mill while their dog is getting taken care of."



Secondly, Street Dog Hero and Hungry Hound will present Heroes and Hounds Day and the 7th annual Heroes on the Run 5K & 10K on June 14, 2026 in the Old Mill District in collaboration with the Hungry Hound Doggolympics. According to the specific event details, both races are professionally timed and run beside the Deschutes River on a blend of pavement and compacted gravel with minimal elevation gain. The 5K race is stroller-friendly for the entire route, with the 10K race extending south of the Bill Healy Bridge onto a stretch of natural trail.

Due to the joint Heroes and Hounds Day in June, there will be no June 13th Paws & Pints event and it will resume on the second Saturday in July. Registered 5K/10K runners will receive a custom finisher medal and complimentary beer (21+). Official race shirts and PAWticipant bandanas are available add-ons during registration. For more info visit www.streetdoghero.org.

Following the race from 2-5 pm, attendees can check out a live frisbee show by JD Platt & The K9 Kings, then watch or take part in the Hungry Hound Doggolympics on the lawn at Greg's Grill. This entertaining event features an obstacle agility course, high jump, a 50-yard sprint, and a best trick routine. Friendly dogs are welcome to compete or just hang out. Food and beverage choices will be available, as well as a Kids Zone with a bouncy house, face painting, and more.

"There are fabulous prize bags from Subaru with leashes and fun stuff for the winners in each category," notes Du Toit. "I just want to make sure people know this is not a sanctioned dog competition. It's a fun family-oriented dog event for canines of all abilities. To sign up, people can go to www.gethungryhound.com and pre-register or sign up on-site on Sunday, June 14."



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Pet Services (Listed Alphabetically)

Company / Address	Phone	Fax	WebSite/Email	Contact	Staff	CO Year Est.	Services
Bend Kitty Lodge 21785 Coyote Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-389-2058	541-318-5357	www.bendkittylodgeoregon.com	Laurie Seals	3	1990	Cats only boarding facility.
Bend Pet Express - East 420 NE Windy Knolls Bend, OR 97701	541-385-5298	N/A	www.bendpetexpress.com help@bendpetexpress.com	Kim McCohan, Ryan Kwaterski	10	1993	Pet food, supplies & dog wash.
Bend Pet Express - West 133 SW Century Dr., Ste. 301 Bend, OR 97702	541-389-4620	N/A	www.bendpetexpress.com help@bendpetexpress.com	Ryan Kwaterski, Kim McCohan	10	1993	Pet food & supplies.
Bend Pet Resort LLC 60909 SE 27th St. Bend, OR 97702	541-388-0435	N/A	www.dogtownusa.org reservations@bendpetresort.net	Eric Fannin	6	1987	Boarding, grooming, doggie day care, dog training.
Canine Country 65960 61st Ave. Bend, OR 97701	541-382-7752	N/A	N/A	Lori Nickeson	1	1970	Dog agility, rally & obedience trainer.
Central Bark/Groomingdales 367 Sisters Park Dr. Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-2275	N/A	www.woofbark.com centralbark@q.com	Sam Hernandez	8	2008	Dog boarding & daycare, full service grooming & self-serve dog wash.
Central Oregon Pet Care Pros 64682 Cook Ave., #62 Bend, OR 97703	541-480-3596	N/A	www.centraloregonpetcarepros.com hghdce@protonmail.com	Heather	1	2005	20 years of delivering compassionate care & commitment to Central Oregon's pet community. Offers a broad spectrum of pet sitting & housesitting services for trustworthy solutions. Expert care provided to felines & canines within the familiarity of their own homes. Specialized services include medication administration, with additional services encompassing plant & garden watering, mail collection, waste removal & regular walk-throughs for second homes. References are available upon request; fully insured & first aid trained.
Central Oregon Ranch Supply - Madras 3457 U.S. 97 Madras, OR 97741	541-460-5100	N/A	www.centraloregonranchsupply.com cors@centraloregonranchsupply.com	Michaeline Malott, Brittney Wofford	5	2015	Pet food & supplies. Animal health care.
Central Oregon Ranch Supply - Redmond 1726 S Hwy. 97 Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-5195	541-548-7754	centraloregonranchsupply.com cors@centraloregonranchsupply.com	Michaeline Malott, Brittney Wofford	14	1976	Pet food & supplies. Animal health care. Feed, agriculture equipment, tack & show supplies.
Dancin' Woofs Compassionate Dog Training & Daycare 63027 Lower Meadow Dr., Ste. D Bend, OR 97701	541-312-3766	541-312-3766	www.dancinwoofs.com info@dancinwoofs.com	Kristin Kerner	5	1998	Dog daycare, Puppy 101, basic through intermediate classes, private behavioral counseling, fun Clicker & Tricks classes.
DogWatch Hidden Fence Systems of Central Oregon Bend, OR 97702	541-385-1111	N/A	www.dogwatchcentraloregon.com contact@dogwatchcentraloregon.com	Jennifer & Casey Powell	2	2001	Underground pet containment fencing & training & indoor containment systems.
Fido Love Bend, OR	503 610 3635	N/A	www.fidolove.com	Reese Mercer	2	2012	An online meeting place that helps pet lovers find a new home for their dogs, or find a great new dog for their home. Fido Love serves western United States in Oregon, Washington & Northern California. Other states will be added over time.
Groom Bend 624 NW Hill St., Ste. B Bend, OR 97703	415-972-9500	N/A	www.facebook.com/pg/GROOM-Bend-320658028060337/about/?ref=page_i groombend@yahoo.com	Jen Jennings	1	1993	Full grooming including bath, hand drying, scissoring, clipper work, filed nails, glands & ears, customized per each dog's needs.
Happy Tales Pet Resort 8369 S Hwy. 97 Redmond, OR 97756	541-504-5916	541-504-7564	www.happytalespetresort.com info@happytalespetresort.com	Andi Sillers	5	2005	Interactive dog & cat boarding, doggie daycare, grooming & training.
Horizon Pet Cremation 1723 Lytle St. Bend, OR 97701	541-318-0026	N/A	www.horizonps.com Eric@horizonps.com	Eric Homer	4	2006	Private pet cremation. We also offer general cremation services. Veterinary clinic & private home pickup. We have a mobile veterinarian for home euthanasia.
Invisible Fence Central Oregon 360 NW Vermont St., Ste. 20, PO Box 6734 Bend, OR 97703	541-389-8557	N/A	www.invisiblefence.com centraloregon@invisiblefence.com	Becky Grindeland	3	2009	Underground pet containment.
Muddy Paws Bathhouse 155 SW Century Dr., Ste. 115 Bend, OR 97702	541-647-1555	N/A	www.muddypawsbend.com info@muddypawsbend.com	Ryan Kwaterski	13	2010	Professional dog grooming & bathing. Self-serve wash.

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Playful Paws Cat Café Celebrates 400th Adoption Milestone

by APRIL FERGUSON, Owner — Playful Paws Cat Café

Playful Paws Cat Café, Bend's favorite place to relax with rescue cats, is proud to announce an incredible new milestone: its 400th successful cat adoption.

Since opening its doors in August 2023, Playful Paws Cat Café has become both a cherished community gathering space and a must-visit Bend destination for travelers. The café offers guests a one-of-a-kind opportunity to unwind in the calming company of adoptable cats — whether they're local residents stopping in for their weekly "cat fix" or visitors discovering one of Bend's most unique experiences. Through its ongoing partnership with local rescue group CCREW, the café has now helped 400 cats find loving forever homes.

"Our mission from the start was to help cats in need while creating a joyful, welcoming space for the community," said April Ferguson, owner of Playful Paws Cat Café. "Reaching 400 adoptions is something I could only have dreamed of when we first opened. It's been incredible to see locals embrace us as part of their routine, while also welcoming guests from all over who make us part of their Bend itinerary. Every adoption represents a life changed — both for the cat and for the family who welcomes them home."

Playful Paws Cat Café works closely with CCREW to provide a safe, enriching environment where cats can socialize and connect with potential adopters in a relaxed setting. Guests can visit the cat lounge by reservation or walk-in availability, spending quality time with the cats while learning about the adoption process.



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By blending rescue advocacy with a memorable visitor experience, Playful Paws Cat Café continues to raise awareness for pet adoption while offering a cozy, welcoming space that reflects the heart of Bend.

For more information about adoption opportunities, lounge reservations, or upcoming events, visit playfulpawscatcafe.com or follow @playfulpawscatcafe on Facebook and Instagram.

Here's to 400 adoptions—and many more lives changed in the years ahead. playfulpawscatcafe.com



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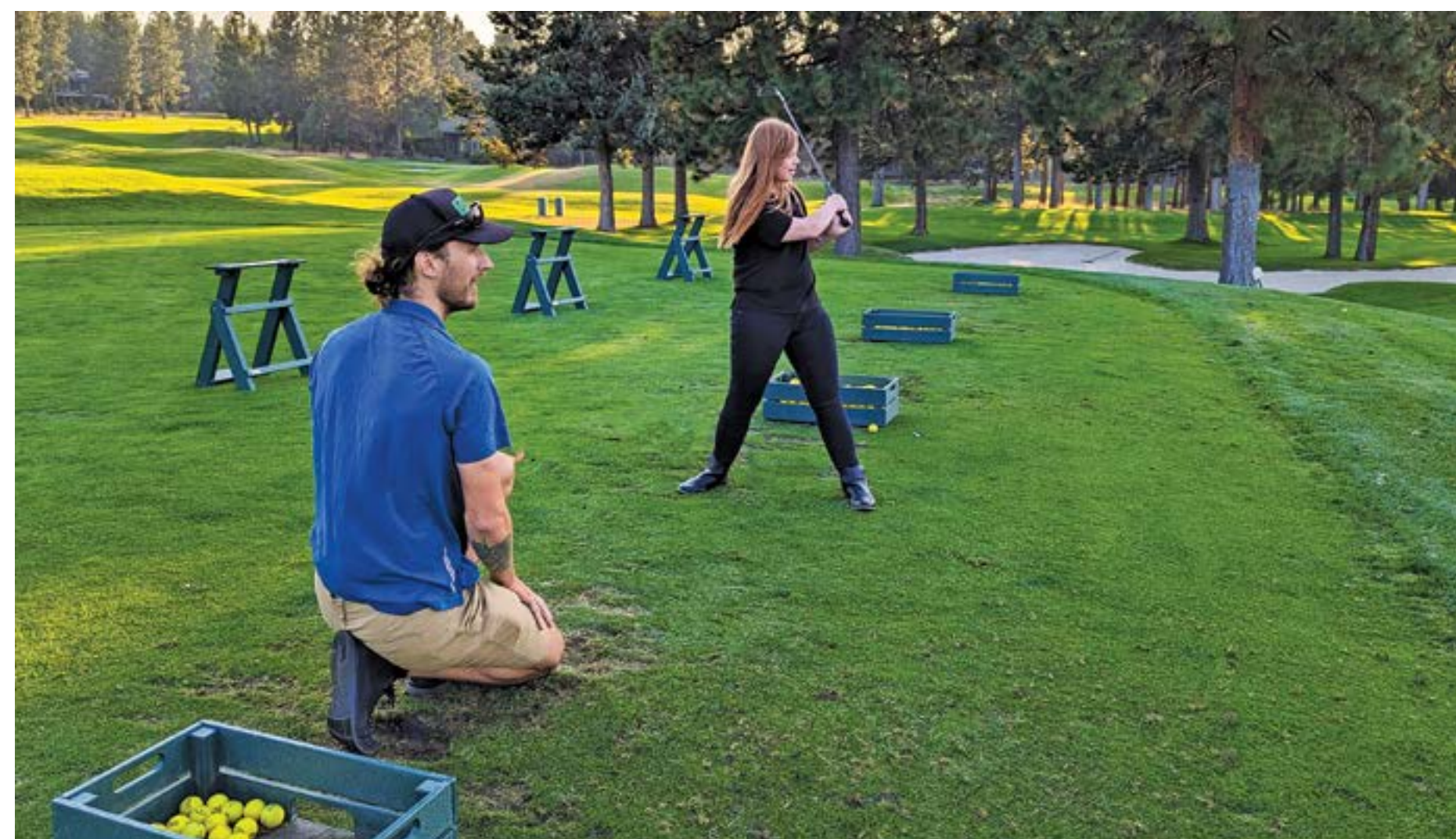
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MuttGear, LLC 320 SW Century Dr., Ste. 405-234 Bend, OR 97702	206-280-7200	866-219-7498	www.muttgear.net info@muttgear.net	Joslin Larson	4	2008	Vir-Chew-Ly indestructible dog leash.
Pet Paradise 64155 N Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97701	541-388-3739	541-318-1928	www.bendpetparadise.com reservations@bendpetparadise.com	Pet Paradise	8	2004	Pet boarding, daycare, grooming & bathing.
Petco - Bend 3197 N Hwy. 97 #5 Bend, OR 97701	541-382-0510	541-382-0583	www.petco.com	Keith Gripenotog	25	1998	Dog & cat grooming, premium pet foods & quality supplies. Open 7 days a week. Dog Training.
Petco - Redmond 1826 N Hwy. 97 Redmond, OR 97756	541-548-8702	541-548-8920	www.petco.com	Dustin Dickinson	15	2013	Dog & cat grooming, premium pet foods & quality supplies. Open 7 days a week. Dog Training.
Ponderosa Paws Dog Walking 21130 Country Squire Rd. Bend, OR 97701	541-410-9703	N/A	ponderosapawdogwalking.com ponderosapawz@gmail.com	Travis Fuller	1	2016	Provides a variety of customized pet sitting & exercise services to keep your dog healthy & happy.
Ruffwear, Inc. 2843 NW Lolo Dr. Bend, OR 97703	541-388-1821	541-388-1831	www.ruffwear.com bark@ruffwear.com	Customer Service	70	1992	Manufacturer of performance dog gear, apparel & supplies.
Safe & Sound Pet Sitting 20583 Shaniko Ln. Bend, OR 97701	541-408-0462	N/A	safeandsoundpetsitting.com shume@bendcable.com	Starr Hume	1	2004	Personalized alternative to kennels, pet sitting in your home. Specializing in animal healthcare. Dogs, cats, birds, horses & all types of pets. Trained in dog obedience. 20 years in business. Call for a free interview. Reasonable rates. I charge on a per-visit basis, which saves money while giving the most flexibility!
Sisters Feed & Supply 102 E Main Ave. Sisters, OR 97759	541-549-4151	541-549-1046	N/A	Fred McCaulou	3	1997	Equine health supplies, horse, pet food & supplies.
TENDmyPet Bend, OR	541-241-6349	N/A	www.TENDmyPet.com info@tendmypet.com	Elizabeth Green	1	2015	Services include overnight pet care, private dog walks, in-home pet sitting visits.
The Bomb Squad PO Box 8381 Bend, OR 97708	541-617-1900	N/A	www.k9bomb.com turdologist@k9bomb.com	Brian Frankle	3	2000	Private & commercial dog waste removal / management.
U-Wash Pets & Grooming 3405 N Hwy. 97 Bend, OR 97701	541-318-1602	N/A	N/A	Rhonda DelCastillo	1	2000	Self serve pet washing & professional grooming.
Wag Bend Play & Stay 902 SE Textron Dr. Bend, OR 97702	541-550-9520	N/A	www.wagbend.com wagbend@me.com	Justin Crowson	3	2011	Dog daycare, dog boarding & no-clip grooming. Second location for private self-training at 21510 E Hwy. 20, Bend.

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Oregon Adaptive Sports Launches Summer Adaptive Golf Season with Community Events at Sunriver Resort



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Provided by OAS

Bend, Oregon — Oregon Adaptive Sports (OAS) is excited to kick off its 2026 Community Golf season with upcoming community events in partnership with Sunriver Resort which will expand and enhance adaptive golf opportunities in Central Oregon.

The season begins with an **Adaptive Golf Community Clinic** on Thursday, May 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sunriver Resort Meadows Golf Course. Hosted in partnership with Sunriver Resort, the US Adaptive Golf Alliance, and the Adaptive Golf Academy, the clinic will bring together adaptive golf coaches, OAS athletes, and community members for an inclusive afternoon focused on skill-building, connection, and access to the game. Community members interested in participating can still register online through the event page.

Sunriver Golf will also host the **OAS Sunriver Community Golf Kickoff BBQ** on Tuesday, June 2, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Meadows Golf Pro Shop to celebrate the launch of OAS Summer Community Golf programming. The free event is open to the community including people with and without disabilities and marks the beginning of a full season of adaptive golf programming at Sunriver Golf throughout the summer and early fall.

Building on OAS's long-standing Community Golf programming at Awbrey Glen Golf Club, this season also marks the launch of new golf opportunities at Sunriver. Together, the programs will offer expanded opportunities for athletes and community members with disabilities to connect through golf throughout the summer.



OAS community golf sessions at Sunriver Resort are scheduled for June 30th, July 28th, August 25th, and September 22nd. With additional golf programming continuing throughout the season at Awbrey Glen. More information about OAS Golf programming can be found at oregonadaptivesports.org.

These events reflect a shared commitment to creating welcoming outdoor recreation opportunities for individuals with disabilities while continuing to grow golf access in Central Oregon. One adaptive golf cart will be available during the clinic, and participants are encouraged to bring personal mobility equipment if needed.

More information and registration details are available at: oregonadaptivesports.org/events/usaga-adaptive-golf-community-clinic/
About Oregon Adaptive Sports:

Founded in 1996, Oregon Adaptive Sports is a leader in providing high-quality outdoor experiences for individuals with disabilities. With programs in adaptive skiing, snowboarding, and Nordic skiing, cycling, mountain biking, hiking, paddling, and golf, OAS is committed to making outdoor sports accessible to people of all ages with a wide range of disabilities.

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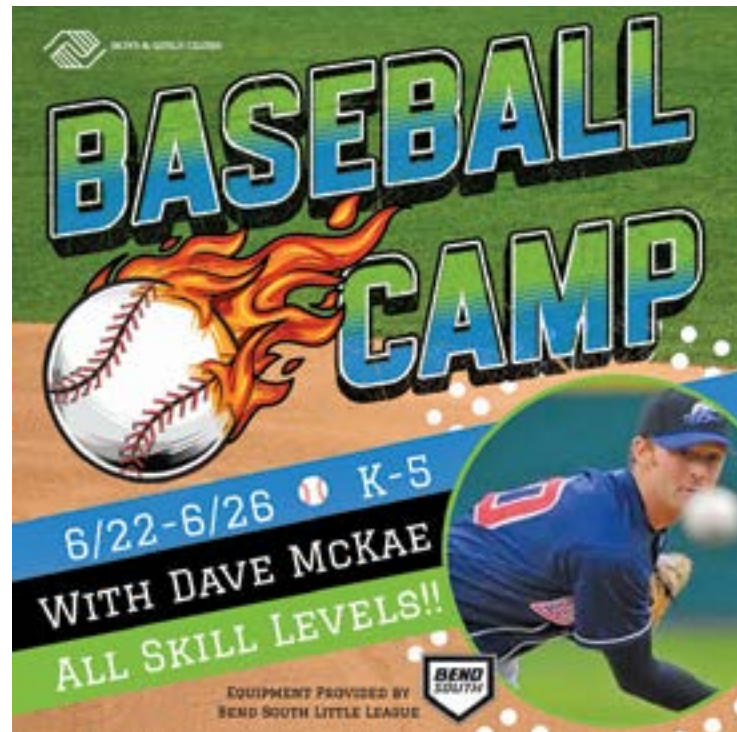
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend Announces 2026 Baseball Skills Camp with Dave McKae

by JENNIFER BRADEN, Grants & Communications Manager — Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend (BGCB) announces their first ever Baseball Skills Camp. The camp will be led by former San Francisco Giants pitcher Dave McKae, June 22 through June 26 at Juniper Park. This opportunity is open to Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend members in grades K-5 and all skill levels are welcome to participate. Doug Davis and the Bend South Little League is generously providing all the equipment needed for the camp. The cost to participate is \$125 for the week and scholarships are available. Those interested in sponsoring a child to attend baseball camp should visit bit.ly/BaseballCampBGCB or contact alice@bgcbend.org.

CEO Michael Baker said, "We are thrilled to be offering this high-quality baseball camp to our club members." BGCB hopes the Baseball Skills Camp will reach youth that may not otherwise have access to this type of program and will spark new interests.

Current members can sign up when they receive their welcome packets, non-members interested in participating in the camp can



apply for membership at bgcbend.org/myclubhub. For the first time, BGCB is offering the chance for families to fully customize their summer experience through weekly programming choices. Once a member, families can choose to register for the entire summer, or individual weeks. Each week of the 12-week summer programming will feature a specific theme with daily activities like the baseball skills camp. BGCB is excited to provide expanded opportunities for Central Oregon youth reaching more youth, more often, with deeper impact. For questions about programming, membership, or the Baseball Skills Camp please contact Jennifer at jjraham@bgcbend.org.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend:
Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend provides youth opportunities for growth that inspire and empower them to reach their full potential in the classroom, at home, and in our community. Our after-school programs are designed to promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, and good character and citizenship.
bgcbend.org

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High school students at **Cascades Academy** recently presented more than \$9,000 in grants through the Oregon Community Foundation Community 101 program, supporting two Central Oregon nonprofits focused on upstream prevention in youth mental health. Through Community 101, the Oregon Community Foundation provided \$7,500 in grant funding, while Cascades Academy students raised an additional \$1,630 through a community rummage sale.



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Student grant awards included \$4,815 to Hearts Unknown Education and \$4,315 to NAMI Central Oregon.

Community 101 is a classroom-based program that gives students hands-on experience in philanthropy, community engagement and nonprofit grantmaking. Throughout the year, students researched local needs, evaluated nonprofit organizations and determined how to allocate funding to maximize community impact.

Kivo Expands Life Sciences Leadership Team with Appointment of Former Veeva Executive Chris Xistris.

Xistris brings more than 25 years of experience across Regulatory Operations, Clinical Operations, Quality systems, and enterprise software transformation. Prior to joining Kivo, he spent more than a decade at Veeva Systems, where he most recently served as Senior Director, R&D Services Engagement. During his tenure, he led adoption and transition planning efforts across more than 600 customer engagements spanning Regulatory, Clinical, Quality, Commercial, and Safety domains.

At Kivo, Xistris now oversees the continued expansion and scaling of the company's Services organization as demand grows among pharmaceutical, biotech, and clinical research organizations (CROs) seeking modern, interoperable alternatives to legacy enterprise systems.

"Chris understands the issues that firms in our industry face because he has experienced them from every angle, including sponsor operations, consulting, and enterprise SaaS transformation," said Toban Zolman, CEO at Kivo. "He has helped hundreds of organizations navigate complex operational and technology transitions throughout his career. That perspective is incredibly valuable as AI reshapes drug development and companies search for faster, more connected ways to work."

Xistris began his career working directly within Regulatory and Clinical Operations teams at small and mid-sized biotech organizations, where he focused on TMF management, investigational drug submission management, and the implementation of content and information management systems. He later transitioned into consulting, helping organizations build and scale regulatory operations infrastructure, improve business processes, and modernize operational workflows.

"Kivo represents the kind of nimble, forward-thinking company that I've wanted to be part of for a long time," said Xistris. "The industry is entering a major period of change driven by AI and the need for faster, more connected operations. Kivo understands where drug development is headed and has built a platform around that reality. I'm incredibly excited to join a team that is helping modern biotech organizations scale with greater speed and flexibility."

Kivo continues to see growing momentum across the life sciences industry, and through its expanding partner ecosystem, Kivo is helping organizations standardize workflows, simplify collaboration, accelerate implementation timelines, and maintain audit-ready compliance across sponsor projects and internal operations. Additionally, the company recently announced Kivo Headless GxP™, a new open architecture designed to help life sciences organizations operationalize agentic AI across Regulatory, Clinical, and Quality workflows.

To meet Chris in-person, see him at the DIA Global Annual Meeting in Philadelphia at booth #1313, or register for the Kivo Headless GxP debut event on June 8th at 10am PT at kivo.io/webinar/headless-launch.

About Kivo
Kivo is building the next generation of infrastructure for AI-driven drug development by partnering with life sciences teams to simplify Regulatory, Clinical, and Quality operations through a unified cloud platform. Designed for scaling pharmaceutical and biotech organizations, Kivo supports RIM, eTMF, QMS, controlled document management, submission assembly, eCTD lifecycle management, inspection readiness, SOP management, and training management within a single seamless environment. Unlike legacy vendors that rely on disconnected applications and lengthy implementations, Kivo offers compliant, audit ready, continuous validation assurance – which avoids significant IT costs – both upfront and ongoing. With Part 11 compliant e-signatures, process automation, and modern cloud architecture, Kivo helps life sciences teams reduce operational friction across the drug development lifecycle.
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The **American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Broken Top Chapter** is proud to recognize **Maya Anichini** as the 2025 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY). This award honors a chapter member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to advancing the safety profession within Central Oregon and beyond.

Maya's involvement with ASSP spans more than a decade, dating back to her early years as a student member. Since the formation of the Broken Top Section—and later Chapter—Maya has been a consistent and enthusiastic advocate for professional development, collaboration, and community engagement in safety. Her long-standing dedication to ASSP reflects both her passion for the profession and her belief in the value of strong professional networks.

Maya is currently serving as the Broken Top Chapter Vice President, continuing a record of exceptional service on the chapter's Executive Committee. Prior to this role, she distinguished herself as Chapter Secretary, setting a new standard for the position.

Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Director Dr. Charlene Williams joined Oregon Lottery leaders, North Wasco County School District Superintendent **Dr. Carolyn Bernal**, and The Dalles Middle School Principal **Sherri Kilgore** and Assistant Principal **Shudhi Datta** in honoring **Erica Carrillo** as Oregon's 2026 Education Support Professional of the Year. Carrillo is the Bilingual Family Liaison at The Dalles Middle School.



PHOTO BY LIZ MERAH

Dr. Williams and Jen Roper with Oregon Lottery led the event and awarded Carrillo the honor. Thanks to ODE's partnership with the Oregon Lottery, Carrillo received an award of \$5,000 and a commemorative plaque. A matching plaque and banner were awarded to The Dalles Middle School to mark Carrillo's achievements and her impact in the North Wasco County community.

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Tony Sanchez

Bend-La Pine Schools has announced that its next **Chief Human Resources Officer** will be **Tony Sanchez**, an HR executive with over 25 years of leadership experience in the public sector, higher education, and health care. Sanchez accepted the position this week and will begin in the new role July 1.

Most recently Sanchez was Chief HR Officer for Texas Woman's University, the nation's largest state-supported university primarily for women with campuses in Denton, Houston, and Dallas. Previously he served in HR leadership at the University of North Texas at Dallas; Lamar University in Beaumont; Nix Health System in San Antonio; and Tenet Healthcare/St. Luke's Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

Sanchez will oversee all HR functions for Bend-La Pine Schools, including employee and labor relations, benefits administration, evaluation systems, recruitment strategy, and compensation and classification systems. The position reports directly to the Superintendent.

Kernutt Stokes, an Oregon-based accounting firm with four offices throughout the state, is pleased to announce the addition of two new hires in its Bend office. Reed College graduate **Elisabeth Green** joins the firm as a manager, and **Addy Kilcoyne** joins as an administrative assistant.



Elisabeth Green



Addy Kilcoyne

After nearly 50 rounds of voting, Oregon emerged as the final state standing in a **viral Reddit competition**. The competition began in r/geography as a daily "delete a state" game where users voted one U.S. state out each round, with eliminated states merging into neighboring regions and creating increasingly chaotic fictional alliances and lore along the way.

What started as a small internet meme, snowballed into a weeks-long online campaign, with state subreddits rallying supporters, brigading vote threads, and inventing mock nations like "Megasota" and an expanded Oregon-led Pacific Northwest coalition.

After winning the tournament, Oregon inspired celebration posts, timelapses, and tongue-in-cheek declarations of Oregonian supremacy across Reddit.



Tony Sanchez

Washington Trust Bank is pleased to announce the addition of Tony Pendleton to its Central Oregon Small Business Banking Team in Bend. He will serve as a vice president and small business banking relationship manager. With over 20 years of banking experience, Pendleton will be responsible for helping small business clients with their banking needs by providing a wide range of services and products offered by Washington Trust. Pendleton previously served as a relationship manager for Washington Trust Bank's Central Oregon Commercial Team. In this role, he was responsible for working with commercial clients to tailor solutions to their financial needs, including lines of credit, real estate financing, and equipment purchasing.

"Tony is a welcomed addition to our Central Oregon Small Business Banking Team in Bend," said Greg Power, small business banking team leader for Washington Trust. "With Tony's history of proactively delivering insightful, analysis-driven proposals and financial solutions to meet his clients' evolving needs, I have no doubt that he'll be a great asset to our small business clients and our growing team."



Dan Morse

Deschutes River Conservancy has announced that **Dan Morse** will be joining as Program Director in June. A Bend resident, he has spent more than two decades working in conservation program leadership, collaborative natural resource management, and organizational strategy, with a focus on translating complex conservation challenges into shared, durable solutions.

In his new role, Morse will provide direction across DRC's programs, lead program staff, and build and maintain stakeholder relationships throughout the Deschutes Basin.

Prior to joining the DRC, Morse spent six years at Booz Allen Hamilton supporting federal environmental agencies and leading internal strategy initiatives. He previously served as Conservation Director of the Oregon Natural Desert Association and as Executive Director of High Country Citizens' Alliance in Crested Butte, Colorado. Early in his career, he received the BLM Director's 4 Cs Award for outstanding collaborative conservation.

Morse holds a Master of Science in Forest Economics from Northern Arizona University, a Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University, and is a certified Project Management Professional.

The nonprofit **Tower Theatre Foundation** and **Marianne Watson** established the **Doug Watson Scholarship for Performing Arts** in memory of the Tower's longtime member, sponsor, volunteer, and Board Chair. Doug was a true advocate for the arts, especially the Tower's LessonPLAN education programs, and reveled in seeing an audience of enthusiastic school kids react to live performances.

The Doug Watson Scholarship empowers students across Central Oregon who plan to pursue their creative passions after high school. The following 2026 recipients will each receive \$5,000 to further their arts education: Miriam Egoavil: Madras High School, Class of 2026, Logan Edmonds: Crook County High School, Class of 2026 and Dylan Jones: Mountain View High School, Class of 2026.



Ben Kittell

Ben Kittell is stepping into a new role at the Deschutes River Conservancy, having been promoted to Development Director effective June 1. Kittell joined the DRC in 2023 and has been instrumental in coordinating outreach and fundraising initiatives, implementing donor communication strategies, and fostering relationships with individuals and businesses committed to river conservation.

In his expanded role, Kittell will lead DRC's overall fundraising efforts, building on the relationships and strategies he has developed since joining the organization. Kittell holds a degree in Environmental Communications from Colorado State University. Before joining DRC, he spent a decade as a fly-fishing guide, sharing his passion for Central Oregon's rivers with visitors and locals alike. He now channels that same enthusiasm into fundraising for river conservation.

A Sisters resident, Kittell spends his free time exploring the outdoors with his wife and young son. In winter you will find the family on cross-country skis, and come spring they trade the snow for the river and their family garden.

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OSU-Cascades launches OP:EN

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solutions as part of their senior capstone projects, where teams work with industry clients to address real-world problems.

"OP:EN is more than a traditional makerspace—it's a collaborative environment where students can take ideas from concept to prototype, refine designs, and even prepare to pitch them to investors," said Naomi Morrison, an instructor who leads the outdoor products degree program and oversaw the development of the new studio.

The OP:EN studio features tools for prototyping goods such as snowboards, kayaks, backpacks and apparel. Equipment includes industrial sewing machines, 3D printers and systems for recycling unused plastic, as well as testing tools to measure tensile strength and waterproofness to ensure products meet industry standards.

Accessibility features include a fabric carousel and height-adjustable cutting tables, designed to improve participation for individuals with physical disabilities. Undergraduate students have been hired to assist in the studio, leading workshops for peers and training them in the use of prototyping software and equipment, as well as in safety protocols.

Tools and equipment were selected and installed by a team of outdoor products students and alumni, and by Morrison, who directed product design with Nike prior to joining OSU-Cascades seracustomintegrators.com



THE OP:EN STUDIO

LaPine Housing

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mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments designed to support individuals and families in the La Pine community making below 60% Area

Median Income (AMI). Ten units will be reserved for veterans, reflecting a continued commitment to serving those who have served our country. Rents range from approximately \$643 to \$1,783, depending on unit size and income level (subject to change based on published HUD rent limits). All utilities are included.

Breedlove Guitars

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retail space where guitar enthusiasts, musicians and visitors to Central Oregon can experience the brand's full range of instruments, merchandise and gear. In person. Every day.

A New Chapter: Breedlove Opens Its Retail Doors

The new Breedlove retail space represents the company's commitment to deepening its connection with players and the broader music community. Stocked with guitars, cases, gig bags, branded merchandise and other musical gear at all price points, the store is designed to welcome everyone from the first-time buyer to the seasoned professional.

Following the June 13 Grand Opening celebration, the retail space will open for regular business hours — giving music lovers throughout the Pacific Northwest a true destination to find the guitar they've always dreamed of, built right here in Bend.

One Day Only: Unbeatable Warehouse Sale Pricing

The June 13th Warehouse Sale offers a rare opportunity to purchase Breedlove instruments at prices that will not be available anywhere else — online or in-store. Highlights include:

- Up to 50% off select Breedlove guitar models
- Guitars, cases and gig bags available at every price point
- Guitar giveaway raffle — earn one entry for every \$100 spent
- Free Breedlove hat for the first 100 people through the door
- Complimentary hot dogs and beer for all attendees

These are prices and perks exclusive to this single-day event. Once June 13th is over, they're gone.

About Breedlove Guitars:

Founded in 1990 in Bend, Breedlove Guitars has grown from a small custom shop into one of America's most respected acoustic guitar makers. Known for innovative design, sustainable tonewoods and extraordinary playability, Breedlove instruments are played by artists around the world and beloved by players of every skill level.

Breedlove's commitment extends beyond the instrument — to the forests, the players and the communities that make music possible. The company's use of responsibly sourced tonewoods and eco-conscious practices reflects the same values as the high-desert community it calls home.

"Be Love. Breedlove." is more than a motto — it's the spirit behind every guitar that leaves the Bend workshop, and the spirit with which the company welcomes you to its new retail home.

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Visit Bend Awards

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Outdoorist Oath, and expanded programming across film, music, visual arts, and live performances.

An independent review board, the Bend Cultural Tourism Commission, evaluated applications requesting nearly \$950,000 before recommending funding for 22 projects. Visit Bend's board of

directors approved the commission's recommendations at its monthly meeting.

Top awards include \$29,000 each to BendFilm, the High Desert Museum, and the Tower Theatre Foundation. Additional support will help bring events like TEDxBend, Winter PrideFest, and the Bend Fall Festival to broader audiences. This approach helps stabilize visitation across the calendar, supporting local businesses and jobs beyond peak travel periods.

SERA by Stereo Planet

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Originally known throughout the region for high-performance stereo systems and home entertainment, Stereo Planet has expanded in recent years into full-scale smart home integration through SERA, offering lighting control, networking, surveillance, automation, outdoor entertainment and customized technology solutions for residential and commercial clients.

At the same time, the company continues to honor the audiophile roots that first made Stereo Planet a trusted name among music lovers throughout the region for more than 45 years.

"This recognition reflects the evolution of what SERA has become," said Anthony J.W. Benson, Marketing and Creative Director for SERA by Stereo Planet. "There's a tremendous amount of intentionality, experience and care behind the work this team delivers every day. The technology matters, of course, but what matters most is how thoughtfully it's implemented for each client."

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Jenn Limoges, CCIM, of NAI Cascade represented the Buyer and Seller in the acquisition and disposition of a 2,304 SF building located at 502 NE Revere Ave in Bend. This property closed at \$699,000.

Chuck Brazier, of NAI Cascade, represented the Seller in the disposition of Lakeside Place Apartments, an 81-unit multifamily asset located at 2320 NW Lakeside Pl in Bend. This property closed at \$12,500,000.

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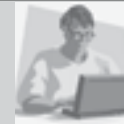
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BUSINESS EVENTS



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3:45-6pm Bend Chamber ET Expert Lasb, Leadership & Teambuilding in a Digital World, at Partners in Care, Conference Room.

June 10
6-6:30pm Madras – Jefferson County Chamber Taproom Talks at Over the Edge Taphouse.

June 11
8-9am Madras – Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers at COCC Madras Campus.

June 11
5:30-8pm Bend Chamber Ribbon Cutting at Pine Springs Health & Dermatology Health Specialists.

June 16
5-6:30pm SCORE Free, Confidential One-on-One Small Business Counseling at Bend Downtown Library. No appointment necessary.

June 17
1-3pm The Cascades East Transit (CET) Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee Meeting at Cascades East Transit, Hawthorne Conference Room, Bend.

June 18
8-9am Madras - Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers at Jefferson County Event Complex.

June 18
8:30am-12pm EDCO 2026 Made in Jefferson County Tour.

June 18
11:30am-1pm City Club June Forum, Beyond Books: The Purpose and Role of Libraries in a Digital Age, at Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship.

June 25
8-9am Madras – Jefferson County Chamber Coffee Cuppers at Jefferson County Event Complex.

June 25
4:30-7pm EDCO PubTalk at OSU-Cascades.

July 8-12
Oregon High Desert Classic Horse Show at J Bar J Boys Ranch, Bend.

July 11
5pm Oregon High Desert Classic Grand Prix at J Bar J Boys Ranch, Bend.

August 19
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October 21
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December 16
1-3pm The Cascades East Transit (CET) Regional Public Transit Advisory Committee Meeting at Cascades East Transit, Hawthorne Conference Room, Bend.

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Building Permits

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\$75,000.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) at 13001 Century Dr. Bend 97702 OR Owner: AT & T PO Box 1000 Bend, OR 97709 Permit # 247-26-002306
\$60,000.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) 150 sf. at 18305 Cottonwood Rd. Sunriver 97707 OR Owner: T-Mobile PO Box 3699 Sunriver, OR 97707 Builder: Mastec Network Solutions, LLC 866-545-1782 Permit # 247-25-007689
\$58,000.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) at 155 W Lundgren Mill Dr. Sisters 97759 OR Owner: Lundgren Mill Lots, LLC 865 Ellis Ave. Lake Oswego, OR 97034 Permit # 247-26-002166

CITY OF BEND 5.19.26 & 5.26.26

\$1,500,000.00	-	Commercial (New) 5,433 sf. at 1065 SE 15th St. Bend 97702 OR Owner: First Community Credit Union Builder: Harmon Construction, Co. 541-266-9725 Permit # PRNC202506736
\$808,931.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) 39,795 sf. at 2500 NE Neff Rd. Bend 97701 OR Owner: Multiple Builder: Skanska USA Building, Inc. 973-753-3579 Permit # PRRE202600832
\$109,035.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) 1,245 sf. at 63619 Old Deschutes Rd. Ste. 100 Bend 97701 OR Owner: Three Sisters Holdings, LLC Builder: Empire Construction & Development, LLC 541-389-0070 Permit # PRRE202601520
\$3,801,888.00	-	Commercial (Addition) 556 sf. at 2500 NE Neff Rd. Bend 97701 OR Builder: Skanska USA Building, Inc. 973-753-3579 Permit # PRAD202507823
\$694,767.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) 14,011 sf. at 62925 18th St. Bend 97701 OR Owner: Lot 12 BBR, LLC Builder: CS Construction 541-617-9190 Permit # PRRE202508635
\$372,000.00	-	Commercial (Alteration) 381 sf. at 2500 NE Neff Rd. Bend 97701 OR Owner: Multiple Builder: Skanska USA Building, Inc. 973-753-3579 Permit # PRRE202600278

CITY OF REDMOND 5.19.26 & 5.26.26

\$2,295,000.00	-	Commercial (New) 1,643 sf. at 1800 SE Usfs Dr. Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Rita Wren PO Box 14350 Salem, OR 97309 Builder: Apex Mechanical, LLC 360-666-8735 Permit # 711-26-000004
\$870,474.00	-	Commercial (New) 2,256 sf. at 1111 NE 11th St. Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Timeline Enterprises, LLC Builder: Advanced Precast Products, LLC 541-923-3272 Permit # 711-26-000696
\$50,849.00	-	Commercial (Addition) at 815 NW Canal Blvd Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Chad Engbrecht PO Box 12269 Portland, OR 97212 Builder: Power Northwest, Inc. 503-208-4537 Permit # 711-26-000820
\$4,549,188.00	-	Commercial (New) 21,981 sf. at 2098 NW 6th St. Redmond 97756 OR Owner: Central Electric Coop PO Box 846 Redmond, OR 97756 Builder: Steele Assoc Architects, LLC 541-385-8816 Permit # 711-26-000147

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