

## GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST GETTIN' BY WORLD

**Building Your Resources for a Better Future.** Participants came from all over Oregon to participate in an *aha! Process*. This training is based on the premise that hidden rules of class exist—and without understanding these rules it is difficult to move out of poverty. For two days, participants are trained to facilitate a 12-session workbook that allows an individual to map individual and community assets. Mr. Philip Devol came to Redmond in January to present the one day training entitled *Bridges Out of Poverty*. He returned in June to lead this two day training entitled *Getting Ahead in a Just Getting' By World*. Mr. Devol works with Dr. Ruby Payne, author of *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*. These workshops were sponsored by the Redmond Area Community Action Team.

Several groups are planning on offering *Getting Ahead* workshops in September. Further opportunities for a research study of this methodology are being investigated for Central Oregon. If you would like to know more about the *aha!Process*, please go to the [ahaprocess.com](http://ahaprocess.com) website. And look for the *Hidden Rules of Class* quiz on the [copartnership.org](http://copartnership.org) website under Redmond Community Projects.

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## WELCOME NEW BEND AND REDMOND ADVOCATES!

Sue Smit and Allan Flood are the new Advocates for the Bend CAT, and Laurie Thom is the new Advocate for the Redmond CAT. They'll work with the Bend and Redmond communities and partners to improve life for all Central Oregonians.



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### About The Partnership

Our mission is to influence the positive development of Central Oregon by reducing the root causes of poverty through regional collaboration and local action.

The organization works in Bend, La Pine, Madras, Prineville, Redmond, Sisters, and Warm Springs, located in Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties. Started in 2001, it is comprised of seven community action teams and a regional office. The Partnership works in collaboration with existing public agencies and private sector organizations to implement new initiatives and attract new sources of funding at the local and regional level.

We have raised more than \$856,000 in new funds for poverty reduction work, participated in more than 50 projects with a value of more than \$11 million in services to the region and partnered with 75 agencies and organizations. The impact of this work is measured so it can inform changes to improve ongoing efforts.

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## AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

The Central Oregon Trust for Affordable Housing (COTAH) is enabling a Bend family to purchase the 1,382 square foot home for the cost of materials. West Bend Property Company LLC (Mike Tennant and Mike Hollern) donated the lot.

The land underlying the home is held in trust by COTAH, and administered by the Central Oregon Partnership with the legal services donated by Bryant, Lovlien and Jarvis law firm.

The Central Oregon Community Action Agency Network (COCAAN) and Washington Mutual Bank are partners in the project. The contractor, Craftsman Homes, and their team of 32 subcontractors donated time and materials for the home. This model project separates the ownership of the home from the ownership of the land, thus making

the home more affordable for low and moderate-income families. In essence, the land under the home is placed in Trust and is leased to the homeowner.

This significantly reduces the purchase price of the home and the shared appreciation mortgage ensures that the home remains affordable for other low-income families when sold.

COTAH will serve as a stepping stone to full independent

home ownership for area families. The family is contributing \$4,000, with a loan amount of \$110,000. The family moved into their new home on July 8th, 2004. This model can be replicated by other builders in this fast growing region.

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## CULTIVATING COMMUNITIES 2004 CONFERENCE

This year, Central Oregon Partnership, Prineville Crook County Community Action Team with a \$1,000 contribution and Crook County United Fund collaborated with Cultivating Communities to offer the 2004 conference titled "Achieving Organizational Success". Cultivating Communities is a program sponsored by the Shelk Fund and the Oregon Community Foundation. The Program is designed to bolster non-profit community programs in Crook and Grant Counties through offering a series of workshops.

This year's conference was held at the Crook County High School on Thursday June 24th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The conference's

keynote speaker was David Sawyer of Context. David presented "Leadership for the 21st Century". Small group sessions throughout the day covered essentials for non-profits including effective communication skills, how to find and retain volunteers, organizational management

and planning a funding campaign.

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## \$5,000 GRANT FROM US BANK HELPS PARTNERSHIP FUND CASCADIA PROJECT

The Partnership's collaboration with Cascadia established a Cascadia office in Central Oregon in November 2003. Cascadia is a 19 year old, nationally recognized community development financial institution headquartered in Seattle. Through this collaboration, a Cascadia loan officer will provide financial consulting, business management assistance and loan capital to small businesses and non-profit organizations that are not yet qualified for financing from traditional sources. These tools help entrepreneurs strengthen and grow their businesses and bring jobs and economic prosperity to Central Oregon communities. The Central Oregon Cascadia office will primarily serve entrepreneurs in Oregon's nine-county Central Corridor.



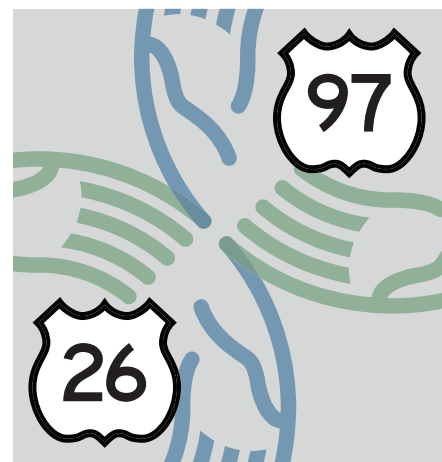
Cris Himes, hired as Cascadia Central Oregon business lender, has nine years of experience working with non-profit loan funds supporting micro and small businesses. She holds a Masters in economic development from Princeton University. Foundations and Corporations involved with this project include; Old Growth Timber Fund, Oregon Economic Community Development Department Wells Fargo Bank, and US Bank.

The Partnership is dedicated to seeking partners for the pilot program, and currently provides an office and administrative support to Cascadia for the pilot phase.

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## TRANSPORTATION MOVES FORWARD

The Jefferson County/Warm Springs Transportation Coordination Project continues to move forward.



The goal of this Project is to create a sustainable system of transportation options for Warm Springs Reservation and the Jefferson County Highway 97 & 26 corridor that is responsive to the community and provides access to daily living needs.

It was determined that the ideal system would consist of a coordination center, tax incentives for local businesses, transportation designed revenue, vehicles, drivers, an insurance pool, maintenance pool and community awareness.

The hope of the Transportation Coordination Project is to provide options to those needing transportation to and from work, meetings, events, and for shopping and entertainment.

It is the goal that the project would eventually encompass regular routes between all Jefferson County and Warm Springs communities including Culver, Metolius, Ashwood, and Kah-Nee-Ta, with occasional trips to Redmond.

If you would like to know more about this project and how to get involved, please call Angie Madden at 541-475-0301.

## NORTHWEST MEDICAL TEAM DENTAL VAN COMES TO LA PINE

The Northwest Medical Team's Dental Van paid a visit to La Pine on June 24th and 25th at the La Pine Community Kitchen. Over 25 patients were seen during the two day clinic. La Pine Dentists Dr. Jonathan Yang, Dr. David Dunscombe and Dr. Robert Moss volunteered to help patients without dental insurance or the ability to pay. Assistants Renee Pantou, Carrie Lucas and Diane Daggett volunteered to assist the dentists during the clinic.



"We rely on local dentists and assistants to volunteer their time. La Pine has done an excellent job of having everything ready for us," said Tim Semrau manager of the Northwest Medical Team's Dental Van. A \$600 grant from the Northwest Health Foundation paid for the vans site visit fee.

Volunteers Tammy Sauter and Lupita Lewis acted as the Coordinators for the Dental Van, making sure the patients had their paperwork completed and were ready for their appointments.

Dr. Dunscombe said it was the best run clinic that he has seen or worked with, and the facility was first class and well set up. 'It's a wonderful benefit for the community and gives us a chance to give back,' he said.

The Van will be back in Central Oregon at the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Bend on August 25th and 26th. The La Pine clinic is on August 27 at the La Pine Community Kitchen. Call the LCAT office for additional information at 536-3972.

## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CONSORTIUM CAFÉ PROJECT: NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR KIDS K-8



In 2002, the Jefferson County Community Schools Consortium developed a plan to build and maintain strong partnerships between the community and the schools.

Participants of the Consortium include the 509J School District, Madras Area Community Action Team, Jefferson County Juvenile Department, Jefferson County Commission on Children and Families, COBRA, Central Oregon Community College, Boys and Girls Club, Global Learning Inc. as well as other community organizations and citizens.

The Consortium used data from several sources to develop goals, strategies and actions to improve community and school partnerships.

### CAFÉ addresses 3 of the Consortium's Goals

- 1 Facilitate programs to reduce problem behavior
- 2 Foster community engagement in education
- 3 Increase the use of schools during non-traditional hours.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS SUMMIT IN SISTERS

The Sisters Community Action Team hosted an Economic Development Committee meeting including the Sisters Chamber, City of Sisters, and Economic Development for Central Oregon.

The collaborators planned a community Economic Development Business Summit in September.

The committee is expanding to add arts and culture and updating agribusiness sectors.

For more information on this upcoming event contact Judy Trego at 541-549-2287 or Judy.Trego@copartnership.org.

Because of the \$1.48 million Grant received from the 21st Century Learning Center, 509J in partnership with Madras CAT and other local agencies was able to implement The CAFÉ Project (Child and Family Enrichment).

Hours of operation will be 3:30-7:00pm, Monday through Friday. Youth participating in the program will be provided with dinner and transportation home. When fully operational, the CAFÉ project will serve a minimum of 370 students. The project began serving students in May of 2004.



The project will offer the following enrichment opportunities: Arts and Cultural Enrichment, Technology and computer learning, Service learning, and Media Literacy.

In addition to helping students, the program will also involve the parents of the attending student by holding fun family event, provide parent training and include home learning activities. There may also be opportunities for parents to get their GED, learn ESL, improve reading, and study for citizenship tests.

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