

Who's Who

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VF Law announces that **Andrew H. Stamp** has joined the firm's Land Use Practice in the firm's Oregon office. Stamp brings more than 25 years of dedicated experience navigating Oregon's complex land use planning program. He focuses on zoning and development law, exactions, transportation and access management, drainage and flood damage law and associated environmental and administrative law issues. He represents developers and landowners seeking a wide range of land use entitlements from local governments.

Stamp prioritizes developing meaningful relationships with clients and navigates each legal matter with strategic planning and innovative, detail-oriented thinking. His extensive experience provides sound strategies for clients seeking to develop their land. Additionally, Stamp values collaboration and communication with his team and positions himself as a mentor for young attorneys, providing advice and guidance throughout their training process to ensure they are confident in their practice.

Before his legal career, Stamp served six years as an officer in the United States Army. He earned his J.D., cum Laude, from Lewis and Clark University, with a Certificate in Environmental Law. He earned his bachelor of science degree in geology with departmental honors, from Tulane University.

During the weekend of March 31-April 2, professional brewers and judges from as far away as El Salvador descended upon Central Oregon to judge over 2,500 entries in the **2023 Best of Craft Beer Awards** competition.

Breweries of all sizes sent over 16,000 containers of their finest product for evaluation entered in 59 categories and subcategories.

Judging took place during a three-day, five-session period by over 100 of the most qualified international judges. They awarded 165 gold, silver and bronze medals to 128 brewery locations around the world.

- 2023 Large-size Brewery of the Year was Widmer Brothers Brewing in Portland, Oregon
 - 2023 Medium-size Brewery of the Year was **Sunriver Brewing Co.** in Sunriver
 - 2023 Small-size Brewery of the Year was Humble Parlor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Most-Entered Style Categories:
- American-Style India Pale Ale (159 entries)
 - American-Style Pale Ale (91 entries)
 - Porters & Brown Ales (81 entries)
 - Hazy or Juicy India Pale Ale (136 entries)
 - Red or Strong Beers (91 entries)
 - North American Lagers (79 entries)

Nineteen new **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** volunteers were sworn in by Judge Bethany Flint in March and will now become the voice in the courtroom for local children in foster care.

CASA of Central Oregon recently launched an outreach and engagement campaign in the tri-county area to address **the great and growing need for new CASA advocates.**

At this time, 284 children are in foster care in Central Oregon. CASA aims to provide an advocate for every child in foster care throughout the region, but about 40 children have been on a waiting list and attempting to navigate the foster care system without an advocate.

The newly sworn in CASAs will help to ensure that every child will have a trusted adult on their side to listen to the child, get to know everyone in the child's life and then advocate for the best interest of that child in court. For many abused children, their CASA volunteer will be the one constant adult presence in their lives.

Each newly sworn in volunteer participated in a 40-hour training to prepare for the role. Volunteers will now spend about 10 to 15 hours a month advocating for children until their case closes, with constant support from the team at CASA of Central Oregon.

Research shows that children with a CASA fare better during their time in foster care. Youth are also more likely to succeed in school, and have access to mental and physical health services when they have a CASA volunteer.

Additional volunteers are still needed to support youth within the overburdened foster care system. The next training for CASA volunteers begins May 1 in Redmond. Those interested in becoming a CASA are encouraged to fill out a volunteer application and register for the upcoming training by Monday, April 24.



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Businesses Serving Community

HEART OF OREGON CORPS

Hayden Homes presented a \$100,000 check to Heart of Oregon Corps (HOC) in support of its Centralized Campus Campaign at a recent Redmond Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event. The free event was open to the public and held at the existing HOC training center in Redmond. With the donation from Hayden Homes, HOC's \$8 million Campus Campaign is now 45 percent funded.

In addition to the donation presentation, the event included a tour of HOC's existing facility, an update on the Campus Campaign and remarks from alumni on the value of HOC's innovative youth-focused workforce development programs, including YouthBuild, a construction apprenticeship program aimed at meeting the construction workforce development and housing needs of Central Oregon.

Hayden Homes recognizes the intrinsic links between workforce development

and affordable housing. Last night's donation to HOC is one of many actions the company is taking to address housing issues in Central Oregon.

Deborah Flagan, vice president of community engagement at Hayden Homes and a member of Governor Tina Kotek's Housing Production Advisory Council, helped to present the \$100,000 check to HOC staff.

The event also celebrated a collaboration between HOC's YouthBuild program and First Story, a nonprofit founded by Hayden Homes that is dedicated to affordable homeownership. First Story works with Hayden Homes to build houses for families who then purchase the home through a 30-year, zero-down, zero-interest loan. These affordable homeownership opportunities break the cycle of generational poverty for families across the Northwest.

This fall, First Story will partner with YouthBuild to help build a sixth home together.