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Lauri Dahl, owner of Tite Knot Craft Coffee in Redmond, wipes down the counter area of her coffee truck.

Central Oregon town's urban renewal attracts new businesses

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Despite the challenges of running a business during a pandemic, Tite Knot Craft Coffee in downtown Redmond is expanding after opening a mobile cart in January.

Owner Lauri Dahl grew up in Redmond, but moved away with her husband in 1991, unsure about whether they would return.

"Really, we had to move out of the area because there were just no options," Dahl said. "It really, I felt, looked pretty bleak."

Now, they are part of downtown Redmond's urban renewal success story.

The couple returned to Redmond in 2015 after 25 years. Dahl is planning to utilize programs through the city's downtown urban renewal district to build a brick and mortar store. She said the overall sentiment of the city has been, "We want to help you succeed."

She said the support was the difference between being able to open and expand and not being able to.

"I'm just really proud that (Redmond) has grown the way it has, and I feel like there's been some really good planning involved in that," Dahl said.

Over the last several years, the changes in downtown have been dramatic. The city's historic downtown hotel was renovated and reopened as SCP Redmond, helping spur new development. City Hall moved into a revamped former school; Centennial Park doubled in size, and more parking has been added.

Five other businesses have moved into downtown Redmond this year, along with dozens of others in the past two years.

Chuck Arnold, the city's economic development and urban renewal program manager, said that as of June, the city's urban renewal has invested \$21 million in downtown since 2013, contributing to an increase to the tax base of \$98 million.

The average annual growth of property valuation in downtown is 7%, he said, and for every \$1 spent by urban renewal, \$4 in private investment is realized.

Arnold estimates that about 75% of the new businesses have had support from urban renewal resources whether it be helping with design, business development services, grants or loans.

Out of the about 100 retail spaces in downtown, 88% of them are filled.

"It is definitely on a very strong trajectory, and demonstrative that there's a lot of interest in doing business in Redmond," Arnold said. "As Redmond grows, so does downtown."

Since 2010, Redmond's population has grown by 27% from 26,215 residents in 2010 to 33,274 in 2020. City officials have tracked two to five people moving to the city every day over the past two years.

As the city rapidly expands, the City Council has prioritized community livability. It is also having growth management policy work sessions on key issues, including housing, infrastructure, traffic circulation, parks and urban growth boundary expansion.

"The quality of life that we've tried to preserve and enhance in Redmond is attracting people and attracting people to come live here and invest in properties," Arnold said. "It is attracting entrepreneurs to come start up their business here."

Arnold said the city is guided by what the community wants. "We look at businesses that we think will be complementary, and sometimes we just go right out and approach them," he said.

People choose Redmond because they love its small town feeling, he said.

"But while they love the small town, they want a complete town that has as many options as possible so they can shop and dine and do everything they like to do in their life, just in Redmond," he said.

Holly Filley, the owner of Halo Donuts & Deli, which opened in August, said there has been bigger demand than she expected.

Filley moved to Redmond from Clackamas County in 2020. She said she has long wanted to move to central Oregon to live near her family. She decided to open her business after retiring from the U.S. Postal Service.

Filley said she drove past the former deli Soup 2 Nuts one day and noticed the for lease sign.

She had an idea. She talked to her husband and sister, who also owns a business in Redmond, about opening a new deli and serving fresh doughnuts.

"I was like, 'All right, let's do this,'" Filley said.

Arnold said the changes downtown are dramatic.

"People get their wheels turning when they see that and they get excited and we get excited about it," he said.

OBITUARIES

Lisa Stevenson

Winlock, Washington

Feb. 26, 1952 — Sept. 5, 2021

Lisa Stevenson, 69, passed away in Olympia, Washington, on Sept. 5, 2021.

Lisa was born Feb. 26, 1952, and raised in Astoria. She grew up with a tight-knit extended family, and was lifelong friends with her many cousins.

After marrying her high school sweetheart, Tom Stevenson, the couple briefly lived in Klamath Falls, and Longview, Washington, before settling in Kalama, Washington, where they raised their three children.

Throughout the decades spent in Kalama, she was an active member in the community, and was involved with many organizations and committees, winning Kalama's Citizen of the Year award in 1996.

Her passion for education led her to serve many years as a parent volunteer, member and president of the Kalama School Board.

Lisa was an entrepreneur who built several small businesses throughout her life, including bookkeeping and owning a construction company.

She was known for her kind heart, warm smile and amazing ability to make a friend of

anyone. Her "gift of gab" is legendary, as she loved to tell stories and make people laugh.

Through her many public speeches, she consistently spoke about how to live life in a compassionate, respectful and empathetic way.

She was our social butterfly, and provided so much light to not only our families, but all who met her.

She was at her happiest when all of her kids were at home, laughing around the table, with grandkids playing and granddogs barking.

She is survived by her children, Kelly (Trask), Kate (Justin) and John (Joni); six grandchildren, Finn, Kasen, Drew, Sofia, Mac and Hank; sister, Greta (Randy); niece, Emily; Aunt Margie; and numerous cousins.

She is preceded by her parents, Denny and Frankye, and brother, Casey.

Her husband, Tom, passed away shortly after her death.

The family will be holding a celebration of life next summer and is looking forward to hearing your stories about Lisa.

Donations can be made in her honor at your local community library.



Lisa Stevenson

Tom Stevenson

Winlock, Washington

Dec. 28, 1950 — Sept. 14, 2021

Tom Stevenson, 70, passed away in Centralia, Washington, on Sept. 14, 2021.

Tom was born Dec. 28, 1950, and raised in Astoria, where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Lisa Thompson.

After their wedding they moved to Klamath Falls, where Tom attended the Oregon Technical Institute, studying diesel mechanics.

They settled in Kalama, Washington, where they raised their three children. Tom worked for many years at Heavy Hauling, and owned and operated a dump truck, building local logging roads.

Eventually his skills led him to crane mechanics, where he worked for Coast Crane Co. and Marine Mechanical Inc., a career that took him around the world.

His life revolved around his family and his hobby of restoring antique trucks. His hobby allowed him to meet many people from all over the globe, and spend time with his son,

who shared his passion. His expertise won him awards and accolades from his peers.

Tom loved spending time with his grandkids. He spent many hours giving truck rides around the neighborhood, fishing, going to baseball games and hosting movie nights with his special homemade popcorn.

He is survived by his children, Kelly (Trask), Kate (Justin) and John (Joni); and six grandchildren, Finn, Kasen, Drew, Sofia, Mac and Hank. He is also survived by brothers, Paul (Carol), Dave (Helen) and Dick (Sandy); and sisters, Eileen and Theresa (Lindsey).

He is preceded in death by his wife, Lisa, and parents, Lawson and Rosemary.

The family will be holding a celebration of life next summer, and looks forward to hearing your stories about Tom.

Donations can be made in his honor to the Pacific Northwest Truck Museum in Brooks.



Tom Stevenson

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
58 51	58 50	60 48	57 43	56 42	58 45	60 45
Rain; winds subsiding	Cloudy, a little rain	A little morning rain	Cloudy, showers around	Mostly cloudy	Considerable clouds	Cloudy, rain possible



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday

Temperatures

High/low 60/51

Normal high/low 59/43

Record high 75 in 1941

Record low 32 in 1954

Precipitation

Sunday 0.12"

Month to date 3.23"

Normal month to date 4.83"

Year to date 46.21"

Normal year to date 46.62"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Double clusters of Perseus are nearly overhead before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:48 a.m.

Sunset tonight 6:10 p.m.

Moonrise today 10:00 p.m.

Moonset today 1:49 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 28	Nov 4	Nov 11	Nov 19

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:09 a.m.	6.0	11:08 a.m.	3.7	
4:35 p.m.	7.4	none		
Cape Disappointment	5:39 a.m.	5.9	10:21 a.m.	4.1
4:26 p.m.	7.0	11:27 p.m.	0.7	
Hammond	5:55 a.m.	6.1	10:44 a.m.	3.9
4:34 p.m.	7.3	11:45 p.m.	0.4	
Warrenton	6:04 a.m.	6.4	10:52 a.m.	3.8
4:30 p.m.	7.8	11:48 p.m.	0.8	
Knappa	6:46 a.m.	6.3	12:19 a.m.	0.3
5:12 p.m.	7.7	12:09 p.m.	3.2	
Depoe Bay	5:02 a.m.	6.3	9:50 a.m.	4.5
3:35 p.m.	7.4	10:59 p.m.	0.9	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	68/47/s	72/58/pc
Boston	59/50/r	53/47/sh
Chicago	55/41/pc	57/49/c
Dallas	89/67/pc	75/56/t
Denver	70/37/c	58/36/s
Honolulu	87/72/s	87/74/s
Houston	86/75/c	80/58/r
Los Angeles	69/55/s	78/60/s
Miami	89/73/pc	88/74/s
New York City	58/52/r	60/50/sh
Phoenix	77/55/s	79/59/s
San Francisco	64/57/pc	66/56/pc
Wash., DC	68/55/c	68/51/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Seattle	55/48	52/43	Spokane	51/41	
Aberdeen	57/51		Walla Walla	58/49	
Olympia	55/46		Lewiston	58/50	
Tacoma	56/46		Enterprise	51/42	
Yakima	56/39		La Grande	53/46	
Kennewick	62/54		John Day	53/48	
Portland	59/51		Burns	51/39	
Salem	59/52		Ontario	58/46	
Corvallis	58/49		Caldwell	56/48	
Eugene	59/52				
Bend	57/48				
Medford	58/51				
Klamath Falls	49/43				