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Former City Councilor **Christopher C. Piper** has joined the Board of Directors of the **Council on Aging (COA)**. Piper was appointed to the City Council in January 2019 to fill the vacancy left by Sally Russell after she was elected mayor. He served through 2020, and during that time served as an ex-officio member of the Downtown Bend Business Association, Bend Economic Advisory board, City of Bend Stewardship Committee, The Transportation Advisory Board, the Urban Renewal Board and Bend 2030. Professionally, Piper works as a consultant to small- and medium-sized businesses. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor of arts in communication and is an Eagle Scout.

Christopher C. Piper



Alayna Weimer, of **Ignite Positive Changes** and **Toastmasters of Redmond** was awarded first place, as the Area Speech Contest winner in February 2021. She will be advancing to the District Level in May and will be representing Central Oregon as a candidate to advance into the International Speech contest in late 2021.

Alayna Weimer

Tyler Williams is the new acoustical treatment salesman and AV rental manager at **Audio Visual Bend**. As an audio engineer with over a decade of experience, he is ready to help you find solutions to your acoustical problems or set you up with the audio visual equipment you need for your events. Williams has worked as an AV tech, live sound engineer, recording studio engineer and most recently as the production manager for a microphone company. In all these positions he has often found himself battling a room's echos and undesired noise, and truly appreciates a space with good acoustics. Prior to his career as an audio engineer, Williams served as a paratrooper in the United States Army. In his free time you can find Williams surfing the Bend Waterpark, hiking any trail he can find or playing guitar.



Tyler Williams



Cheri Redgrave, the allergy avenger of **RCP Foods, LLC**, has expanded her business in order to serve more people in the Central Oregon area who are living with food allergies or choosing a plant based lifestyle. Redgrave has created an entire resource of plant based and allergy friendly recipes, tutorials and food fun videos in her new venture, **Cheri's Allergy Adventures!** She will feature expert interviews with real advice for real people.

Cheri Redgrave



Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) chief information and human resources officer, **Laura Boehme**, was presented with Oregon State University's (OSU) 2021 Adult and Higher Education Dissertation Award at a university ceremony held virtually on February 18.

The award recognizes an alumnus of OSU who has completed an exemplary dissertation within the past year and whose research reflects the mission and values of OSU's adult and higher education programs, including a significant contribution to their field of study, a rigorous methodology and a commitment to equity and inclusion.

Laura Boehme

Boehme's research, titled *Is Your Community College Technology Ready? An Assessment Instrument to Promote Technology Adoption*, examined technology readiness and adoption best practices related to the deployment of student-serving technologies at more than 500 community colleges around the country. The research found a widespread disparity between how community colleges are assimilating various technologies and their intended goals, identifying adverse impacts for both students and employees.

The study also raised awareness for better systems and processes, including enhanced communication and collaboration with end users in order to support college efforts at reaching and serving students.

In addition to a doctorate in education, Boehme holds a master's degree in adult education and bachelor's degrees in international relations and Spanish translation. With COCC since 2010, she was named the college's CIO in 2020.

The award ceremony was part of OSU's 2021 Charles E. Carpenter Lecture, an annual professional development series for community college leaders throughout the Northwest.

Amy Cecil, founder and principal broker of **Northwest Key Commercial Real Estate & Property Management**, has been serving the Bend and Central Oregon community for 20 years. In honor of this milestone, Cecil has elected to expand the brand.

Part of this development included hiring two new brokers to her team and revamping the branding for Northwest Key in order to better serve the fast-growing Bend business marketplace.

The team at Northwest Key introduces a new logo, website and name for the business to upgrade and further expand the company.



(L-R) AMY CECIL, PRINCIPAL BROKER; BAILEY CECIL, BROKER AND DINAH GREEN, BROKER | PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTHWEST KEY COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

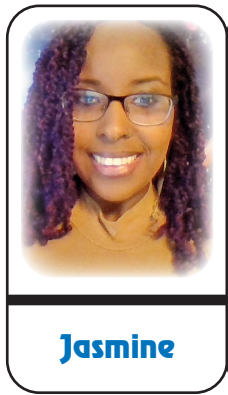
Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) welcomes new board members **Heather Moline** and **Marie Barlow**.



Heather Moline



Marie Barlow



Jasmine



Aimé Maxwell

Soroptimist International of Bend introduces the two winners of the annual Live Your Dream Award (LYDA) for 2021. Each woman will receive \$2,000 that she can use to further her educational pursuits. The recipients are chosen with much thought given to their circumstances, challenges, intended goals and financial needs. Both of this year's winners have demonstrated determination, persistence, purpose and grace while dealing with personal challenges.

Jasmine, a single mother of two, moved to Central Oregon after accepting a position as a community engagement coordinator for a nonprofit organization that deals with childhood trauma. During her time with the organization, she coordinated and managed awareness events around ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma-Informed) approaches. She is currently training to become a certified peer support specialist in order to use her lived experiences with domestic violence, racial trauma and adverse childhood experiences to be of support and empower others who are dealing with those issues with patience and compassion. She is also studying to become certified in the field of human services in order to work as an advocate to be of support to those who are facing homelessness due to leaving domestic and other adverse experiences. Enrolled at Portland Community College, she is the recipient of the Live Your Dream Award which is underwritten by a grant from Central Electric Cooperative.

Aimé Maxwell, a single mother of one, is a licensed massage therapist in the process of completing her AAS in massage therapy at Central Oregon Community College. As a licensed massage therapist, Maxwell has become aware that many people do see massage as therapy and use the time to speak of their feelings. This has prompted her to make additional goals. Her next step will be to enroll at Eastern Oregon University to obtain a degree in business and then at the University of Oregon for a master's in psychology. Her goal is to become a mind/body therapist via massage and psychotherapy.

LYDA applications are available each fall online at sibend.org. Women who are pursuing their education, financially needy, head of household and enrolled in a certificated educational program are encouraged to apply. A separate local Soroptimist Live Your Dream Award is underwritten by Central Electric Cooperative for women who meet the above criteria and who are CEC members in good standing.



SELINA AND POET | PHOTO COURTESY OF HOSPICE OF REDMOND

Meet **Selina and Poet** of **Hospice of Redmond**.

Not many people can bring a smile to a face like a dog. But with this duo, smiles come easily. This is one of our amazing volunteers, Selina, and her dog, Poet.

Did you know that Selina has a sled dog team of huskies? Poet is often her lead dog. But when Poet isn't running fast, he is helping our patients smile during a difficult time. In fact, at Camp Sunrise, the kids are positively impacted by our incredible volunteers, those with two and four legs.

SELCO Community Credit Union recently hired **Tyler Hague** as a financial advisor for SELCO Investment & Retirement Services, which is available through CUSO Financial Services, LP (CFS). Based in SELCO's Old Mill Branch in Bend, Hague will manage clients across Central and Eastern Oregon.

A native of Reedsport, Oregon, Hague earned a liberal arts degree, with an emphasis in history and political science, from Linfield University in 2009. Before joining SELCO, he held a variety of positions, including branch manager at U.S. Bank in Bend and most recently as a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments in Bend. Hague also managed two small businesses.

In his spare time, Hague enjoys golfing, scouting football and hiking with his fiancée, Brook.



Tyler Hague



Janie Teater

SMART Reading has announced **Janie Teater** as the Volunteer of the Year for the Central Area, serving Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney and Jefferson Counties.

Teater was selected from among 450 dedicated Central Oregon volunteers who are committed to fostering a love of reading and learning in local kids. Teater was ultimately selected due to her longtime service both locally and at the statewide level as well as her significant support of our fundraising work in the Central Oregon community.