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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Oregon welcomes new program director **Jenn Davis**.

Davis began working with nonprofits in college while at the University of Oregon, where she earned a bachelor of science degree. She has lived in Central Oregon since 2006 and has acquired over 15 years of experience working with children and families. Davis has worked in nonprofits as a program administrator and in direct service assisting families achieve reunification with their children and family stabilization. She has extensive experience working with at-risk youth, homelessness, commercial sexual exploitation of children and working with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Davis is committed to providing positive youth development and trauma informed care in her work and believes in the strength and resilience of youth. Davis joined Big Brother Big Sister as the director because she knows that mentoring youth is vital to ensuring they avoid negative behaviors that put them at risk for substance abuse, teen pregnancy and dropping out of school. She has learned that mentoring helps kids and families achieve success, and that is what Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about.

Davis spends her free time skiing at Mt. Bachelor, paddle boarding and exploring Central Oregon with her family and two dogs.

The **Council on Aging of Central Oregon** recently announced that **Ray Miao** has joined its Board of Directors. Miao brings a breadth of knowledge and experience in making Oregon communities more livable for people of all ages, especially older adults.

Miao was born in China and moved to the United States when he was three years old. Miao received a PhD in biochemistry from Duke University and had a distinguished career in cancer research and business development. He is an elected member of the Deschutes Public Library District and Deschutes County Rural Fire Protection District #2 Boards. His past community service includes Volunteer State President of AARP Oregon, the Oregon State Library Board, appointment by the Governor to the Oregon Health Fund Board and a SHIBA (Medicare counselling) volunteer. Miao is a member of the Nature Printing Society and creates plant and fish prints (Gyotaku). He and his wife Chris have lived in Central Oregon since 1991. They enjoy gardening, bird watching, traveling and volunteering.



The Skjersaa Group, who operates in partnership with **Duke Warner Realty**, has named **Lindsay Roberts** as operations manager. Roberts brings concierge-level customer service experience to her new role with the Skjersaa Group. Before moving back to Bend in 2020, Roberts led the front desk operations and managed the spa of the Ranch at Rock Creek, a Forbes Travel five-star guest ranch in Philipsburg, Montana.

Roberts was encouraged to apply for the operations manager role when it became available in January by Mollie Hogan, principal broker, CRS of the Skjersaa Group.

Originally from Idaho Falls, Roberts is an avid outdoorsperson who has lived in mountain states her entire life. She has a strong service mindset, has been an active

volunteer wherever she's lived, and served as the Willowa County Foodbank Coordinator in Enterprise, Oregon.

Tom Barry, Steve Schaffer and Paula Schaffer have been named 2021 Volunteers of the Year at **KPOV 88.9 - High Desert Community Radio**.

Barry is a host of Pop Excavations on Fridays from 4-5pm. He is a professor of sociology at Central Oregon Community College (COCC.) His academic areas of interest include examining the intersections of popular culture and mass media and the production and reproduction of social inequities. For many years, Barry has been teaching KPOV's DJ training class in partnership with COCC Community Education. Since the pandemic, KPOV's usual DJ classes were canceled. Barry was able to improvise by teaching a class virtually and training the new recruits one on one in the studios ensuring KPOV had a new class of DJs and all those interested in taking the class had options. Barry has also been dedicated to mentoring youth DJs for KPOV's Youth Radio Hour on Wednesdays at 4pm.

Steve and Paula have been volunteering at KPOV for the last six years. Steve is the co-host of the Tuesday Point, the host of the Friday Point and for the last four months, has stood in to host the Thursday Point. Paula started off coordinating interviews for the Tuesday and Friday point and has evolved to be the engineer and production coordinator for the Thursday and Friday Point. Paula and Steve focus their shows on building justice and stronger community in Central Oregon, issues on which they are actively engaged in their hometown of Redmond and throughout the region. Steve and Paula are always willing to donate their time and energy to KPOV. In their non-KPOV life, they have been personal strength trainers for over 20 years.

The three were nominated by KPOV volunteers, staff, board and DJs and selected as Volunteers of the Year by the KPOV Board of Directors.



O'Brien Design-Build welcomes **Alex Helm** and **Kyle Kittelman**.

Helm joins O'Brien Design-Build as a Bend project manager. He has over nine years of experience in numerous Oregon market sectors, including involvement in multi-family, education and hospitality projects. Helm brings a passionate approach when working with clients to find solutions that exceeds needs and meets budgets. Originally from Damascus, Oregon, Helm graduated with a Construction Engineering Management degree from Oregon State University. He began his career as a project engineer for Andersen Construction from 2013-2018, and then joined P&C Construction in 2018; bringing nearly a decade of experience paired with his knowledge of the Oregon market to O'Brien Design-Build.

Kittelman also joins O'Brien Design-Build as a Bend project manager. Kittelman is a construction professional with over a decade of experience running a variety of project types including hotels, schools, corporate offices, apartments and restaurants. He is LEED Green Certified and is passionate about construction technology and finding better ways to serve clients. Kittelman brings robust project management experience at prestigious firms such as Deacon Construction, Barley Construction, Pacific Construction & Development, Exxel Pacific, Shelter Holdings, etc. As a project manager, Kittelman is skilled at managing jobs up to \$130 million, and he will help to expand current market sectors in Central Oregon.



KPOV High Desert Community Radio has announced the retirement of longtime key employee **Jill Mahler**. Mahler started at KPOV in 2008 as office manager and was promoted to station manager in 2015, serving five years as KPOV's leader.

Even after semi-retiring in fall 2020, Mahler continued to assist KPOV with finance, website work and imparting her knowledge and wisdom to new KPOV staff.

Partners In Care announces the appointment of **Greg Hagfors** as its new chief executive officer, according to its president and Board Chair Suzanne Lafky.

Lafky, who chairs the seven-member policy governance board at Partners In Care, expressed confidence that Hagfors will continue to position the organization as a leader in the care of people with chronic illness or are nearing the end of life.

Hagfors is a familiar name to many in Central Oregon both as a Bend resident and having served as chief executive officer of the Bend Memorial Clinic (now Summit Healthcare) from 2011 to 2016. In addition to helping the clinic grow, he was involved as a board member and chaired the finance committee of the Central Oregon Health Council for nearly three years. In 2016, he became managing director of Castling Partners, providing lead services offerings designed to support and enhance ongoing performance improvement of health system and physician owned medical practices.

Prior to his move to Oregon to join Bend Memorial Clinic, Hagfors was the senior vice president — Healthcare for Paley Dixon where he led the firm's mergers and acquisitions activities for the healthcare sector. He also worked with other business sectors as an advisor/consultant for buyers and sellers of companies.

Hagfors was born and raised in Minnesota. He received his bachelor of science degree at North Dakota State University and earned his MBA in Business/Managerial Economics from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minnesota.



4 Seasons Home Services has earned accreditation from the National Home Watch Association (NHWA) for the third year. The NHWA was formed in 2009 in order to establish and maintain the highest industry standards for Home Watch and absentee homeowner services throughout the United States and Canada (nationalhomewatchassociation.org). Home Watch is a visual inspection of a home or property, looking for obvious issues, which means that it is a service that "keeps an eye on things" at your vacation or primary home while you are not in residence.

Owner **Aaron Tarnow** purchased 4 Seasons in 2019. For over 30 years, 4 Seasons has provided Home Watch services to the resort community of Sunriver. Tarnow is excited to be expanding into more of Central Oregon, including the Bend, Crosswater and Caldera Springs areas. 4 Seasons watches over 140 homes. In addition to Home Watch, they offer executive-level cleaning, handyman, vacation rental management and coordination of repair services.

Tarnow moved to Bend from Traverse City, Michigan, in 2007 and with his wife, Amy, enjoys all that their area has to offer: whitewater rafting, skiing, biking and camping with their two young children. Prior to purchasing 4 Seasons, Tarnow

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worked in the medical field as an orthotist/prosthetist, while managing several rentals on the side. Though quite a career change, Tarnow finds the customer service aspects of Home Watch to be a fun and engaging change of pace. Amy is a native Oregonian and works full-time as a school administrator. She helps Tarnow with bookkeeping and other management responsibilities for 4 Seasons. Tarnow serves as the Chapter Lead for the NHWA's Northwest Chapter.



Sharon Gueck



Amanda Ferrari

Rotary Club of Greater Bend welcomes new members.

Sharon Gueck is a portfolio manager and financial planner at Becker Capital Management, Inc, where she has worked for the past 29 years. She oversees the wealth planning division and is a member of the firm's board of directors. She recently opened a new satellite office in Bend, fulfilling her dream to move to Central Oregon.

Gueck earned her bachelor's degree in business economics & political science from Willamette University. She is very active in the local community and currently serves as Chair of the finance committee for the Children's Cancer Association, serves board of directors for the St. Charles Health Foundation and is on the development committee for the High Desert Museum. She has recently joined the Rotary Club of Greater Bend and looks forward to spending more time in the Central Oregon Community. When not at work, Gueck enjoys skiing, hiking with her two dogs and finding new outdoor places to explore.

Amanda Ferrari grew up in Olympia Washington. She studied psychology at Whitman and then went to Pacific University where she earned a doctorate in physical therapy. After working as a PT for over ten years Ferrari

changed her course and has found her passion in residential real estate. She is now working with Duke Warner Realty.

Prior to finding her way to Bend in 2006, Ferrari had the opportunity to live

and travel throughout South America and Asia where her favorite part was experiencing different cultures and getting to know the locals. Since high school, Ferrari has found freedom and pleasure in running. She actually met her husband, CJ, in a running club in Boise Idaho. Together they are raising their children and also enjoying backpacking, golfing and involvement with our local community.

Mark Roberts is a project manager for Kirby Nagelhout Construction based in Bend. He has spent 17 years on the construction industry specializing in client relations, business development and team building. Roberts' professional passion is creating trustworthy, long-lasting relationships with his clients during their journey. His experience taking clients from the concept phase through execution of their vision is transparent, nonintimidating and agreeable.

Roberts is married to Samantha Roberts and has three children, Atlas (11), Arden (eight) and Vayle (six). They live happily in Bend and make full use of all the recreational activities the area has to offer. One of their favorite activities is taking Tommy, their dog, on a long walk through one of the many parks in Central Oregon. His personal hobbies are playing the piano, reading and planning the next adventure with his wife and children.

Patricia Valian Reser has been awarded the Lifetime Trustee award from the **Oregon State University Foundation**. The award is the foundation's highest recognition for volunteer leaders.

A 1960 graduate of the OSU College of Education, Reser taught in the Beaverton School District and received an honorary doctorate from the university in 2019. She and her late husband, Al, grew Reser's Fine Foods into an international company. She now serves as board chair of the family-owned business, which is based in Beaverton.

Along with her family, Reser has made leadership gifts to many academic and athletic university facilities, including the expansion of Reser Stadium in 2005, improvements to Gill Coliseum and construction of the Sports Performance Center, Linus Pauling Science Center and Austin Hall, home of the College of Business. Her philanthropy also supports students, programs and faculty, including endowed faculty positions in chemistry, the arts, entrepreneurship and education.

In video messages, Oregon U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Gov. Kate Brown noted that Reser's commitment to philanthropy and service extends to her community and the world. They credited Reser as the driving force behind the creation of the new Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton. Brown



Patricia Valian Reser

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Businesses Serving Community



FIRST STORY PRESENTS CHECK TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



(L-R) MELLISSA KAMANYA, LENKA MOOR, JULINE BODNAR, SHARON BURK | PHOTOS COURTESY OF BEND-REDMOND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BEND-REDMOND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity has received a \$5,000 grant from First Story to assist homeowners with the purchase of washers and dryers at Quince Townhomes in Redmond, Oregon.

The Quince Townhomes project will provide affordable homeownership for ten low-to-moderate income families. Program families earn between 40-80 percent of the area median income, and have completed (on average) 12 months of homeownership and financial counseling and training. Families that complete Habitat's program have been prepared for the financial responsibilities of homeownership, including building savings and preparing for move-in costs, home maintenance and repairs.

While Habitat provides and installs basic appliances in new homes, this does not include laundry appliances. This grant will assist all ten homeowners with the purchase of washers and dryers. Much more than providing appliances, this grant will also provide families the dignity that comes with access to safe, affordable and reliable laundry services.

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity plans to complete the Quince Townhomes and welcome ten families into their new homes in 2022.

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity has also received a \$3,000 grant from the Washington Federal Foundation to fund the construction of Watercress Townhomes in Bend.

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity is grateful for the continuing partnership with Washington Federal Foundation to advance affordable homeownership in Central Oregon.

Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity plans to complete the Watercress Townhomes and welcome eight families into their new homes in 2022.

WINDERMERE CENTRAL OREGON REAL ESTATE

Local real estate brokers, staff and owners with Windermere Central Oregon Real Estate supported five local charitable organizations in the Central Oregon area during 2021. Through the Windermere Foundation, a total of \$9,000 was donated to local charities supporting low-income children and families.

Granted year-round, donations from the Windermere Foundation benefitted Bethlehem Inn, Shepherd's House Ministries, St. Vincent De Paul of Bend-Micro Village Center, Beulah's Place and Jericho Road, Inc.

Windermere Central Oregon is proud to be a part of the larger Windermere Foundation, serving the Western U.S. since 1989. Along with launching their own fundraising activities and providing personal donations, brokers donate a portion of the commission from every home bought or sold through Windermere to the Windermere Foundation. To date, Windermere has gifted more than \$46 million in donations to support programs and organizations that provide services to those in need. In honor of its 50th anniversary in 2022, Windermere Real Estate has challenged its network to reach \$50 million in giving by year's end.

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also cited Reser's engagement with Medical Teams International, a Tigard-based nonprofit.



Michael Freitag



Kathryn Higley



Brent Steel

Oregon State University has named **Michael Freitag, Kathryn Higley** and **Brent Steel** as its 2022 University Distinguished Professor recipients, the highest academic honor the university can bestow on a faculty member.

Freitag is an expert in fungal biology and genome structure; Higley is internationally recognized for her research on the health effects of radiation; and Steel is a scholar of environmental policy, science policy and state politics.

Freitag, Higley and Steel will give lectures on Friday, May 20. Freitag is professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics in the College of Science who has published more than 100 papers that have received more than 14,000 citations. He has mentored dozens of doctoral and post-doctoral students and advised 60 undergraduate students, nearly a quarter of whom are co-authors on papers. He is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

His long-time research focus is in the area of epigenetics — how DNA and protein modifications regulate the packaging, the copying and the expression of DNA. His research has yielded significant discoveries in in

biology and human health.

He has received more than \$6 million in national-level grant support since his arrival at OSU, including grants from the National Science Foundation, American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health.

Higley is the Edward N. Rickert, Jr. Professor in the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering and the interim director of the Center for Quantitative Life Sciences at Oregon State.

She has sustained a research program in health physics, radioecology and radiological dose and risk assessment, and has built one of the few academic radioecology research labs in the nation. She has received about \$14 million in competitively awarded grant funding since coming to Oregon State. She was instrumental in developing the face-to-face and online radiation health physics programs and co-developed the medical physics master's program that is offered at Oregon Health & Science University.

Since arriving at Oregon State in 2006, she has served as major professor for two honors students, 51 master's students and 14 doctoral students.

During the Fukushima nuclear disaster in 2011 in Japan, she drew on her expertise in the health effects of radiation while providing hundreds of radio, television and print interviews.

She also served as associate director of TRACE COVID-19, an Oregon State project to determine the prevalence of the virus in the community and in OSU populations.

Steel, a professor in the School of Public Policy in the College of Liberal Arts, has taught more than 23 different undergraduate courses and 13 different graduate courses in fields including international relations, comparative politics, public administration and public policy.

He is the author or co-author of 13 books, 82 peer-reviewed articles and 36 book chapters. He has been a principal investigator on nine external grants and a co-principal investigator on 26 others totaling more than \$25 million, with grantors including the National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Steel arrived at Oregon State in 1998, started the master of public policy in 2003 and continues to serve as its director today. He also helped develop numerous degree programs, including a doctorate and bachelors in public policy, a graduate minor in rural studies and a graduate certificate in energy policy.

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