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**Jim Wilcox**

**Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) Jim Wilcox**, small business adviser and program manager for the college's Small Business Development Center (SBDC), was recently named Oregon's "State Star" for outstanding service by the state office of the national SBDC network. Wilcox will be honored this September at the association's national conference in San Diego.

To date, Wilcox has assisted and advised 859 small business clients, has launched 29 small businesses and helped create 600 jobs and has worked with business owners to secure \$39,106,622 in loans and capital for business expansion, according to association records.

With a background in management, business ownership and human resources, Wilcox has extensive experience in managing the day-to-day business operations of a small business. He holds a master of business administration from Portland State University.

**Latino Community Association (LCA)** has new leadership on its board of directors.

**Zavier "Zavi" Borja** became president of the Latino Community Association's board of directors in April, as LCA elevated some of its newer members to leadership positions. Borja is a first-generation Mexican-American who grew up in Central Oregon. In 2019, he founded the first local chapter of Latino Outdoors and later the nonprofit Vamonos Outside. He has worked with youth, school districts and Bend Parks and Recreation, and currently serves as community relations manager for the City of Bend.

**LeeAnn O'Neill**, managing partner at Allyship in Action, an organization that advances equality and social justice in Central Oregon, is the new board vice-president. O'Neill was born in Korea, raised in Michigan and practiced international commercial law in Washington D.C. before moving to Bend. Over the past decade, she has worked as a bilingual legal advocate at Saving Grace and as the bilingual family law facilitator at the Deschutes County Circuit Court.

**Kinsey Martin**, director of diversity equity and inclusion at Bend-La Pine Schools, is the new board secretary. Martin grew up in Bend and earned her master's degree in education at Oregon State University. She returned to the school district that educated her and taught students in dual language classrooms before joining the administrative team. Now she oversees programs and services for culturally- and linguistically-diverse students and families.

**Chad Gilless**, principal at Stillwater Energy, is now board treasurer. Gilless grew up in Texas and studied business and Spanish at the University of Houston. He collaborated with energy experts in Latin America and now leads a consulting firm that helps organizations manage their energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Gilless and his family moved to Central Oregon from Portland in 2020 and he seeks closer ties with the Latino community here.

LCA thanks outgoing board president **Liliana Cabrera** and secretary **Verenice Alvarez-Sanchez** for their years of board service and advocacy for Central Oregon's Latino community.

**Hospice of Redmond** Bereavement Coordinator **Diane Kellstrom** has retired. Kellstrom worked for Hospice of Redmond for 17 years, providing emotional support to countless hospice friends and families, as well as many others in the community at large who experienced the death of a loved one.

Kellstrom was also the director of Camp Sunrise, a special summer camp for bereaved children ages 7-14. She facilitated grief groups for adults, such as Soup and Support, Expressive Arts, Guided Autobiography and grief groups in schools for kids of all ages. Kellstrom always had a keen attention to detail in planning and hosting numerous annual community events like Light Up a Life and Teddy Bear Tea; she simply brought a little magic into everything she touched, and she will be greatly missed.

We'd like you to meet **Kat Rachman**, our new bereavement coordinator, and



**Zavier "Zavi" Borja**



**LeeAnn O'Neill**



**Kinsey Martin**



**Chad Gilless**

director of Camp Sunrise.

Rachman joined us on May 3, 2022, working alongside Kellstrom during her final two months before her departure, including the final weeks of planning and facilitating 2022 Camp Sunrise.

Rachman holds a degree in counseling, human development and family science, and a post graduate certification in Mindfulness-Based Psychotherapy. She has worked as a clinically trained counselor for the past ten years in local mental health and substance use treatment agencies, as well as her private practice as a life coach and ordained inter-faith minister. She was previously program director for other nonprofit service agencies in the region.

Rachman moved to Central Oregon (originally to Bend) in 2000 after a lifetime of military travel as both a dependent "Air Force Brat," and later a USAF military spouse. Rachman moved to Crooked River Ranch in early 2017, where she and her family have created, what she calls, "an experiment in self-sufficiency" raising chickens, rabbits, turkeys, goats and growing gardens. She enjoys canning, cooking, baking and barbecuing, as well as attending concerts, camping, kayaking and hiking.

**Aaron Tarnow** of **4 Seasons Home Services** in Sunriver has been appointed as the chapter lead for the National Home Watch Association's Northwest Chapter, which includes members from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas.



**Aaron Tarnow**

Selections have been made for the **Leadership Bend** Class of 2023, a nonprofit civic engagement and leadership development program of the Bend Chamber.

Participants are chosen from a broad cross-section of candidates from around the region who must undergo a significant application process. These acknowledged and aspiring leaders share a commitment to active participation in shaping the future of Central Oregon.

There now are over 550 Leadership Bend alumni, many of whom serve as our community "trustees" through board service, elected office, volunteerism and more.

Leadership Bend Class of 2023 is **Amanda Bird-Zimmerman**, Old Mill District; **Zavier Borja**, City of Bend; **Peter Bozin**, Parametrix; **Kate Burns**, Merrill O'Sullivan, LLP; **Trevor Campbell**, Kernutt Stokes, LLP; **Lisa Clark**, Bureau of Land Management; **Gary Crockett**, SELCO Community Credit Union; **Savanna DeLuca**, Wild Heart Therapy + Consulting; **Theresa Drulard**, St. Charles Health System; **Shawn Evilsizer**, Morrison-Maierle; **Lindsay Gardner**, Bryant Lovlien & Jarvis P.C.; **Bess Goggins**, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bend; **Bradley Howk**, Partners in Care; **Emma James**, Rosell Wealth Management; **Ted Jones**, U.S. Bank; **Emily Kirk**, Central Oregon Daily News; **Kris Knight**, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council; **Jennifer Kovitz**, Central Oregon Community College; **Michael Leeland**, Hayden Homes; **Gil Levy**, KIDS Center; **Cyrus Mooney**, Bend Chamber; **Michael Nelson**, Sazan Group; **Lynn Spinoglio**, First Interstate Bank; **Dan Stake**, Mid Oregon Credit Union; **Patricia Strange**, Otak; **Frank Thaxter**, TEN OVER STUDIO; **Dana Wilson**, City of Bend; and **Chad Young**, Skanska USA Building.

The Bend Chamber believes building leaders is necessary to community succession planning. As one of the fastest growing regions in Oregon and the northwest, the issues have become increasingly more complex and the need for active leadership is great.

For the nine months of the program, participants will work with local leaders to expand awareness and understanding of the Central Oregon region. The class will explore historical and current issues firsthand and learn about the unique challenges and opportunities that cross sectors and silos. Additionally, the cohort will benefit from a series of servant leadership topics designed to enhance individual leadership skills and make an impact through a class capstone project.

The **High Desert Mural Festival (HDMF)** announced the appointment of **Evan Namkung** as the new HDMF executive director.

The HDMF board was thrilled to partner with Namkung during their 2021 Equality & Justice Mini-Mural Festival in downtown Bend on his mural *Mountains for All*. They approached him about the executive director position shortly after the HDMF founder, Douglas Robertson, announced his plans to relocate and resign his position.

Namkung is a self-taught artist who has been painting since childhood. His original paintings have been displayed in numerous venues around Bend. In addition to his

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**Diane Kellstrom**



**Kat Rachman**

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downtown Bend mural he recently completed a mural in downtown Redmond in partnership with the city. Professionally, he is social worker with Deschutes County Behavioral Health, and also volunteers in the Mountain Rescue Unit of Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue. Namkung's expertise and artistic drive will inform his role as the new HDMF executive director.

The HDMF Board also wants to recognize **Douglas Robertson**, outgoing executive director and founder, who worked tirelessly to help change the city's sign code in Bend to allow art murals to be legally painted. We are all very proud of his efforts working with the City of Bend, the Arts and Beautification Commission, Bend City Council members and local nonprofit organizations to amend the Bend sign code.



Congratulations **Ryan Johnsen** for his **Hole N One** on Hole 3 on July 21 at Awbrey Glen Golf Club — 406 yardage with his driver, witnessed by Jake Olsen. This is considered a Hole in One and an Albatross.

Congratulations to this year's **Deschutes County Health Heroes**. The Health Hero program honors community leaders who work to make Deschutes County a healthier place to live. This year, they also recognized the outstanding work and contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Deschutes County Health Heroes are **Donna Mills** of the **Central Oregon Health Council**, **Dr. Logan Clausen** of **COPA** (Central Oregon Pediatric Associates), **Gwen Gist** of the **St. Charles Health System** and **Mosaic Medical** and its Mobile Community Clinic.

**Lifestyle Wake** introduces members of their team.

**Walt Muller** (office manager) is originally from California and honed his office management skills at the digital ad agency AKQA and publishing house CMP Media, both in San Francisco. Muller enjoys his free time visiting family and friends, traveling and exploring Central Oregon's many restaurants, food trucks and breweries.

**Jonathan Ross** (sales) manages the Centurion and Supreme boat sales, with focus on customer service and creating an unforgettable on-the-water experience. Ross has been in the marine industry since 2018 after graduating from the University of Oregon with a bachelor of arts in media and design. Some of his interests off-the-water include cars, golf, spending time in the mountains and enjoying time with his friends and family.

**Chris Micheletti** (senior technician) grew up between Bend and Yosemite. He earned his ASE certification and degree while building his skills through the years as a diesel fleet mechanic. In his off time, Micheletti can be found on the lake or at the mountain with family and friends.

**Richard Miller** (parts and warranty) is originally from San Antonio, Texas, and has managed a bike shop in Hill Country (Central Texas) for the last 16 years. Miller spends his free time outdoors, enjoying all the unique scenery and sweet single tracks that Oregon has to offer.

**Tommy Cogswell** (pro shop manager/buyer) is originally from Maine, where he was a freestyle ski coach and taught students how to wakeboard, wake surf and water ski in the summer time. He enjoys to wake surf, snow ski and ride dirt bikes in his free time. Cogswell has found his true passion here at Lifestyle Wake, and plans to be around for the long haul.



## Tour of Homes Winners Announced

**Green Building Awards**

- Under \$799,000** — Arbor Builders #19
- \$800,000 — \$999,000** — Stone Bridge Homes NW #14
- \$1,000,000 and up** — Momentasize Construction #16

- Under \$500**
- Best Architectural Design** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Feature** — 'Covered Patio' — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Interior Finish** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Kitchen** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Landscaping** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Master Suite** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best of Show** — MonteVista Homes #1
- Best Value** — MonteVista Homes #1

- \$525,000-\$550,000**
- Best Architectural Design** — Arbor Builders #19
- Best Feature** — 'Backyard' — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best Interior Finish** — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best Kitchen** — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best Landscaping** — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best Master Suite** — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best of Show** — MonteVista Homes #2
- Best Value** — MonteVista Homes #2

- \$600,000-\$625,000**
- Best Architectural Design** — Woodhill Homes #8
- Best Feature** — 'ADU' — Woodhill Homes #8
- Best Interior Finish** — Woodhill Homes #8
- Best Kitchen** — Hayden Homes #6
- Best Landscaping** — Hayden Homes #5

- Best Master Suite** — Hayden Homes #5
- Best of Show** — Woodhill Homes #8
- Best Value** — Woodhill Homes #8 \$675,000 — \$700,000
- Best Architectural Design** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Feature** — 'Dog Wash' — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Interior Finish** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Kitchen** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Landscaping** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Master Suite** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best of Show** — Curtis Homes #20
- Best Value** — Curtis Homes #20
- \$775,000-\$800,000**
- Best Architectural Design** — Winsome Construction #26
- Best Feature** — 'Mudroom' — Stone Bridge Homes NW #24
- Best Interior Finish** — Structure Development NW #22
- Best Kitchen** — Structure Development NW #22
- Best Landscaping** — Structure Development NW #22
- Best Master Suite** — Stone Bridge Homes NW #24
- Best of Show** — Structure Development NW #22
- Best Value** — Structure Development NW #22
- \$825,000-\$850,000**
- Best Architectural Design** — Stone Bridge Homes NW #14
- Best Feature** — 'Mechanical Room' — Palmer Homes #10
- Best Interior Finish** — Palmer Homes #10
- Best Kitchen** — Stone Bridge Homes NW #14

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## Businesses Serving Community

**FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK**

Washington Federal Foundation presented Family Access Network (FAN) with \$2,500 in grant funds to support FAN services throughout Central Oregon. FAN advocates work directly in public schools in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties to ensure children and their family members have access to crucial resources that can help them stabilize after setbacks. Coordinating with over 100 community partner organizations, FAN advocates facilitate quick, efficient connections to a variety of basic-needs services and provide clothing, school

supplies, food, eviction prevention, utility assistance and more for struggling Central Oregon families.

The Washington Federal Foundation facilitates direct giving to community-based nonprofits serving the needs of people with low-and-moderate incomes. They are committed to \$1,000,000 each year in community giving. These funds provide support for social agencies and nonprofits that serve the needs of those in their communities who may need support, including seniors, youth organizations and families with low incomes.