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Marlene Peraza

The **Latino Community Association (LCA)** welcomes new staff member **Marlene Peraza**.

Peraza, office assistant in Redmond, is from Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, but grew up in Pasadena, California. Her family moved to Bend in 2005. She earned her associate degree from Central Oregon Community College and transferred to Oregon State University Cascades. By June 2023, she expects to complete her B.A. in human development and family science. She worked at Food 4 Less and Kohl's to pay her way through college.

During a break from school, Marlene found a job she learned to love at Saving Grace in Bend, helping survivors of domestic violence and stalking. The experience inspired her to find a career where she could advocate for Spanish-speaking families. She began working at LCA in Redmond as an intern in October 2022 and became the office assistant in January 2023. Marlene lives in Redmond with her husband and four young sons, who like to visit the Oregon coast and explore nature.

Deschutes County's Office of Internal Audit has received national recognition for its Management of Pandemic Case Investigation and Contact Tracing audit, which was released in 2022. The Office, led by County Internal Auditor **David Givans**, received the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) 2022 Distinguished Knighton Award for best performance audit in the Extra-Small shop category.

The award will be presented virtually to during ALGA's annual conference on May 8. Givans, who has served as the County's Internal Auditor for more than 20 years, will also receive ALGA's Lifetime Achievement Award. Givans plans to retire from the County in June.

The Association of Local Government Auditors is a national audit association founded in 1985 committed to supporting and improving local government auditing through advocacy, collaboration, education, and training, while upholding and promoting the highest standards of professional ethics.



David Givans

Broken Top Club in Bend recently welcomed **Josh Clay** as the club's new general manager and chief operating officer. Clay will oversee all elements of the private club's operations including golf, racquet sports, food and beverage, and fitness.

Clay has more than 16 years of experience in the golf and hospitality industries. He most recently served as the general manager at Oldfield Golf Club in Okatie, South Carolina. Over the last decade, Clay has served as general manager at private and daily fee facilities across the country, including The Club at Seven Canyons in Sedona, Arizona; Kissing Tree Golf Club in San Marcos, Texas; Poston Butte Golf Club in Florence, Arizona; Lake of Isles in Stonington, Connecticut; and Diablo Grande Golf &

Country Club in Patterson, California. He began his career in golf as an associate golf professional at Copper Canyon Golf Club, a Troon-managed facility in Buckeye, Arizona.

Originally from Grinnell, Iowa, Clay is a graduate of Iowa State University with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. He is a Class-A member of the PGA of America.

Troon Privé, the private club operating division of Troon, oversees the golf operations, food and beverage, golf course agronomy, and membership marketing at Broken Top Club.

Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) announces it has received a gold rating in 2023 from the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics (NAFC), which sets quality standards for free and charitable clinics across the nation. Gold is the highest rating awarded to clinics.

VIM is dedicated to improve the health and wellness of those who have no medical insurance or means to pay for care through the volunteer engagement of pro-bono medical professionals and community partners in Central Oregon.

The mission of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is to ensure that medically underserved individuals have access to affordable, high-quality healthcare. To quantify and qualify the care provided at the Free and

Charitable Clinic network, the NAFC formalized a set of Quality Standards for member organizations in 2020.

NAFC's Quality Standards program allows NAFC to showcase the quality care provided to patients, policymakers, partners, funders and stakeholders. The standards also assist the NAFC in developing benefits and resources that will help their members enhance the care provided to patients.

Sunriver Resort announced it's been named one of the 2023 Top 100 Best Companies to Work For in Oregon by *Oregon Business*, the state's leading, award-winning commerce magazine. Sunriver Resort ranked number 33 and was recognized for its value-add programs in 2022, including Gift Cards for Gas, Referral Bonuses, Vendor and Resort Discounts and its Silver Lining Fund for employees experiencing hardship.

The 100 Best Companies to Work For in Oregon award gala took place March 2, 2023 at the Oregon Convention Center. The rankings were based on the confidential input of employees who answered questions about workplace satisfaction concerning topics such as benefits, management, trust, work environment and career development. The survey was voluntary, free of charge and independently calculated by research partner Checkpoint Surveys.

The **Environmental Center** welcomes **Ryan Bellinson** to our Board of Directors.

Bellinson has been working to advance climate policy as a researcher, community organizer and public servant for the last decade. He currently works at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and University College London where he explores new approaches to address the climate crisis through experimenting with different methods of inclusive community development.



Ryan Bellinson

Soroptimist International of Bend announced the winner of the annual Live Your Dream Award. Redmond resident, **Stacy Shaw** was presented with the \$2,000 grant at an event on April 15. She will be able to use the money to assist her in completing her educational goals.

Much thought is given by SI Bend to an applicant's circumstances, challenges, goals and financial needs. Shaw has demonstrated persistence, determination and purpose to achieve her education and make a better life for herself and her three children. Her path has led her forward from a GED to graduating with honors and two associate degrees from a community college to the university where she is completing her bachelor of science degree. Her major is in public health with a minor in sociology. Shaw has been accepted to the Accelerated Graduate Program in Public Health Practice through the College of Public Health and Human Science at Oregon State University. Completion will be in the fall 2025. While being a full-time parent and student, she has worked as a health strategist for a local public health authority (LPHA).



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