

Industry Spotlight:

Local businesses win awards

Clatsop Economic Development Resources honored business owners

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Business leaders and community members gathered virtually to cheer each other on during the Clatsop Economic Development Resources 2021 awards presentation on May 20.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson and Rep. Suzanne Weber both spoke at the event and commended the economic development group in helping businesses navigate the challenges brought by the coronavirus pandemic and related restrictions.

Johnson said she thinks business owners have been frustrated while dealing with the changing restriction levels and the uncertainty of keeping their businesses afloat during the pandemic.

"One of the things that has helped tremendously is CEDR and the Clatsop Small Business Development



Jessica Newhall is the associate director of the Clatsop Community College Small Business-Development Center.



LUKE WHITTAKER

Chris Laman is the director of pharmacy and cancer care services for Columbia Memorial Hospital and the OHSU Knight Cancer Center Collaborative.



EDWARD STRATTON

Terry Robinett is co-owner of Merry Time Bar & Grill and Labor Temple Diner & Bar with her husband, Todd.



Tami Williams, center, and her crew pose for a photo after winning the business leader of the year award for South County.



Alisa Dunlap, board president of CEDR, presents the exceptional customer service for a small business in South County award to Insomnia Coffee Co. in Cannon Beach.

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Destiny Dudley, of Culinary Concierge, won as the business leader of the year for a new business.



Linh DePledge is the general manager at Cannery Pier Hotel in Astoria.