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Next, the Bridge Tender received the community impact award in the small business category. The Seaside bar has fundraised for fire and rescue, parks and recreation and programs for local children. Owner Samantha Urbach also owns a nearby convenience store and an animal sanctuary.

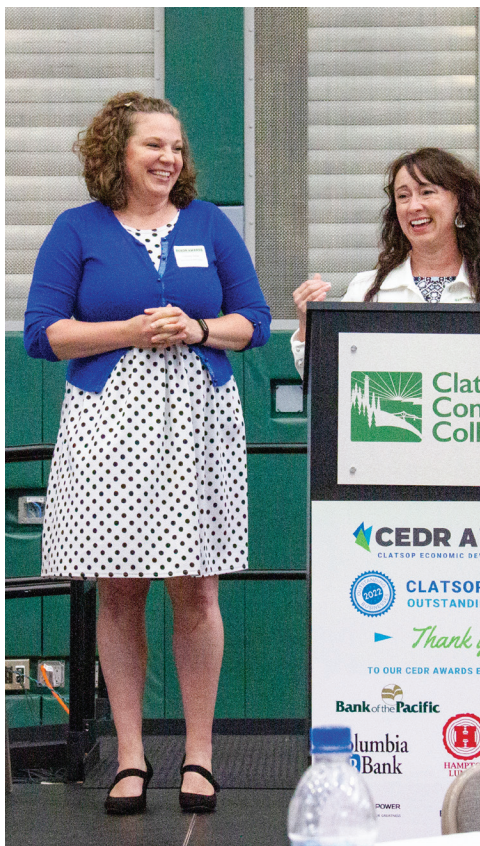
"From the beginning, we've had the best staff," Urbach said during her acceptance speech. "It's not the Grammys but I'm going to cry, because we've worked — not for this award — but we have worked really hard to just be accepted in the community, from moving here recently. And we are so thankful that people acknowledge that and they see the good we're doing and they continue to acknowledge that and support us."

Also in the small business category, Kiosco Mexicano won the economic impact award. By opening a second location, CEDR noted that the business created 10 jobs while maintaining accessible prices.

Lucy's Books, which personally delivered to customers homes during the pandemic, was awarded for its customer service, also in the small business category.

Encore Dance Studio in Warrenton received a small business award for innovation. The studio pivoted to child care to stay open during the pandemic, then opened a school last year. The school

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Courtney Bangs, left, and Denele Sweet of Encore Dance Studio accept the small business innovation award.



Kiosco Mexicano received the economic impact award for a small business.



Gaetano's Market and Deli was the recipient of the business leader of the year award for a new business.



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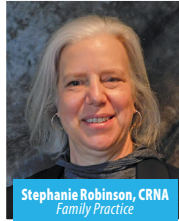
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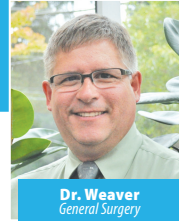
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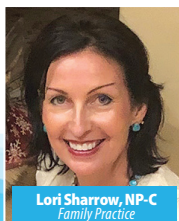
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