

# Bethell gets early endorsement for county commissioner bid

The director of Keizer's Chamber of Commerce successfully unseated a member of the Salem-Keizer School District Board of Directors earlier this year. Next year, she will vie to replace an outgoing Marion County commissioner.

Commissioner Sam Brentano announced that he would not seek re-election to his seat in 2020 and, at the same time, endorsed the candidacy of Danielle Bethell, a Keizer resident.

"I am endorsing Danielle Bethell because she will carry on with a conservative eye toward county government, being fiscally responsible and responsive to the needs of our county," Brentano said.

Bethell is eager to tackle county issues. "I look forward to meeting and listening to the people of Marion County. From grass fields to vineyards and waterfalls, timberland and lakes to growing urban spaces - we have a great opportunity to

make meaningful progress on the issues that matter most to the people of Marion County," Bethell said in a press release.

Bethell has served as executive director of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce since 2016. In May, she ran to unseat Chuck Lee, Keizer's long-time representative on the Salem-Keizer School Board. She won with more than 52 percent of the votes cast.

She is a mother to three teenagers with a history of community involvement ranging from the Rotary Club of Keizer to the McNary High School Athletic Booster Club and numerous community-business collaborations. Two of the most notable efforts have been getting turf football fields installed at McNary and McKay high schools.

She is owner of NW Events and Promotions and co-owner of Bethell Plumbing in addition to her post at the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

"My experiences and understanding of policy can



Danielle Bethell

provide a voice for the small business owner, the parent, and the working families of Marion County. Working together we can make a difference for our community," she said. "We need local officials who will face these issues head-on. I am not afraid to get my hands dirty, ask the hard questions, listen thoughtfully, and find collaborative solutions to tough issues."

# City will add new employee to cover community center

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
Of the Keizertimes

Keizer is adding a new employee to help cover the staffing required by the community center operations of the Keizer Civic Center.

The Keizer City Council approved the addition of a new full-time employee in a unanimous vote.

"While we have been successful in staffing events using temporary on-call employees and additional persons via a temporary employment agency, times when we have not had sufficient staffing with these resources have increased with increased booking," wrote Machell DePina in a staff report explaining the need.

The new employee's salary will be covered by increases in rentals at the civic center and a portion of the Keizer Transit Occupancy Tax. Keizer Finance Director

Tim Wood told the council he reviewed the recent revenue trends in both areas and determined there is sustainable support to fund the new position.

City Manager Chris Eppley said the city has struggled to keep part-time staffers in place as business increases at the community center.

"The way we are staffing is not working," Eppley said. "We are running continual and constant recruiting efforts."

The new staff member will work a swing shift from Tuesday through Saturday. After a question by City Councilor Rofland Herrera, city staff will add Spanish speaking to the list of desired qualifications.

Mayor Cathy Clark said adding a position will help the community center reflect its importance to the city.

"Making sure we provide excellence in service reflects the values of our community and it provides consistency," Clark said.

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— Chris Eppley  
Keizer city manager

# New, familiar faces join city advisory groups

The Keizer City Council made numerous appointments to several advisory committees at its meeting Monday, Nov. 4.

Ali Rasouli and Julia Sargent were added to the Keizer Budget Committee.

Tanya Hamilton, Mike Pantalone, Dylan Juran, Clay Rushton and Jeff Sargent were appointed to the Parks Advisory Board.

Lorene Moore is joining the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Steven Wolf joins and Hersch Sangster was reappointed to the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee.

Mark Caillier will join the Stormwater Advisory Committee.



# Lego man marks Keizer biz milestone

The Keizer location of Bricks & Minifigs recently marked its third anniversary with custom minifigures given away at the shop.

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