

# Keizer principals will lead district's new online program

Two Keizer principals will lead the Salem-Keizer School District's new online program.

Clear Lake Elementary School Principal Artonya Gemmill and Keizer Elementary School Principal Christine Bowlby have been named as the new administrators to support the new online program, EDGE: Enhanced Digital and Guided Education.

On July 13, SKPS officially opened applications for EDGE, quickly sparking interest with more than 600 applications submitted within the first week from students representing all grade levels from every school in the district.

EDGE will provide students with online learning opportunities, including instructional supports, English language development support and more. Through the support of a new learning management system, students enrolled in the EDGE



Gemmill



Bowlby

program will pair teacher-led instruction with family-supported and independent at-home application and learning, while still staying connected to their school communities.

"We are very excited for Artonya and Christine to lead the EDGE program for the 2020-21 school year," said Assistant Superintendent Craig Sproles. "Both Christine and Artonya provide a wealth of knowledge in their roles, bringing experience from both the elementary and secondary levels, and how to best support our students receiving special education services and English language supports. They both have a demonstrated passion for innovation and a true dedication to leading our teachers through new experiences."

Gemmill and Bowlby will continue to support their schools with reentry planning as new administrators for Clear Lake and Keizer elementary are announced.

# Chamber installs new board



The 2020-21 board of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce was installed at a luncheon on Tuesday, July 14.

Jonathan Thompson, of Northwest Dental Arts, passed the board president's gavel to Dave Walery of Walery's Premium Pizza. Bob Shackelford of HomeSmart Realty Group was installed as president-elect; he served as Chamber board president in 2018-2019. James Hutches, Country Financial will serve a second term as board treasurer while Jane Lowery, Willamette Valley Bank, returns as board secretary.

Board members installed included new member Paco Rosas, ServiceMaster of Salem and returning members Michelle



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TOP: The new board prepares to take the oath of office. ABOVE: Outgoing president Jonathan Thompson and incoming president Dave Walery practice social distancing]

Adame (Copy Cats), Mike Adams (Adam's Rib Smokehouse), Larry Jackson (Jackson's Auto Body), Kyle Juran (Remodeling by Classic Homes), Carlos Pineda, Dave Smith (First Interstate Bank), Scott White (Dialysis Systems Management) and Kalyann Wright (K's Catering).

# Now serving



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The Keizer Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Wicked Sweet, Keizer's new bakery in Keizer Village, on Tuesday, July 21. Co-owner Michael Peters was joined by daughter Alyson and Chamber members for the ceremony.

# Effort to establish new library launches virtual book club

The movement to bring a public library to Keizer is launching a virtual book club in August.

Keizer's Library: The Next Chapter, the group dedicated to the establishing a public library, is offering readers two options to participate in a city-wide book club.

Anyone who wants to participate will have access to ebooks, a discussion guide and receive an invitation to a virtual discussion with Leslie S. Klinger, the editor of the Library of Congress Crime Series.

The books selected for the first outing are *The Rat Began to Gnaw at the Rope* by C.W. Grafton and *That Affair Next Door* by Anna Katherine Green. There are no limits on the number of copies available.

Grafton's book, originally published in 1943, introduces Kentucky attorney Gil Henry. Henry is asked by a client to investigate stock she

is inheriting and ends up with a mark on his back. With the client and her secretive brother as accomplices, Henry tries to find answers to questions someone desperately wants to keep him from asking.

In *That Affair Next Door*, published in 1897, elderly spinster Amelia Butterworth in the posh neighborhood of Gramercy Park discovers the body of a woman in a mansion next door. She then enters into a race to solve the case with the local detective. The book is especially notable because Butterworth was the first female sleuth to be featured in a series.

The virtual event with Klinger is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 4 p.m.

All details and event registration will be available at [tinyurl.com/keizerbookclub](http://tinyurl.com/keizerbookclub) around Aug. 1. The group behind the club can be found on Facebook at [tinyurl.com/keizernextchapter](http://tinyurl.com/keizernextchapter).

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