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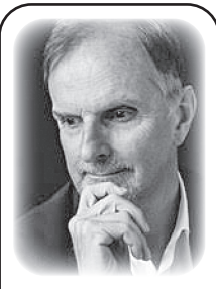
Jericho Road has recently selected new Board Members **Margaret King** and **Steve Thorp**.

King is a six-year resident of Redmond and retired teacher of 28 year who currently works as a Home Care worker in the surrounding areas. King and her sons enjoy the outdoor adventures of Central Oregon. She volunteers with Jericho Road and other groups such as St. Vincent De Paul and Camp Sunrise, helping the homeless and children in our area.

Thorp is a 15-year resident of Redmond. He is a retired attorney, having practiced over 25 years in Northern California as a bankruptcy specialist and civil litigator. Along with his wife, Kimberly Rogers, Thorp is active in Community Presbyterian Church as a deacon and volunteer. He and Kimberly also volunteer with Jericho Road, Redmond Winter Shelter, Friends of Redmond and other groups involved with the Redmond community. Thorp is excited to join the Jericho Road team as a board member, and he looks forward to helping continue its good work with the homeless community.



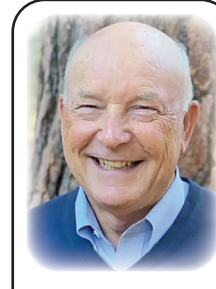
Margaret King



Steve Thorp

writing, program management and direct care for crisis intervention, suicide prevention, substance use prevention and intervention as well as clinical mental health counseling. She utilizes a strengths based approach in supporting youth in recognizing their resiliency and is dedicated to providing a safe space for youth to fully engage in their healing processes and own self-determination when navigating life's challenges.

Outside of work, Knoster tunes into her yoga practice and enjoys spending time with her dog, Roo, exploring the natural beauty Oregon has to offer.



Dennis Purcell



Tyler Fix

Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) welcomes **Dennis Purcell** and **Tyler Fix, DMD, MA** as new board members.

After graduating from law school in 1975, Purcell moved to Eugene and began working as an attorney. He helped found a firm in Eugene where he practiced until 2015, primarily representing physicians. Purcell and his wife were part time Bend residents since 2009. In 2015 they moved to Bend full time to be near their three children and two grandchildren and to enjoy Central Oregon activities. As a native Oregonian,

he spent a good deal of time in Central Oregon attracted to the outdoors, especially skiing and golf. At the end of 2019 he retired. Through his work he knew several physicians who volunteered their time for VIM.

After volunteering as a dental provider in Bend for three years with VIM, Fix was given the privilege of joining VIM's Board of Directors in October 2020. He works as a private practice dentist four days a week with PureCare Dental of Bend. When caring for VIM patients, he aims to humanize and personalize their dental experiences with an open ear, an open mind and an open heart. In his free time, he enjoys playing tennis, skiing, hiking and giving back to the community. Fix serves as a courtesy faculty member at OSU-Cascades to guide students applying as pre-health professionals to doctorate programs; as a chairman of Professional Development on the Alumni Council at Midwestern University in Arizona and as a councilman on the New Dentist Council for the Oregon Dental Association.



Sarah Pearson

UScellular announces it has named **Sarah Pearson** as area vice president/general manager (AVP/GM) for its Northwest Region. This is a new role for the company to lead both sales and operations for corporate owned and agent retail locations in California, Oregon and Washington.

Pearson joined UScellular in 2000 as a retail wireless consultant. Since then, she has held roles of increasing responsibility including sales manager, store manager and area sales manager. She was most recently director of sales for the business channel in the Northwest Region. Pearson has a bachelor's degree in communication and business from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. She and her husband reside in Medford, Oregon.

The new role of AVP/GM allows UScellular to tailor its support and offerings to the needs of individual communities while managing its overall business, driving an exceptional customer experience and moving faster in a competitive wireless industry.

Grandma's House welcomes **Eliza Allee Wilson** as their new program manager.

Wilson has lived in Central Oregon for the past 17 years. She has spent her career working with a variety of homeless services providers in Central Oregon and has been with J Bar J Youth Services for the past five years.

Having experienced homelessness as a child, Wilson became a client of J Bar J's Cascade Youth & Family Center LOFT program, when she was a teen. Her experience as an advocate for homeless services started while she was living at The LOFT and has given her the opportunity to speak locally, in state government and nationally about her experience as a homeless youth. Wilson's lived experience gives her a unique perspective in her work as program manager of Grandmas House of Central Oregon.

Throughout her career, Wilson has worked with adults, veterans, families and youth who are experiencing homelessness. She particularly loves working with young people because of their resilience and potential. She believes our young people can and will escape multigenerational poverty if they are given the support and resources to succeed. Wilson serves as board member on the Homeless Leadership Coalition and as Chair of the Coordinated Entry Committee.

Wilson loves to cook for family and enjoys a good book, especially historical fiction. She and her husband have three children and enjoy traveling together.



Eliza Allee Wilson

J Bar J Youth Services, has achieved national accreditation through the New York-based Council on Accreditation (COA). Organizations pursue accreditation to demonstrate the implementation of best practice standards in the field of human services.

COA accreditation is an objective, independent and reliable validation of an agency's performance. The COA accreditation process involves a detailed review and analysis of an organization's administration, management and service delivery functions against international standards of best practice. The standards driving accreditation ensure that services are well-coordinated, culturally competent, evidence-based, outcomes-oriented and provided by a skilled and supported workforce. Accreditation through COA is an acknowledgement of the organizations strengths, and an opportunity for continuous evaluation and improvement based on continuous systems review and evaluation of metrics.



Kristie Schmitt

Healthy Beginnings has elected a new board member to help serve the Central Oregon community. **Kristie Schmitt** of Compass Commercial joins the board that works to ensure young children enter kindergarten ready to thrive through their no-cost health screenings. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and energy to the team, through both her work and her recent graduation from Leadership Bend.

Cascade Youth & Family Center (CYFC) welcomes **Megan Knoster** as their Basic Center manager. This program offers crisis intervention and family reconciliation services to youth and their families as a means of addressing and preventing youth homelessness.

Growing up in Central Pennsylvania, Knoster developed her passion for working with youth in the community early on by leading youth soccer camps, mentoring high school athletes and volunteering with community after school programs. She graduated with her masters in social work from the Boston University School of Social Work in 2013. During her time at Boston University, she received specialized education and training in trauma informed care and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

Knoster holds her license in clinical social work (LCSW) in Massachusetts and Oregon, and comes to Cascade Youth & Family Center with extensive experience working on behalf of youth mental health, wellness and healing through grant



Megan Knoster

The **Family Access Network (FAN)** announces **Emily Woodworth** and **Jen Enna** have accepted staff positions, while **Tasha McFarland** is a new board member with the FAN Foundation.

After many years of volunteering for FAN, McFarland accepted a position on the FAN Foundation Board. McFarland and her husband, Matthew, moved to Central Oregon in 2000 to work at Hoodoo Ski Area. All four of their children have attended Bend-La Pine Schools, with one since graduating from Mountain View High School and heading off to college. A graduate of the University of Oregon and an avid Ducks fan, McFarland's proud of, and grateful for, her Oregon public school education. She finished her master of business administration in 2006 with the Concordia University program in Bend. Aside from raising her children, her experience as a community volunteer has been her most rewarding. She has been a classroom volunteer, served on her elementary school's site council, attendance area review committee and the District's Budget Committee, which she chaired for six years. McFarland has also volunteered with her schools' PTOS and booster club, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts, Oregon Battle of the Books, Bethlehem Inn, her church and is a new Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. These experiences cemented her strong conviction in the importance of the services provided by the Family Access Network and FAN advocates. In her free time, she likes to ski with her family.

Woodworth accepted the position of development specialist with FAN in December of 2020. Growing up in Sisters, Woodworth developed a love of the woods and small-town life. After earning her bachelor of arts in creative writing at Pacific University in Forest Grove, she braved the wilds of Los Angeles to earn her master of fine arts in Writing at California Institute of the Arts. She graduated in May of 2020, and with the COVID-19 pandemic in full swing, she moved home and set her sights on helping her community. When she saw an opportunity open with FAN, Woodworth realized how her extensive experience in writing and administration could contribute to aiding her beloved community. In her free time, Woodworth is still an active writer, filmmaker and fiction editor, and she still loves her long walks in the Deschutes National Forest.

Enna accepted the position of donor relations, events and marketing coordinator. After spending several years in various mountain towns, Enna and her husband moved to Bend in 2011 and have called Central Oregon home since then. Drawn to the nonprofit sector since a young age, Enna got her master's degree in nonprofit management from Regis University and has been involved with various nonprofit organizations including animal welfare, community arts organizations and youth development programs. Most recently, Enna took a hiatus from the nonprofit sector and expanded her management, sales and marketing skills in the outdoor industry working at a local outdoor lifestyle retailer. The pull back to nonprofit work intensified when COVID-19 started to impact Central Oregon and her desire for service-driven work drew her to FAN. In her free time, you can find Enna outside (trail running, skiing, gardening, mushroom hunting, etc.) or spending time with her husband, her teenage kiddo and her three dogs.



Emily Woodworth



Jen Enna



Tasha McFarland

BendFilm welcomes new marketing and creative content coordinator **Ambriehl Turrentine**. Turrentine has spent her life immersed in a variety of art forms and fell in love with film during her time at the University of Missouri. Prior to joining BendFilm, Turrentine enjoyed work with Destiny City Film Festival, True/False Film Festival and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Her volunteer experience includes programming for a number of festivals nationwide and in 2020, leading discussions — at The Grand Berry Theater in her hometown of Fort Worth, Texas — focusing on Blackness on film from the silent era to now. In her free time, Turrentine enjoys diving directly into the histories of music and film by reading, tuning in to Turner Classic Movies and expanding her collections of vinyl records and decades-old LIFE magazines. Turrentine's passions and experience have made her a resourceful communicator, educator and storyteller — all of which directly influence her work.



Ambriehl Turrentine