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Brenna Fulks

Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO) announces the appointment of **Brenna Fulks** as the new Jefferson County Director, effective October 1, 2024.

In this role, Fulks will support EDCO's mission of fostering a diversified local economy and a strong base of middle-class jobs. Her primary responsibilities will include guiding employers through the relocation process of moving to Jefferson County, managing and administering incentive programs and working closely with existing local traded-sector companies to help them grow and thrive.

Fulks is a seasoned community and economic development professional with a deep-rooted passion for revitalizing rural communities. Prior to joining EDCO, Fulks served as the deputy executive director for a three-county economic development district in western Montana. Her unique experience and perspective and deep commitment to rural communities will be invaluable in her new role.

Fulks' previous roles include serving as the economic development lead for the City of Forest Grove, Oregon, and working as an independent consultant providing support to Humboldt County, California during the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. She also served as executive director of the Klamath Falls Downtown Association (KFDA), where she focused on community development and marketing.

Fulks holds an MBA with an emphasis in marketing and is eager to leverage her skills and experience to drive economic growth in Jefferson County.

and raised in Florida, he moved to Bend to pursue his love for snowboarding and decided to make it his permanent home in 1994.

Bethlehem Inn recently announced that its Board of Directors has elected two new board members: **Erika McCalpine** and **Scott Nelson**. The Board of Directors is led by Rev. Dr. Steven Koski (lead pastor at First Presbyterian Church) as president, Kevin Link (director of preconstruction at SunWest Builders) as secretary and vice-president and Melissa Williams (executive director with EveryChild Central Oregon) as treasurer.

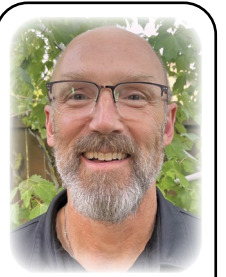
The Inn staff and board would also like to acknowledge outgoing board members: Tammy Baney (vice president) for her years of advocacy and community service on the board.

McCalpine served as the senior director of equity, people and culture at Espousal Strategies, LLC. Prior to joining Espousal, McCalpine was the chief equity officer for the Oregon Department of Transportation. McCalpine has also served as faculty at Oregon State University – Cascades, and her beloved alma mater, the University of Alabama (Roll Tide!). McCalpine earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in business management, and her master's in management with concentrations in organizational behavior and human resources from the same institution. McCalpine devoted almost ten years of her career to teaching in academia, but has transferred to the private sector. With that transition, McCalpine still has a strong desire to share her knowledge and experience so she teaches psychology courses online for Southern New Hampshire University. McCalpine is a Society of Human Resource Management -Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP). When McCalpine has spare time, she enjoys binge watching good television shows and spending time with her two children.

Nelson comes to the board with over 20 years of healthcare experience. As the director of imaging service lines for St. Charles Health System, Nelson has a true passion for helping others. A lifelong learning, Nelson holds a master's in healthcare administration, a bachelor's of science in education and an associate's in radiography. He is currently pursuing his fellowship through the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). A graduate of Leadership Bend 2024, Nelson and his cohorts, in partnership with Bethlehem Inn, St. Charles Health System and Treeline Cinematic developed an orientation video for new participants to the Inn. Nelson and his wife, Lisa, married for 28 years, have three adult children, Joshua, Olivia and Rosalind who are the love of their lives.



Erika McCalpine



Scott Nelson

Dermatology Health Specialists welcomes **Debbie Miller, MD, Scott Collins, MD** and **Sam Christensen, PA-C** to their team.

Miller joined Derm Health following nearly 30 years of private practice in Portland and teaching at OHSU. She is a nationally renowned expert in dermoscopy, a non-invasive technique of examining skin lesions.

Collins has joined the Derm Health team with more than 30 years of experience as a Mohs surgeon and skin cancer specialist. He also serves on numerous national committees focused on innovation in healthcare delivery.

Christensen has increased his availability at Derm Health to provide full-time patient care in Central Oregon, following several years as a clinician at OHSU.



Debbie Miller



Scott Collins



Sam Christensen



J.J. Jones

RE/MAX Key Properties welcomes **J.J. Jones** to its esteemed group of real estate professionals. As a dedicated Real Estate Broker, Jones' mission is to fully address the needs and goals of his clients. Utilizing all available resources, including cutting-edge technology, he strives to turn your real estate dreams into reality, both now and in the future. Jones proudly holds the Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) and Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designations. These accolades signify professional training and dedication to providing top-notch service, earning national recognition as a high performer in the Real Estate Industry.

Beyond real estate, Jones is an avid rafter, snowboarder and music enthusiast. He is involved in music events throughout the region including Bigstock Fundraiser. Born in New Jersey

Habitat for Humanity of La Pine Sunriver announces the hire of executive director, **Kim Gammond**, who assumes her role effective September 16.

Gammond joins Habitat following her tenure as executive director of City Club of Central Oregon, where she led transformative growth in outreach, programming and fundraising.

Prior to her tenure at City Club, Gammond managed communications and public affairs for the Central Oregon Association of Realtors, where she grew outreach, built strong partnerships with community and industry groups, led trainings and planned events. Gammond holds a master's degree in Communication from Purdue University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History from the University of Oregon.

EP Climbing based in Bend and its parent company proudly played a significant role in the 2024 Paris Olympics, designing and building the climbing



Kim Gammond

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walls at the Le Bourget Climbing Venue from August 5-10. This event marked a significant moment for climbing, drawing global attention and showcasing the sport on one of its biggest stages yet.

At the Paris 2024 Olympics, climbing took center stage with three key disciplines: lead climbing, speed climbing and bouldering. EP Climbing was responsible for creating the climbing walls that tested the world's best climbers:

- **Lead Climbing Wall:** A towering 15-meter wall featuring our Mozaik technology and 18mm panels, crafted to push athletes' endurance and climbing techniques.

- **Speed Climbing Wall:** Standing at 15 meters high, this wall used 21mm panels with Mozaik technology, supporting personal bests and record-breaking performances.

- **TITAN Boulder Wall:** Standing at 4.5 meters, the TITAN wall was developed in collaboration with the International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) used 18mm panels and Mozaik technology. It's dynamic angles brought creativity and intensity to the bouldering events for both climbers and spectators.

Building on our experience from the Tokyo Olympics, we enhanced our designs for Paris, delivering walls that were both technically advanced and visually striking. Constructed at an EP facility in Spain, each wall was designed with precision to meet the rigorous standards of Olympic competition. Despite a demanding two-week construction period, our team successfully brought these ambitious designs to life, creating a dynamic and challenging field of play for athletes.

With the sport's continued growth, including the debut of para climbing at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, EP Climbing is eager to contribute to the sport's future. The TITAN Boulder Wall, now available for climbing gyms worldwide, offers climbers the chance to experience Olympic-level challenges. Currently, there is one TITAN in the U.S., located at the Portland Rock Gym in Beaverton.

Sisters Rodeo Board of Directors announce the Queen tryouts for their 85th annual rodeo. This is an opportunity for young ladies to compete for the title of the 2025 Sisters Rodeo Queen. Each contestant must be an Oregon resident, between the ages of 18 and 25 as of June 1 the year they are trying out. Entrants will be judged on horsemanship, speech, personality/interviews and appearance.

The young woman chosen as Queen will receive a buckle, wardrobe, travel expenses and will be awarded the Sally Leavitt Queen Scholarship of \$2500 for her continued education. She will represent the Sisters Rodeo Association at rodeos throughout the state and will be hostess to other courts during our 85th Annual Sisters Rodeo. Applications must be turned in by Thursday, September 5 by 5pm.

Interested applicants can contact Aly Fazz at afazz@sistersrodeo.com for

more information. Applications are available on the Sisters Rodeo website at sistersrodeo.com/queen-tryouts.

Tryouts will be held September 8, 2024 starting at 8am at the Sisters Rodeo Outdoor Arena.

City Club of Central Oregon announces the departure of its Executive Director, Kim Gammond, who will be stepping down from her role effective August 30, 2024. Gammond will be assuming the position of executive director for Habitat for Humanity of La Pine and Sunriver in mid-September.

Gammond has been a transformative leader for City Club, fostering an environment of open dialogue and civic engagement across Central Oregon. Her leadership has strengthened the organization's mission of fostering an informed, civically engaged community through dialogue and education.

City Club announces that **Amber Thacher** will serve as interim executive director following Gammond's departure. Thacher brings a wealth of experience from her previous role as senior director of program management at Harvard Kennedy School of Government Executive Education, where she was instrumental in the success of more than 60 programs annually, serving over 4,000 participants worldwide. Thacher's extensive background in policy implementation, international education and program management positions her well to lead City Club during this transition.

Prior to her tenure at Harvard, Thacher managed study abroad programs at several prestigious universities, including Boston University and Northwestern University, and directed educational programs in Mexico and Costa Rica. Thacher holds a master's degree in intercultural relations from Lesley University and a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oregon.

In addition to Thacher's appointment, City Club has recently expanded its team by bringing on **Quinn Rose** as the new forum coordinator. Rose will focus on managing the strategy, content and event planning for the organization's monthly forums, ensuring that City Club continues to provide valuable opportunities for civic engagement in Central Oregon.

The Crooked River Roundup Foundation announced that it has awarded ten scholarships to deserving students in Central Oregon who are pursuing careers or learning in the fields of ranching, farming, agriculture and rodeo.

The scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, will provide financial support to students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to their academic pursuits and a passion for the western way of life. Scholarships went to **Andraya McNary**, Prineville; **Cutter Marsh**, Powell Butte; **Kaylyn Fildes**, Prineville; **Lauren Papke**, Prineville; **Jesse Wood**, Prineville; **Ninette Garcia**, Madras; **Oran Davis**, Mitchell; **Tavia Quinn**, Prineville; **Wyatt Wood**, Prineville; and **Zach Levesque**, Prineville.

The scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic performance, extracurricular activities and involvement in the agricultural community. They will be using the scholarships to attend trade school programs, colleges and universities in the region.

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