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Jefferson County reports slight job growth

The Central Oregon region overall posted monthly job losses in December for the first time since April 2020, following the initial wave of Covid-19 cases in the region. Jefferson was the one county in the region that saw a small job gain in December, the most recent month for which numbers are available.

Jefferson County posted a gain of 20 jobs last month, bringing its unemployment rate to 7.1 percent—an improvement of 0.3 percent from the previ-

ous month.

Still, in the county the unemployment rate was 3 percent higher than in December of 2019, when the rate was 4 percent.

Jefferson County has already regained nearly 75 percent of jobs lost since the initial Covid-19 shock of March 2020, according to the Oregon Department of Employment.

The leisure and hospitality sector remains down by 100 jobs from this time last year; however, the drop of roughly 16 percent in this

sector isn't nearly as severe as in other communities.

Although the county did not lose jobs in December, the pace of recovery continues at a slow rate.

Crook County: Unemployment rose to 7.6 percent in December, up from 7.4 percent in November.

Deschutes County: Unemployment increased to 7.6 percent in December, up significantly from 6.7 percent in November. The rate in Deschutes was 4.4 percent higher than in December 2020.

Covid outbreak at St. Charles-Redmond facility

St. Charles Health System this month reported an outbreak of Covid-19 cases at the St. Charles Redmond hospital campus.

Thirty-one caregivers at the Redmond facilities tested positive. The outbreak was

traced to a patient who, during care, had twice tested negative.

"We are taking every possible measure to stop the spread of the virus, to protect our patients and our caregivers," said Aaron

Adams, chief executive officer for the Redmond hospital.

In addition to existing Covid-19 precautions, the Redmond hospital has put in place new safety measures, including limiting visitation.

OSU Cascades minority business help in C.O.

To help increase the success of minority-owned businesses in Central Oregon, the Oregon State University—Cascades' Innovation Co-Lab has partnered with area organizations to launch a program for under-served entrepreneurs on the Warm Springs Reservation, the rest of Jefferson County, and Deschutes and Crook counties.

The program will provide participants with coaching, business plan development tools, and access to financial resources including loans, investment capital and grants,

as well as ongoing advising.

The Blue Fund program is made possible thanks to a \$10,000 gift from the Facebook Prineville Data Center that was secured by the OSU Foundation.

"The number of minority-owned small businesses in the U.S. grew by 79 percent between 2007 and 2017, yet minority entrepreneurs are three times as likely to be rejected for a business loan," said Adam Krynicki, executive director of the Innovation Lab.

"Facebook's generous gift will allow the Innovation Co-

Lab to support underserved entrepreneurs in Central Oregon, perhaps saving them from total loss during the pandemic and giving all of them tools to thrive."

Student interns in the Innovation Co-Lab will provide technical assistance and support for participating entrepreneurs. The first cohort of the Blue Fund program starts this Wednesday, January 27. Interested entrepreneurs can apply at: osucascades.edu/bluefund.

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Tribes welcome cancellation of XL pipeline

Tribal leaders, especially in South Dakota, are applauding the federal government's move to halt the Keystone XL Pipeline. Tribal members from across Indian Country, including many from Warm Springs, have voiced opposition to the pipeline.

President of the Oglala Lakota Nation, Kevin Killer said the cancellation of the pipeline permit "sends a

strong message to tribal nations, and symbolizes a willingness to build on government-to-government relationships established through our treaties," referencing his tribe's 1851 and 1868 Fort Laramie treaties of the Great Sioux Nation.

Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Harold Frazier said the pipeline posed a danger to tribal

land and people. "This project has scarred our territorial and treaty lands with its presence and threatened our people like a dagger to our throats," Frazier said.

"We have witnessed the invasion of our land and the genocide of our families—this project is an extension of the racial, environmental and social injustices we have suffered."

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