Two CCSO officials placed on administrative leave

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Two members of the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) have been placed on administrative leave for unrelated issues due to personnel matters, according to Sheriff Brian Pixley.

Pixley said the move to place Corrections Officer Spc. Crystal Townsend and Jail Commander Jason Stokke on leave was prompted by two separate complaints that said there was no criminal investigation underway, and therefore there are no disciplinary actions being taken.

The sheriff said he has appointed an acting jail commander to fill Wessel’s position in the interim.

Pixley said the complaints are being taken seriously and more information will be released pending a personnel investigation.

County passes emergency ordinance in the interest of protecting neighbors from nuisance livestock damage

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The Columbia County Task Force was deployed on the morning of Oct. 27 on orders from the Oregon State Fire Marshals Office (OSFM) to help fight wildfires in California.

Four Columbia County units were sent to provide aid – two from Clackamas County Fire Protection District and two from Columbia County Fire Protection District. According to OSFM, a unit from Clatsop County was deployed as well.

OSFM Communications Officer Jennifer Mohrman said those crews have been assigned to the Crescent Fire on California’s Siskiyou County. According to OSFM, the fire had spread to 75,415 acres and was 15 percent contained.

OSFM said the fire had forced the evacuation of approximately 18,000 people. Crews had been working on stretching hose lines, conducting burn out operations and extinguishing hot spots on Oct. 28.

A friend of OSFM, Misty Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District Communications Officer, said the fire was part of a large-scale mobilization of Oct. 27 on orders from the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

With 60 fire agencies that were being covered by the Oregon State Fire Marshal, the fire was given top priority.

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Rainier students selected for all-state band and choir

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Rainier High School students Hunter Gutenberger, and Kadence Stout, both 12th grade, have been accepted into the all-state middle school band and middle school all-state choir, respectively.

Gutenberger is a senior at Rainier High School. A trumpet player, he plays the trumpet in the school Honor Band and said he was "elated" by the news.

"It's kind of surreal," Gutenberger said. "I'm a little bit nervous but excited as well. I've been working on this a little bit since 2017."

That's the story for duPlessis, who now says he's excited to be part of a group that makes music together.

"I feel an immense sense of pride for all of these students," duPlessis said. "I just feel like I've been able to see these students grow over the past few years and they've become some of the best musicians in our district."

Students will be able to practice and perform together at a safe box. Many parents have already received an email and are in the process of preparing their students for the event.

Gutenberger said he is looking forward to practicing with his fellow bandmates and performing together in a different setting.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting the band and getting to know some new people," Gutenberger said. "I think we will see each other a lot more.

"It's a fantastic band and I'm happy to be a part of it," duPlessis said. "I'm excited to be able to work with these students and see how they grow as musicians."
Randy Duane Jennings  Sept. 8, 1955 — Oct. 26, 2019

Randy Duane Jennings, 65, a long-time resident of Clatskanie, passed away on Oct. 26, 2019 in Clatskanie at the age of 76.

Randy was born in Rainier, the son of Albert and Gladys (Hoff) Jennings. He graduated from Clatskanie High School in 1973. Randy married Bette Ann Goble in 1978. Randy and Bette have two children, Matthew and Kari. Randy was an active member of St. Helens Beach Fire District in August 1985 and continued volunteering for Scappoose Fire District. In late 1982/early 1983, he became a paramedic. It was realized during this time what a fulfilling and dedicated livelihood looked like and George Granger, past Chief for Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District, he continued to help the district and created an incredible fire-fighting team inside the organization.

In 2016, Chief Granger stepped into a role as a special advisor, first serving in Interim Government Oversight before being promoted to Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District and Columbia River Fire & Rescue. He went on to serve on the board of directors for 6 years. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

On May 2, 2019, Randy passed away peacefully at his home. He is survived by his beloved wife, Bette, and his children Matt and Kari, and his grandchildren, Mariah, Taylor, and calf.

Randy had a strong passion for fire service, his family, and his community. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones, and his community.

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On road conditions and winter weather

Oregon Humanities seeks conversation leaders

State of Emergency due to “unusually wet” winter that struck Oregon, resulting in nearly record-breaking temperatures and due warning to Oregonians about extreme fire weather conditions.

Winter weather is hazardous, Oregonians should be prepared for extreme conditions such as strong winds, heavy snows, and icy roads. As temperatures drop, it is crucial for Oregonians to stay informed and take necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

Emergency Services:
- Oregonians should check their emergency preparedness plans and ensure they have a plan in place for severe winter weather.
- Oregonians should stay tuned to their local news and weather channels for up-to-date information.
- Oregonians should avoid driving during severe winter weather conditions.
- Oregonians should keep their vehicles fueled and have emergency supplies ready.

Oregon Weather Conditions:
- Oregonians should also be aware of ongoing wildfires and regional air quality issues.
- Oregonians should stay informed about fire restrictions and closures.
- Oregonians should limit their outdoor activities during high fire danger periods.

Additional Resources:
- Oregon.gov: Oregon.gov’s winter weather resources can be found at Oregon.gov/Weather.
- Oregonians can also contact their local emergency management agencies for more information.

Guest Commentary

Oregonians are encouraged to stay informed and prepare for winter weather conditions. Oregonians are also encouraged to consider donating to Oregon Humanities, a nonprofit organization that works to bring people together to have meaningful conversations about some of Oregon's most pressing issues.

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Is it important to get along with your neighbors?

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Rainier Cemetery District MEETING NOTICE

Rainier Cemetery District Board of Directors will meet Monday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at 109 SW Bryant St, Clatskanie, OR 97016. The meeting will be held in the Cemetery Board Room on the second floor.

The agenda includes, but is not limited to:
- Notice of Regular Board Meeting
- Approve Financials
- Approve Accounts Payable, Minutes, and Treasurer’s Report
- Consider approval of the 2023-2024 Budget
- Approve the purchase of a casket
- Consider approval of the Annual Report
- Discuss any other business

The meeting will also be held on Zoom. Those interested may join the meeting by calling 1-888-859-4612 and entering Meeting ID: 969 1000 9064.

Rainier Cemetery District
November 11, 2019
The Columbia County Board of Commissioners is planning a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 4, in the Commons Conference Room, Rooms 310-311 of the County Government Center, to discuss the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. The hearing is a public forum for the Columbia County residents to express their concerns or opinions on the changes to the ordinance. The ordinance will establish regulations for the planning and zoning activities within the county, considering the development of land, buildings, and infrastructure in the area. The public hearing provides an opportunity for residents to be involved in the decision-making process and ensure that the future of the county is in line with the community's needs and values. The proposed changes to the ordinance are aimed at promoting sustainable development, protecting the natural environment, and ensuring the quality of life for the residents. The meeting is open to the public, and anyone interested in participating can attend the hearing. For more information or to provide feedback, please contact the Planning Department at 503-319-3205 or visit the Columbia County website.
Fall burn ban

In anticipation of the upcoming strong wind event, the fire districts of Columbia County include Columbia River Fire & Rescue, Clatskanie Fire District, Missouri Breaks Fire District, Wheeler County Fire District and Western Oregon are anticipating a wind event effective Monday, Oct. 28, 2019 at 12 p.m. In addition to gifting a truck to a Victoria High School student, Kamppi, 19, also spent a lot of hours both building and restoring the truck. In order to meet their fundraising goal, Kamppi said she came out and had a great time. "Johnson is a big supporter of CTE programs and small schools," Kamppi said. "I called her up and got ahold of her directly. She obliged, and she came out and had a great time. Presentations from the fund raisers are going to support new materials for the CTE class, specifically a tire mounter and tire balancer. Any funds remainders, Kamppi said. "This is a group of people who have been a kick off to a new CTE program." Kamppi said. "We are always in need of new members. Can't wait to see you there!" HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! All Board positions are open.