

## Nugget adapts to printing changes

After decades of printing on *The Bulletin's* press in Bend, *The Nugget* is adapting to changes. *The Bulletin's* press shut down operations at the end of November.

Plans are to shift to printing at the Central Oregonian in Prineville (which is also now printing *The Bulletin*). In the interim, *The Nugget* is printing in Wenatchee, Washington. In order to accommodate earlier press times and a six-hour shipping window, *The Nugget* is required to be especially strict in adhering to deadlines (see page 2).

"Our goal is to maintain the level of quality our readers

and advertisers have come to expect," said *Nugget* Editor in Chief Jim Cornelius. "Web printing is a complicated process and there are not many facilities that do the work. It takes time and skill to get things right."

*The Nugget* is continuing to work with Northwest Web Press, the commercial printing arm of *The Bulletin*.

"This has been a major transition for them, and we especially appreciate the work Holly Rouska has done to ensure that *The Nugget* gets into our readers' hands on time and looking good," Cornelius said.

## HEAVY WINDS: Precipitation was below normal

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the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were three days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.80 inches during December, which was 0.17 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation — at least .01 inch — was received on 10 days with the heaviest, 0.90 inches, reported on December 13.

Precipitation in 2019 totaled 14.86 inches, which is 1.33 inches above normal. Since October, the water-year precipitation at Sisters has been 3.71 inches, which is 1.17 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled 1.5 inches with at least one inch of snow reported on 1 day. The heaviest snowfall was 1.5 inches reported on December 1.

The outlook for January from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for below-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Sisters during January are 40.6 degrees and normal lows are 22.8 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.89 inches.

## Sisters woman arrested after crash in Redmond

A Sisters woman was arrested for DUII and reckless driving after a crash in downtown Redmond that damaged several vehicles.

On Friday, January 3, shortly after 3 p.m., Redmond Police officers and Redmond Fire & Rescue personnel responded to a multi-vehicle crash at the intersection of SW 6th Street and SW Cascade Avenue in downtown Redmond.

According to Redmond Police reports, a Toyota 4Runner side-swiped a parked Ford pickup on NW 6th Street near NW Greenwood Avenue and then continued driving south. The 4Runner entered downtown Redmond, a 20-mph zone, at speeds reported to be close to 50 mph. The sidewalks were filled with afternoon shoppers and diners, with much of the on-street parking spaces occupied.

Police report that the 4Runner swerved to the left and rear-ended a parked GMC Terrain. The force of the collision launched the unoccupied GMC into a street tree, and then across SW Cascade Avenue. The GMC collided with a parked Toyota Corolla. The 4Runner was disabled at the crash scene after it came to a stop on the sidewalk.

The driver of the 4Runner was identified as Ashley Clary, a 28-year-old woman from Sisters. Clary was transported to St. Charles Redmond for minor injuries. Clary was subsequently arrested for DUII-alcohol, reckless driving, four counts of criminal mischief in the second degree, and misdemeanor hit and run. She was released at the hospital with a citation to appear in Deschutes County Circuit Court.

## Recycling down in Oregon, advocates blame plastic

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SALEM (AP) — Oregon is not very good at recycling, and it's getting worse, according to a new report. Overall recycling rates in the state have steadily declined for the last several years, even as the amount of waste generated per person in the state has grown.

The report, published Thursday by the group Environment Oregon, uses data released yearly by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. It finds that Oregon faces major barriers to meeting its recycling goals. Nationally, recyclable plastics are being replaced with lower-value plastics. In Oregon, polystyrene (the flaky, foam-like material used in single-use coffee cups) isn't recyclable, and a proposal to ban it state-wide failed last year.

This doesn't mean that Oregonians aren't passionate about recycling. The biggest barrier to recycling in Oregon is structural: less of the material placed in recycling bins can be repurposed by domestic facilities, and exporting recyclables to countries like China has become more difficult.

"The bottom line is, we need to take more of these products out of the waste stream," Celeste Meiffren-Swango, the state director of Environment Oregon, said.

It's not just an Oregon problem, it's a national — even global — issue. For years, recycling in the United States has relied on Asian

countries to take our waste. Many countries, finding that arrangement unprofitable, have started incinerating the recycling, dumping it in landfills, or simply stopped accepting recyclables from the United States altogether.

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