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CJ murder suspect is subject of manhunt And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

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Oregon State Police (OSP), with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and California's Del Norte County Sheriff's Office scoured the woods and roads around the Page Mountain Snow Park July 16 searching for Daniel Joseph Martinson.

Martinson, 44, has a felony warrant issued for his arrest for murder in a November 2013 homicide in Cave Junction. In that November 5 incident, Aaron Lee Clouser, 39, was found bleeding in the intersection of Millie Street and Hussey Avenue and later died at the scene, the evening of November 5, 2013.

According to an OSP press release, Martinson was spotted several times the night of July 15 and the following morning. Martinson eluded officers on a motorcycle on several remote paved and dirt roads. The motorcycle is described as black in color with a red tank.

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Martinson



(Photo by Dale Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept)

The flag that flew over the post office during the May 30, 2013 fire is tattered, but back up over the new building. The new post office opened this week to serve the residents of Cave Junction. The new building is a mirror opposite of the original at that location.

County CFO retires, position is not filled

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Josephine County's Chief Financial Officer Rosemary Padgett retired a few weeks ago and her position has subsequently been eliminated, saving the county about \$50,000.

Padgett's former duties have been split, with the lion's share going to former county controller Arthur O'Hare, who now works as the finance director. Padgett's grant writing and risk assessment tasks have been assigned to Human Resources Director JJ Scofield.

"We no longer have a CFO," said County Commissioner Keith Heck. "Rosemary is very gifted and talented. She absorbed so many different tasks due to the county's budget cuts, so she kind of became a CFO."

Heck explained that the finance department does not really need a CFO, and that it's better for county operations that Padgett's former tasks be reassigned to the departments responsible for those roles.

"In preparation for her retirement, she did a great job of discerning the responsible parties that should be fulfilling those roles and farming all her work out, so it is not like a key position was eliminated," Heck said. "She was doing many things that no one person should be doing. She saw the county through many difficult times and did a great job of making sure we were functioning responsibly. Everything is so bare bones right now that many people are doing multiple jobs."

Josephine County is one of the O&C counties hit hardest by the loss of logging and federal subsidies in recent years and Padgett often found herself on the front lines as budgets

have been slashed.

"When you look at the county's finances, it is more about revenue issues," Scofield said. "The county is broke, yet we're fiscally solvent. About seven years ago we had 600 to 700 employees, but when the revenue stream dried up, the county was forced to scale back to about 300 employees."

Only a few million dollars, about five percent, of the county's budget comes from property tax. The rest of the revenue, around \$60 million, comes from state and federal grants, fees and gas taxes. Most of the county's programs are run by these fees and grants and when positions need to be filled in one of those areas, those paychecks come from those grants, not out of the general fund.

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Local's dispute with Forest Service draws community support

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Todd Henry is in a tight spot. A boundary line dispute on Henry's land that borders Forest Service land could force him into court.

"I'm doing everything I can to find an agreeable solution for both the agency and myself," Henry said. "But they have not been so easy to work with. And most troubling is how every time they do a survey, they cut deeper into my land."

Henry's situation has touched a nerve for many people. Last Saturday, a large group of community members showed up at a barbecue on Henry's land to show their support and strategize. A few months ago, over 75 people carrying signs rallied on Henry's behalf to express their discontent over what they believe is an unreasonable response from the agency.

In 1975, when Henry bought his property near mile 11 on Caves

Highway, his Realtor pointed to the large "Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest" sign mounted in concrete and told him the pedestal marked his lot line.

Intending to build a workshop, Henry poured a slab over an existing slab the previous owner had installed. Then, in 1988, a routine survey commissioned by the Forest Service indicated that a corner of the slab crossed onto public land and that Henry's lot line was 60 feet in from the Forest Service sign.

"The surveyor told me it was no big deal and not to worry about it," Henry said.

So, Henry built his shop and life went on, but in 2012, things got sticky when the Forest Service did another survey. According to Henry, this survey cut even further into his land, dividing his driveway and marking a line deeper through his shop.

"When I bought this place, I went on a good faith awareness that the forest sign was the true boundary," Henry said. "In cases

like this, the American public gets punished for simple mistakes or misunderstandings."

The Forest Service possesses limited authority and a few options to facilitate small land sales through the Small Tracts Act, which is a tool to address title claims, according to staff in the agency's Land Office in Washington D.C. Generally, any authority allowing the sale of lands has specific criteria.

However, the method usually used for conveyance of lands within National Forest boundaries is land exchange, and Henry proposed swapping out half an acre of his land for the eighth of an acre under question.

"I drew some maps up and asked that they consider giving me the wedge of land under dispute for another wedge of my own land," Henry said. "But they said it would take two years and cost between \$50,000 and 100,000."

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Bluegrass at Selmac

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The 11th annual Siskiyou Folk and Bluegrass Festival is slated for this Saturday, July 26, at the south side of Lake Selmac county park. This year's lineup will include some new bands as well as returning valley favorites East Fork and the J. Barley Band.

While last year's event was marred by smoke from persistent area wild fires, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce organizers are hopeful that our current good weather will prevail. Misters will be on-site to help concert-goers stay cool, or folks can opt to jump in the lake.

First up at 11 a.m. is Bear Creek, billed as an eclectic group of musicians who both interpret and create American roots music drawn from a wide variety of genres including country, blues, bluegrass, alternative country and heavy metal.

Local favorite J. Barley Band will follow, beginning at 12:15 p.m. The Antonucci Collective, whose recent CD "Acoustic Vortex" has gotten rave reviews, starts their set at 1:30 p.m.

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