

College board appoints new member

Stahancyk has practiced family law

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A former Portland attorney will replace Suzanne Iverson on the board of Clatsop Community College.

Iverson, a retired college employee, won a narrow victory over incumbent David Zunkel last May but died unexpectedly this summer.

Her replacement, Jody Stahancyk, was sworn in at a Zoom meeting Tuesday night. Her term in Zone 3, Position 6 runs through June 2023 and she has indicated

she would consider running for election for an additional two years after her term expires.

Previously based in Portland, she practiced family law with her firm Stahancyk, Kent & Hook. She has long maintained an office in Astoria and shared space with former local attorney Steve Roman.

Roman, who died in May, was friends with former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen and represented him at various times. Van Dusen's daughter, Trudy Van Dusen Citovic, was elected to the college board in May.



Jody Stahancyk

Stahancyk, originally from Prineville, previously served on the Linfield College Board and on other boards in Portland. She also has connections with state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose.

The two women grew up together, she told college board members during candidate interviews last week.

Stahancyk and her husband relocated more permanently to the coast last year. They have owned a beach house in Gearhart since 1989.

Five of the six college board members favored Stahancyk's application for the vacancy.

Zunkel, a retired physician, had also applied for the appointment, along with Harvey Claussen, a retired chemical engineer in Cannon Beach. Board member Anne Teaford-Cantor preferred Zunkel over Stahancyk, but the board decided to go with Stahancyk.

Board member Tim Lyman had recruited Iverson to run on a platform that included concerns about enrollment and the college's management software.

In her interview with the college board, Stahancyk also voiced concerns about enrollment, as well as building maintenance issues. She said the college faces "heavy challenges," but also a number of opportunities.

SPORTS

Royals defeat Knappa volleyball

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In a big Northwest League volleyball match Tuesday, the Portland Christian Royals handed Knappa its first loss in league play, 25-18, 27-25, 25-12.

The Royals improved to 4-2 in league, while the Loggers dropped to 2-1.

Knappa coach Jeff Kaul said the Loggers were "hitting on all cylinders" in the second set, "with some incredible blocks and hustle plays."

Knappa led until the final points, when the Royals rallied for a 27-25 win.

Kaul said it was his team's "first real challenge in league play, and other than that third game I think they played very well against a very seasoned

and strong team. With a few tweaks here and there, I really think this team can compete at this level."

Charlie Casper led the Knappa attack with six kills, with Hannah Dietrichs adding six digs, five kills and four blocks. Taryn Barendse finished with six digs and three aces, Ariana Miller had six blocks and Ava Skipper had eight assists.

Knappa hosts first place Nestucca Thursday.

Elsewhere, Yamhill-Carlton defeated Astoria 25-15, 25-14, 25-23, and sixth-ranked Jewell outlasted Crosshill Christian in five sets, 15-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 15-5.

On Monday, Estacada defeated Seaside 25-21, 23-25, 25-16, 26-24.

Hospitals: Workers seeing more breakthrough cases

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"It takes a lot of scrambling to make sure that we've got a private room available for that patient, and that we've got the space for that patient," Plamondon said. The hospital has to consider such factors when COVID patients arrive — "where are we going to set them up, how are we going to care for them ... It takes more resources from the hospital to care for these patients."

Geiger explained that nurses caring for COVID patients "have to put on a lot of PPE (personal protective equipment) to go into the room, then they have to take it off very carefully to come out of the room so they don't spread any COVID. And then they have to go on to the next patient and do the same thing as they're taking care of several COVID patients."

Columbia Memorial is considering taking down a special COVID unit, an area of the hospital converted from a same-day surgery where virus patients are held so that infectious air would not move into the rest of the hospital. Virus patients would be sent to the hospital's other in-patient units, "as long as we don't get another surge of them," Geiger said.

The surge in local virus cases over the summer, which public health leaders have attributed to the delta variant, has caused more stress on hospitals than at any time during the pandemic. Personnel from the Oregon National Guard have been assigned to Columbia Memorial and Providence Seaside to help health care providers handle the demand.

The hospitalization data is "very compelling information," Margo Lalich, the county's interim public health director, said. "There are different things that motivate the public and piques their attention, and this has been something that has really piqued their attention, of who's being hospitalized and whether or not they're vaccinated.



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Health care providers are hopeful as the number of coronavirus patients declines.

County reports 25th virus death

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Clatsop County reported the 25th coronavirus-related death since the pandemic began.

A 60-year-old man died Sept. 7 at a local hospital, the county said. No other information was immediately available.

The Oregon Health Authority reported 35 new virus cases in the county on Tuesday and two new virus cases over the weekend. Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 2,024 virus cases as of Tuesday.

"We know the majority of people who are contracting COVID are unvaccinated," Lalich continued, "although we're seeing more and more vaccinated cases getting

COVID 'cause it's not 100% protective. But in hospitalizations and serious illness, it's still the unvaccinated. It is motivating people to get a dose, or that second dose, of

vaccine."

The county Public Health Department, she said, relies on local hospitals "to release that data and share it with us and so we can share it with the public, and the plan is to continue to do so as long as it's meaningful to the community."

St. Helens tops Seaside girls soccer

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Coming into Tuesday's match with just one goal in their first three games, St. Helens erupted for three goals in a 3-1 victory over Seaside in a nonleague girls soccer contest at St. Helens.

The Lions, now 1-3 overall, were coming off a 2-0 loss to Astoria, while the Gulls were fresh off a 4-0 win last week against Junction City.

Seaside scored the first goal in Tuesday's match, in the 11th minute.

But St. Helens answered in the 22nd minute, with

Rachel Freitag scoring from close range at the right post for a 1-1 tie. The Lions tacked on a goal just three minutes later, as Jezaire Ortiz finished off a corner kick.

Seaside freshman Kaylee Snyder had shots on goal late in the first half and early in the second, but the shots were deflected or saved.

St. Helens added a third goal in the 66th minute, as Hannah Hayduk scored from close range off another corner kick.

In nonleague boys soccer action, Yamhill-Carlton defeated Astoria 8-0.

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Volleyball — Yamhill-Carlton at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Banks, 6:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.; Willamette Valley Christian at Jewell, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at Raymond, 7 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Astoria at Gladstone, 4 p.m.; Taft at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.

Girls Soccer — Astoria at Gladstone, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football — Molalla at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Estacada, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Culver, 7 p.m.; Alsea at Jewell, 7 p.m.; Forks at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Winlock at Naselle, 7 p.m.

Cross Country — Meriwether Classic, TBA



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