

History in the Making

A look back at Warrenton's top stories from The Columbia Press annals

Squeezing history lessons from a box of lemons

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I'm not very sentimental. I don't save Valentine's Day, birthday or anniversary cards from my husband unless he made them by hand or wrote something thoughtful, sweet and of substance inside.

Yes, there's a file in my cabinet with letters from my son, my mother, friends and former suitors. But it's small and filled with only the best.

So I cringed when town historian and neighbor Diane Collier dropped off three boxes stuffed with old Columbia Press editions.

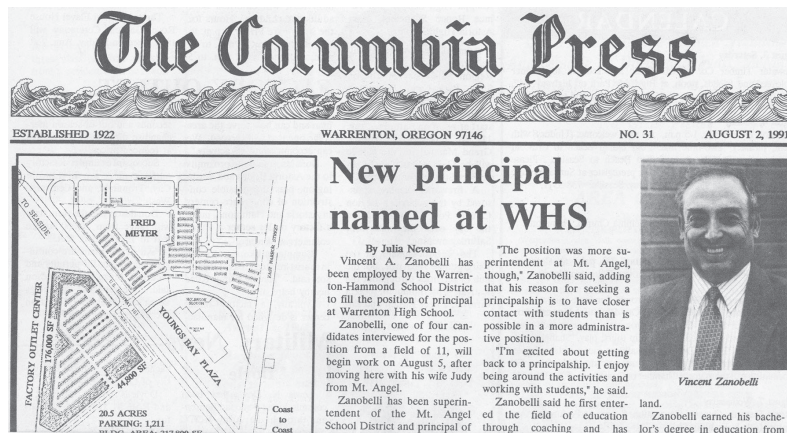
We did not inherit any old print editions from former owner/editor Gary Nevan, thank God (and thank Gary)! And we'd just purged all the old hard copies (saving only one) of The Columbia Press from my first two years at the helm – 2017 and 2018. Everything's computerized now, so what's the point?

Gary *did* give me all the computerized editions beginning with 2009.

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So what to do with these old issues from Diane? (Clearly, she inherited them from others as many are addressed to Don Neal, Diane Giddings and Gladys Dyer.)

We'll share them with you once a month. I've lived in town since 2000; that was the year the new City Hall was completed and the stor-



New principal named at WHS

By Julia Nevan

Vincent A. Zanolli has been employed by the Warrenton-Hammond School District to fill the position of principal at Warrenton High School.

Zanolli, one of four candidates interviewed for the position from a field of 11, will begin work on August 5, after moving here with his wife Judy from Mt. Angel.

Zanolli has been superintendent of the Mt. Angel School District and principal of

"The position was more superintendent at Mt. Angel, though," Zanolli said, adding that his reason for seeking a principalship is to have closer contact with students than is possible in a more administrative position.

"I'm excited about getting back to a principalship. I enjoy being around the activities and working with students," he said.

Zanolli said he first entered the field of education through coaching and has



Vincent Zanolli

land. Zanolli earned his bachelor's degree in education from

age units went in at the four-way stop.

But I have no memory of the people, places and events before I arrived.

For many of you, it will be a walk down memory lane. For me, it will be a chance to learn more about the Mayberry I've called home for two decades.

I may not be sentimental, but I do love history.

The first installment is below.

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO (AUGUST 1991)

•Vincent Zanolli is named principal of Warrenton High School at an annual salary of \$46,500.

•John Donaldson, a developer from Lacey, Wash., announces plans for a 20-acre complex of factory outlet stores on Highway 101 across from Fred Meyer and Youngs Bay Plaza. A major obstacle: obtaining wetland fill permits. The builder was unsuccessful, the land remains undeveloped and Seaside won the outlet mall.

•Claire Oldridge of Warrenton High School is among the four young women vying



for Regatta queen. The others are Lori Carey, Seaside; Dena Halsen, Knappa; and Aimee Schneider, Astoria.

•Mindy Nyberg is selected by National Young Leaders as a congressional scholar to a conference in Washington D.C.

TWENTY YEARS AGO (AUGUST 1999)

•Three Warrenton residents, Chelley Moses, 35, her daughter, Jami Smith, 18, and Jami's friend, Joshua Smith, 17, are killed when their Honda Accord hits an oncoming tour bus carrying U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield and his wife on Highway 30 near Westport. Moses had owned Arnie's Café with her husband.

•Members of the Oregon National Guard are building a 12-stall bus barn next to Warrenton High School.

•Developers of a 41-acre project proposed on the west side of Highway 101 at Rodney Acres Road (now Dolphin Avenue) are granted a zone change from residential to commercial.

•Scott Church is named the city's new police chief.

•Clatsop County will ask voters to approve construction of a new 140-bed jail.

Workman gets honors from state Chiefs of Police association

Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman has been named to the four-member executive committee for Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

The association represents 140 police agencies that serve 5,600 police officers in the state of Oregon.

Current president is Central Point Police Chief Kris Allison. Workman is second vice president and also serves as co-chairman with Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn on the membership committee and as co-chairman with Klamath Falls Chief Dave Henslee on the scholarship/community action committee.



Police Chief Matt Workman

The agency's mission in 2019 is to focus on issues challenging public safety including technology, homelessness and building public trust.

CMH offers cooking class for cancer

A free cooking classes for patients and former patients of the CMH-OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative and their support person is held at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.

Nutrition basics for cancer

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