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Collin named new Walla Walla District Ranger



Johnny Collin

Umatilla National Forest Supervisor Eric Watrud announced Thursday that Johnny Collin has been selected as the new Walla Walla District Ranger, with an anticipated start date toward the end of July. Collin, an Ione graduate, currently serves as a district ranger on the Sanpete Ranger District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest.

As an eastern Oregon native from Ione, Collin has extensive knowledge of the northeast Oregon and southeast Washington landscapes. Collin has a bachelor's degree in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University.

"I am excited to return to the Umatilla National Forest and work with the local communities," Collin said. "I look forward to meeting the District and Forest staff and working collaboratively with the public and our partners throughout the area."

Collin replaces Aaron Gagnon, who was selected as the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Umatilla National Forest in June. Collin brings a variety of experience to the Umatilla National Forest, including leadership experience, a strong timber management background, recreation management, and firefighting experience. Collin also has worked with a variety of Tribal governments, county commissioners, partners, public stakeholders and other federal agencies.

Collin has served as

the Sanpete District Ranger on the Manti-La Sal Forest since 2020. In this role, Collin is responsible for leading a geographically dispersed organization across boundaries, managing a complex landscape, leading fire management efforts to protect communities and working closely with a variety of external stakeholders.

Prior to being selected for the Sanpete District Ranger position permanently, Collin served as the Acting Sanpete District Ranger in 2019. Collin also brings leadership experience from a temporary district ranger assignment on the Spanish Fork Ranger District of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, which he completed in 2022.

Prior to his district ranger positions with the Forest Service, Collin spent his entire career on the Umatilla National Forest. He served as a supervisory forester on the Pomeroy Ranger District, where he was responsible for overseeing the planning and implementation of the timber management program for the northern half of the Forest. He also worked in various timber positions on the Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger Districts and spent time during the early parts of his career as a firefighter.

"The Umatilla is fortunate to have such a highly qualified individual join our forest leadership team," Watrud said. "Johnny's experience actively managing National Forest lands will complement the priority work the Forest has underway and the interests of the communities and partners that we serve."

Collin will move to the Walla Walla area. In his free time, Collin enjoys spending time outdoors hunting, fishing and skiing.

Over the Tee Cup

It was a cold and windy Tuesday on June 20, but that didn't keep the women of Willow Creek Country Club from showing up for the weekly play day, along with three guests from the Veterans Memorial Golf Club in Walla Walla, WA.

Karen Thompson had the low gross of the field, while Pat Dougherty had low net.

Karen Thompson also had the KP for flight A. For flight B, Pat Edmundson had low gross and the long drive, and Pat Dougherty had KP.

Kris Lindner had low gross for flight C, and Jackie Allstott had low net and the long drive.

Among the guests, Judy Harris had low gross, Shelley Connelly low net and long drive, and Sue

Edson least putts. The following week, June 27, the weather was warmer but cloudy and sultry. The ladies had one guest from Meadow Brook.

Low gross of the field went to Debbie Cassidy. Sharon Harrison had low net of the field, and Shirley Martin had least putts of the field.

For flight A, Carol Sohn had low gross, Pat Dougherty low net, and Sohn and Dougherty tied for least putts.

Debbie Cassidy had the low gross for flight B, while Sharon Harrison took low net and Lura Powell had least putts.

On flight C, Salem Thompson had low gross, Kim Carlson had low net and Lorrene Montgomery had least putts.

Schultz graduates cum laude

Nicholas Schultz was graduated summa cum laude from Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA last month with a bachelor's degree in health and physical ed-

ucation. Schultz and other graduates received their diplomas at a ceremony in Spokane on June 17.

Schultz is the grandson of Deanna and the late Gerald Koerner of Heppner.

Griggs, Eynetich take top spots in trap

In last week's article on the 4-H shooting sports state tournament, it was overlooked that Radley Griggs of Boardman was on the state team that went to the 4-H National Shooting Sports Tournament for trap shooting, a spot he earned at last year's state shoot. Griggs is a member

of Morrow County Shooting Sports.

Carter Eynetich of Ione was the top shooter in intermediate trap shooting this year for the Oregon mail-in tournament, which qualifies youth for the state shoot. Eynetich is a member of Rural Rowdy Community Club.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk reports issuing the following marriage licenses for the month of June:

June 1, 2023—Arie Louis Smith, 31, of Hermiston and Cassandra Jane Palmquist, 28, of Irrigon.

June 2, 2023—Micah Joseph Stillman, 29, of Lexington and Jesse Marie Rodriguez, 38, of Lexington.

June 8, 2023—Daniel Almonte Jr., 33, of Fort Worth, TX and Jessica Orozco, 31, of Fort Worth, TX.

Kurt Louis Boyd, 26, of Irrigon and Emily Michele Adams, 26, of Irrigon.

June 12, 2023—William Skyler Brasel, 19, of Boardman and Sophia De

Los Santos, 21, of Boardman.

June 15, 2023—Nathaniel Wayne Griffin, 41, Irrigon and Justine Kay Hale, 31, of Irrigon.

Mario Ramirez Estrada, 41, of Ione and Yolanda Garay Salas, 33, of Ione.

June 20, 2023—Sergio Moran Carmona, 58, of Boardman and Silvia Angelica Martinez Lamas, 51, of Boardman.

Ericka Ruby Victorio, 18, of Boardman and Cristian Cardenas Garcia, 24, of Boardman.

June 29, 2023—Boyd Allan Macomber, 27, of Boardman and Hannah Nichole Lawson, 24, of Boardman.

Death notice

Frances "Fran" Privett—Frances "Fran" Privett, 78, formerly of Umatilla, died June 27, 2023, in Meridian, ID.

Services for Frances will be held Friday, July 21, 11 a.m., at Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318 N. Latah St.,

Boise, with inurnment directly following the service at Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. The service will also be livestreamed at relyeafuneralchapel.com.

Arrangements are in care of Relyea Funeral Chapel.

Wasteland Kings to play at Heppner Music in the Park



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Heppner Music in the Park will present Wasteland Kings this Sunday, July 9, from 5-7 p.m. at Heppner City Park.

Hailing from La Grande, the Wasteland Kings have been packing venues since 2008. Influenced by the sounds of Steve Earle, The Stones, Townes Van Zant, Muddy Waters and The Pogues, the Wasteland Kings add their own unique twist to a repertoire of popular music.

A Sunday Funday event and vendors market will also be held at the park from 2-6 p.m. that day. Events include face painting, a bungee run, mini photo booth, free root beer floats from 2:30-3:30, free popsicles, and hot dogs and frozen treats for sale from Yocountry Frozen Yogurt.

Music in the Park is free thanks to funding from Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Quarterly chamber luncheon July 13

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce's quarterly luncheon is planned for Thursday, July 13, from 12-1:20 p.m. at the Gilliam and Bisbee Event Center.

Lunch will be catered by Alvin Liu of Happy Pappy Catering and will be teriyaki bowls and dessert for a cost of \$15.

The luncheon will include presentations by Yuri Madrigal and Tony Wendel of the Oregon Employment Department (OED)/Worksource Oregon.

Madrigal is currently part of the OED Eastern Oregon Business Service Team covering Morrow and Umatilla counties. She serves as a resource for businesses to promote employment and resolve employment-related needs. She works to connect target populations with job opportunities.

Wendel is an OED Workforce Analyst. He works to provide labor market information to employers on a one-on-one, customer-driven basis, often through gathering and delivering information on recruitment, skills and wage issues. He also assists and educates employers on electronically accessing labor market information and labor exchange systems.

Chamber members are invited to present regarding their services or projects at future chamber luncheons.

Contact the chamber for sponsorship information.

Pre-registration is required for the event. Attendees are asked to RSVP for the quarterly luncheon by Tuesday, July 11, at heppnerchamber@gmail.com or 541-676-5536.

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Jodi's Peach Cobbler with whipped cream
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2-7pm Sunday Funday Market
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