

Touchdown! We have more writers in place

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How is it possible that the mornings already are beginning to feel like fall, the trees are turning colors and school is about to start?

Throughout, the new owners of your community newspapers since July 1 continue to make progress in establishing a solid foundation for the long-term success of both the Curry Coastal Pilot and the Del Norte Triplicate.

On the news side, Jessica Goddard has joined the reporting team in Crescent City. A California native, Jessica brings with her broad experience in website design and maintenance, photography, news writing and event planning.

A graduate in journalism from Biola University in La Mirada, Jessica was a prolific writer for The Chimes student newspaper, which sharpened her ability to get to the core of a story on deadline.

While attending university, she also worked as a barista. Who wouldn't hire someone whose resume includes skills in photography, writing, editing ... and latte art!

Jessica joins David Hayes at The Triplicate, who started his journalism career with the U.S. Navy. More recently, he worked for several years at the Issaquah Press in a suburb of Seattle. For 17 years he had progressive experience as both a reporter and page designer.

Dave's work earned the Issaquah Press multiple awards, including three Washington Newspaper Association first-place general excellence awards, highly regarded honors. We are fortunate to have Dave bring his background and passion for journalism to Crescent City.

Their counterparts in Brookings now are Jeremy Ruark and Linda Pinkham. You may remember we recruited Jeremy away from two of Country Media's newspapers in Columbia County, Oregon, where he was serving as both the editor and publisher. You have seen his byline as editor of The Pilot since early July. He now has a permanent address in Brookings and is staying on.

Linda has been a property owner and part-time resident in Gold Beach for 12 years. Now living there full-time, she brings her previous experience in publications management to The Pilot.

Having begun her journalism career at the Medford Mail Tribune, Linda has used her skills in graphic design, photography and writing to lead the publication Home Power, a renewable energy magazine. She also produced her own publication, The Green Living Journal, for several years. Most recently, she has been freelance writing, and now is a significant contributor to our Pilot news team.

With our focus lasered onto community coverage, we have decided not to dedicate any single staff member exclusively to sportswriting. We'll still cover a handful of the local sporting events, but that will be done across our entire news staff and with the help of a small number of special correspondents.

Beginning this fall, we have enlisted extra help for local high school football coverage. In Crescent City, you'll see starting today a Wednesday "game preview," as well as a second story, by John Pritchard.

John is a former editor of The Triplicate, with a huge love for Del Norte High School football. You hear him game nights broadcasting on KPOD FM Radio 97.9.

For Brookings football, we've asked Randy Robbins of Gold Beach to provide the Wednesday game preview. You've seen Randy's byline frequently in The Pilot and he was excited for the chance to provide high school football coverage for Brookings-Harbor High School.

The Saturday paper now goes to press too early to contain Friday-night game coverage, which is why we're glad to be developing a more robust website at The Pilot and The Triplicate.

John and Randy will be posting follow-up accounts immediately following the Friday games onto their respective websites. That way, you'll have the opportunity to "read all about it" well before your Saturday newspaper arrives the next morning!