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Umpqua chooses to fight fire with fire

Emergency drill
preps staff on
how to respond

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WINCHESTER — A fire alarm went off in the community workforce training building at 9 a.m. Thursday on the Umpqua Community College campus.

It wasn't a real emergency, but part of an emergency drill in conjunction with Douglas County Fire District No. 2 and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

"Preparation is key to emergency management at UCC," UCC Director of Facilities and Security Jess Miller said. "Repetition in training will better prepare us for real emergencies, both large and small."

Thursday's scenario was a fire in the community workforce training building that burned the south side of the building and sent eight people to the hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, according UCC Director of Communications & Marketing Tiffany Coleman.

Coleman set up a press conference outside the building after the fire was extinguished.

She was in the emergency operations center during the fire to serve as the public information officer.

Smoke remains in the attic and the building was deemed unusable, according to Coleman. The college plans to relocate classes.

The building also houses the operating systems for the heating and air conditioning of Tapöyta Hall, which will be down.

With the exception of the eight students who were transported to the hospital, all other staff and students gathered at

DRILL, A2



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Douglas County Fire District No. 2 participated in an emergency drill at Umpqua Community College's community workforce training building on Thursday.



PHOTO BY JOSHUA MUNOZ

A photo of Corbin Marshall taking photo a large whale on a research expedition earlier this year, in the North Pacific Ocean documenting the plastic pollution in the Great Pacific Garbage patch called the Vortex Swim.

Documenting *the* PATCH

Roseburg High grad helps
document Great Pacific Garbage
Patch in the Pacific Ocean

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A Roseburg High graduate used his video filming talents to document plastic pollution in the Pacific Ocean during an 80-day sailing expedition earlier this summer.

Corbin Marshall, who now lives on a sailboat in Hawaii, graduated from RHS in 2011 and spent the summer documenting of his adventure in the Pacific Ocean about 1,000 miles from his home in Oahu.

"It was a really cool opportunity I saw online in early May and they were looking for volunteers for research and kind of a documentary expedition specifically toward plastic pollution in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in the North Pacific," Marshall said.

The patch is said to be about 994,000 square miles of the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California.

The group, called the

Vortex Swim, is made up of volunteers dedicated to the project for several years. The crew was doing research on plastic pollution rotating ocean current in the North Pacific about halfway between Hawaii and California.

"I had a pretty great skill set going into it, and my roommate had a really good skill set too, so we applied," he said.

They were chosen from 250 candidates to assist with sailing, a doctor, two scientists and someone who had a media background to photograph and document the whole expedition. Marshall had many of those skills.

After Marshall graduated from Roseburg High School, he went to Umpqua Community College for two years and then to Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, where he studied digital film.

Marshall said his goal

VIDEO, A3

Battle lines drawn over flavored e-cigarettes

Vape shops in Douglas County defend their product in spite of recent sicknesses, deaths

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The flavors sound like something you'd find at a juice bar, tiki lounge or bakery: Blue Raspberry, Mad Mango, Grape Runtz and Lemon Cupcake.

But they're not juices, mixed drinks or any kind of food. Instead, these and dozens of other such products are flavors added to e-cigarettes at vape shops in Douglas County and elsewhere to make them more appealing to smokers. The flavors help longtime traditional

tobacco cigarette smokers wean off those products and move to e-cigarettes, which they say are less harmful.

However, the flavored e-cigarettes area being targeted by health care providers and now the Trump administration, which this week announced plans to ban most of them nationwide.

The proposed ban comes at a time when hospitals and health officials in nearly three dozen states have reported nearly 500 cases of vaping-related

illnesses since the beginning of the summer. Doctors have said that many patients appear to have vaped some THC or cannabis-related products, although others have reported using e-cigarettes as well. No one has singled out a particular company, device or product as the possible culprit.

Deaths have been reported in Oregon, Illinois, Kansas, California, Indiana and Minnesota. The patients' ages ranged from the 30s to middle-aged or older, and some had underlying lung or other chronic conditions, health officials said.

VAPE, A3



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Jason Weber, owner of Smokless Solutions in Roseburg, stands Friday in front of e-cigarette flavors distributed by his store. Weber has staunchly defended his business, citing several statistics that say vaping has helped tobacco smokers quit.



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LOW

NORTH UMPQUA: 67°

HIGH: 66
LOW: 52



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