

Tales from the Police Blotter

Editor's Note: Names, ages, addresses, incidents and charges are provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed in this report are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Friday, Oct. 11

*At 12:40 a.m. a woman reported that her father was assaulting her and that was concerned for her three children who were present. She claimed that her disabled father was taking a lot of medication and that he was "out of it." The man was warned about harassment.

*Rod S. Cooper, 40, was cited on a charge of speeding at 4:52 a.m. at S. Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street.

*Vandalism was reported at Child's Play in Downtown Cave Junction at 10:29 a.m. Vandals removed newly planted flowers and shrubs from a planter.

*At 2:14 p.m. a Biscuit Fire rehab manager reported that a pilot had spotted a vehicle just outside the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. He stated that the pilot had flown low and was fairly certain that there was a body in the vehicle. It was found later that the vehicle belonged to a man who owned a mine in the area. The man had gotten the vehicle stuck prior to the fire and then the area was closed.

*In the 1400 block of Lakeshore Drive a man claimed that he had a verbal agreement with his uncle to sell him a vehicle and that it was agreed that the vehicle would be paid for before possession was taken. The claimant said that while he was out of town his uncle took the car.

*A woman in the 600 block of E. Fork Road claimed that her son had used her debit card number and was making unauthorized purchases over the phone.

Jeremie Michael DeMaster, 21, was arrested on charges of fraudulent use of accredit card and theft by receiving and lodged in the Josephine County jail.

*At 3:10 p.m. an anonymous woman reported that she had heard tremendous yelling for a long time in the 200 block of W. Stevenson St. She claimed that a young juvenile male ran out of a residence and that she saw the mother come out with a large, black stick in her hand and said she was going to beat the boy. When asked, the boy said that he had been beaten. After being contacted by an officer the boy stated that he had not been beaten. He was advised about telling the truth.

*Trespassing was reported in the 800 block of Crooks Creek Road. The complainant stated that a man on a motorcycle and a pistol was on his property.

*At 5:03 p.m. a red Volvo station wagon was reported parked on a driveway in the 1600 block of Draper Valley Road. The owner was advised about trespassing.

*Someone saw a black bear wandering around the 1500 block of Caves Hwy. at 6:23 p.m.

*At 10:48 p.m. Perry Lynn Meredith, 44, was cited at the Selma scales on a charge of violating the basic rule (VBR) driving too fast for conditions.

Saturday, Oct. 12

*At 1:45 a.m. a disturbance was reported at a Downtown Cave Junction bar. The caller stated that it sounded physical and that it was all over the bar.

*At 1:59 a.m. at Redwood Hwy. and Clear Creek Road, Carolyn Mae Derry, 59, was cited on charges of failure to

yield to an emergency vehicle and failure to dim headlights.

*A crashed vehicle was reported on Laurel Road at 9:44 a.m.. The complainant stated that the vehicle was off the road in some brush. He added that it looked as though the accident had happened a while ago.

*Restraining order violation (ROV) was complained about in the 600 block of Lakeshore Drive at 10:24 a.m. because the recipient of the order was said to be parked across the street and it was unknown if he was closer than 100 feet. When confronted by an officer the man said that he was waiting for the mail. The complainant said that this was incorrect because the mail had been delivered and that the man had been sleeping in his car. It was determined that there was no violation.

*In Kerby, there was a complaint that a boy, 13, was masturbating behind some bushes while watching neighborhood children. He was issued a citation to appear on a charge of public indecency.

*A bear was seen in the yard of a residence in the 1500 block of Caves Hwy. at 3:56 p.m.

*Vehicle repossession occurred in the 1000 block of W. River Street.

*Gunshots were reported at 6:20 p.m. in the 2100 block of Dick George Road.

*Oregon State Police was notified of a freshly killed spike deer. The complainant was able to describe the vehicle that had left the area. The vehicle was stopped in the 3400 block of Dick George Road and the occupants were advised of a game violation.

*Burning pamphlets at Lake Selmac resulted in a juvenile person being taken into custody and released to his father. The boy was warned about reckless burning.

*Menacing was reported in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 9:54 p.m. After further investigation the menacing was found unfounded.

Sunday, Oct. 13

*A roll-over motor vehicle accident (MVA) was reported at 4:50 a.m. at Lakeshore Drive and Reeves Creek Road with two people running and that she saw the mother come out with a large, black stick in her hand and said she was going to beat the boy. When asked, the boy said that he had been beaten. After being contacted by an officer the boy stated that he had not been beaten. He was advised about telling the truth.

*Another bear was struck by a vehicle in the Redwood Hwy./Arrowhead Road area at 6 a.m. It was reported that the bear was still there and had been terminated by a passerby. There were no injuries besides the bear.

*A 911 hang-up was reported at Phillips Auto Wrecking. There was no answer after returning the call.

*At 11:54 a.m. a civil issue required assistance from an officer in the 600 block of Deer Creek Road. It was reported that renters who live in a rear house had disconnected the complainant's electricity from the main house.

*Jennifer Randolph was cited on a charge of speeding at 12:49 p.m. in the 17000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*A menacing report was made at 12:17 p.m. at Caves Hwy. and White Schoolhouse Road. The complainant claimed that she was at the side of property taking photos of a horse when the subject (a woman) pointed a rifle at her. The woman was contacted and

warned about her behavior.

*A woman in the 5200 block of Lakeshore Drive reported that her son was out of control. She stated that the son had pulled a knife, but that I had been taken away. It was reported that he was going to move in with a cousin.

*At 4:51 p.m. a woman in the 600 block of Deer Creek Road reported that her renters had broken into her storage room and were throwing her stuff out, breaking a lot of it.

*A reported stolen vehicle was located in the 800 block of Deer Creek Road. The owner was notified and said that he would arrange to have the vehicle towed.

*Officers responded at 5:34 p.m. to a report of people arguing at Hussey Avenue and W. Lister Street. Upon arrival they found that the people had been involved in a hit-and-run and had failed to leave a name. They had exchanged information just prior to the deputy's arrival.

*A misunderstanding between roommates resulted in a report of theft in the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy. The complainant said that the roommate and his sister were taking items out of the house. The claimant asked to be contacted at a Downtown Cave Junction business because she felt it was unsafe to return to her residence.

*At 8:06 p.m. a man reported that he saw some people in a house to the north of him. He said that the house had been vacant the past month. He said that he heard banging noises coming from the house. The house was posted for rent.

*A woman in the 300 block of Lakeshore Drive reported that a vehicle pulling a trailer came down her driveway and then turned around. She later noticed that her fence was broken. The suspect vehicle was located at a Lakeshore Drive residence and a civil compromise was made.

*Christopher Jarrod Jimenez, 24, was cited on a charge of driving while suspended in the 3000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 10:32 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14

*A woman reported that a prowler was knocking on her door. She stated that she had a loaded gun. The woman was advised to put the gun away.

*UUV was reported at the old Waldo Catholic cemetery. The vehicle had no wheels left on it and a flatbed would be needed to haul it.

*Joshua Steven Ware, 20, was arrested on charges of assault IV and harassment in the 33000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 3:19 a.m. He was lodged in county jail.

*Someone complained of another person operating a tractor in a dry creek bed in the 2000 block of Deer Creek Road. The complainant stated that this was against forestry regulations.

*A woman in the 500 block of W. Lister Street complained that people had been trespassing on her property and believed that the suspects had left beer bottles on the property and siphoned gas from her vehicle.

*Two white horses were reported at "Forks" State Park at 7:42 p.m.. The complainant stated that the horses seemed content and happy. The owner was unable to be located. It was later found that the owner was hearing impaired and did not have a phone.

*A report of a vehicle swerving all over the road in the Kerby area was made at 8:47 p.m.

*Someone reported that a female was screaming "I'm

dying" in the 100 block of Patton Bar Road. It was later found that the owner of a dog was yelling "Mathias," which is the animal's name.

Former valley fireman Pike promoted to GP lieutenant

Brian Pike, a former volunteer with Illinois Valley Fire District, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant at Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

Pike began his fire service career in 1984 as an Illinois Valley volunteer, and was hired as a full-time firefighter with GPDPS in 1986. He has served with that agency as a shift firefighter, as well as a fire prevention specialist providing fire inspections, public education and fire-cause investigations.

Pike was promoted to the rank of fire corporal in 1995. He has an intermediate EMT certificate, an associate-in-arts degree in fire science, and numerous fire certifications. He plans to attend the Oregon Police Academy next year to obtain police certification.

Pike, one of a field of nationwide candidates, replaces Lt. Brian Robinson, who has retired after 24 years service.

Pike and his wife of 25 years, Dawn, have two grown children, who live out of the area. Pike has assumed command of Fire/Rescue operations, with an office at Hillcrest Fire Station.

Smoking skillet, burning log loader cause alarms

Among their responses last week, Illinois Valley firefighters handled a burning log loader and a skillet of oil.

Both alarms occurred on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

At 2:45 p.m. it was reported that some sort of machinery was on fire at a Bureau of Land Management site off Cascade Drive. Volunteer firefighters with staff responded and found that the rear engine compartment of a Gyppo Inc. tracked vehicle with a boom and claw from Grants Pass had caught fire.

Ethan Vitto, operator of the machine, had used fire extinguishers to put out most of the fire. But, said staff Capt. Jeff Gavlik, there were a number of hot spots that needed attention from firefighters. The cab and engine compartment of the loader, valued at some \$100,000, were damaged, Gavlik said.

No injuries were reported in the incident, to which Ore-

gon Dept. of Forestry also responded. There was no extension of the fire to wildland, Gavlik said.

Another alarm came at 6:45 p.m., when a considerable amount of smoke was seen in PJ's Café in Downtown Cave Junction. The business had closed for the day.

Co-owners Howard and Sally Yarbrough, from Selma, responded to their business after being notified by telephone.

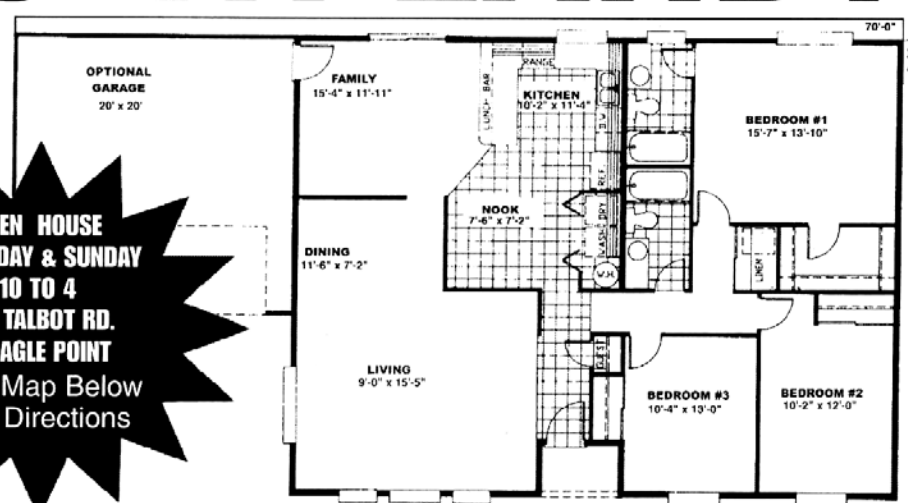
Firefighters initially planned to enter the café by breaking the glass front door, but decided against that action once it was determined that there were no flames, only smoke.

Once inside, volunteers found that an approximately six-inch-diameter pot or skillet of oil had been left over heat. That is what caused the smoke. No injuries or damage were reported, said the fire district.



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