



**SUBSTATION CHIEF** - Lt. Lee Harman became the new commander of the Josephine County Sheriff's Office Illinois Valley Substation in Cave Junction on Monday, Nov. 4. He is available weekdays during regular business hours at 592-2126. It is Sheriff Dave Daniel's intent to furnish the same level of service to the valley that is available to the rest of the county.



**CARNIVAL FUN** - Among Halloween events on Thursday, Oct. 31 were (top photo) a carnival with many activities at Evergreen Elementary School, including booth for knocking the straw hat off a scarecrow; and a Harvest Festival at Community Bible Church, with attractions including a gold-panning booth.



**Health alert on meth mess**

A health alert regarding severe illnesses that appear to be associated with methamphetamine use has been issued by the Josephine County Dept. of Health and Community Action, and the Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

Near the end of October, the health department and Grants Pass Public Safety received reports of four ill individuals who received treatment at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass after using methamphetamine.

Three of the people were extremely ill and were admitted to the intensive-care unit. In addition, a Jackson County resident experienced similar symptoms two weeks ago. Unique to these illnesses is the development of low blood pressure and pneumonia.

Individuals should seek immediate medical attention if they experience chills, fever, clammy skin, nausea and vomiting, seizure-like tremors, confusion or loss of consciousness after the use of drugs, such as methamphetamine, officials said.

The health department and sheriff's office are strongly encouraging individuals to become drug free, and not risk their lives by using illegal substances.

**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.)

**Monday, Oct. 21**

\*A woman phoned the I.V. Family Resource Center and stated that she had been held against her will for the past several years. It was found that she had a history of mental illness.

\*Following a suspicious vehicle report on Ollis Road, it was found to be on private property, and the complainant was advised of options.

\*A woman reported additional items as being stolen from her pump house in the 20000 block of Redwood Hwy. She recently reported that a holding tank and water pump had been stolen, but that she had discovered that other items also were missing.

\*A two-car fender-bender was reported on the Shop Smart parking lot. The drivers exchanged information.

\*Kimberly J. Cook, 36, was cited on a charge of third-degree theft ("shoplifting" at Shop Smart.

\*Assault was reported at Madrone Motel in the 32000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 6:05 p.m. The complainant stated that he was walking to a store when a man hit his head. It was found that the assailant had a history of mental illness.

\*Gunshots were reported in the 9600 block of Takilma Road at 5:27 p.m. A woman said that a man had been shooting for the last 30 minutes and wanted to make sure that he was doing so safely.

\*Because of a man running off when hailed, a welfare check was requested in the 1200 block of Happy Camp Road at 7:28 p.m. When officers arrived they were unable to locate the man.

\*A man reported a vehicle swerving erratically all over the road in the Selma area at 7:52 p.m.

\*A boy, 11, was cited and released to his mother on a charge of third-degree theft at Shop Smart at 8:11 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**

\*Public assistance was sought at 10:54 a.m. in the 1500 block of Crooks Creek because a runaway teen-age daughter was riding around with another teen-ager, who was driving erratically.

\*Brandy A. Gallegos, 32, was cited on charges of driving while suspended (DWS) and no insurance in the 33000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 2:23 p.m.

\*Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of Deer Creek Road at 2:25 p.m. It was said that weapons were in the home, but the only weapon

used was a glass of water.

\*Reynaldo Ruiz Sanchez, 42, was cited for failure to stop for a school bus in the Redwood Hwy/Finch Road area at 3:24 p.m.

\*A man complained that he was "let go" from a wrecking yard business and that he had two vehicles at the business that he wanted to retrieve, but that the owner of the business wouldn't allow it.

\*Omer Z. Erden, 43, was cited on a charge of speeding at 3:50 p.m. in the Redwood Hwy/Burch Drive area.

\*Public assistance was rendered at a wrecking yard during a vehicle recovery at 4:35 p.m.

\*At 3:31 p.m. a woman complained about squatters living in a travel trailer on her property on Upper Deer Creek Road. It was said that no travel trailer was located, just several outbuildings, and that it appeared no one was living in them.

\*What appeared to be phone lines were reported down in the 5000 block of Takilma Road at 5:13 p.m. Authorities were contacted.

\*At 5:11 p.m. in the 18000 block of Redwood Hwy., a woman reported that she had been harassed by a former tenant she had evicted. She requested that an officer contact her either at her residence or by phone.

\*Someone said that a man and a woman on an off-road quad was riding on the highway in a fast manner. The complainant asked that they be notified about their driving.

\*At 7:55 p.m. Anthony S. Crawford, 30, was cited on a charge of driving 65 mph in a 45 zone in the Redwood Hwy/Pugetville Road area.

\*At 8:20 p.m. on Old Stage Road a woman reported that when she arrived home she found her ex-boyfriend's friend inside her residence. The complainant was concerned because the man had been served with a restraining order the day before.

\*Public assistance was requested by a man who lives in Massachusetts regarding contacting his sister in I.V.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**

There was not a dead cow in the road in the 5000 block of Holland Loop

\*Jonathan M. Jessup, 23, was cited on a charge of third-degree theft in Shop Smart.

\*A 15-year-old girl was cited on charges of no operator's permit and careless driving at 3:17 p.m. after the car she was driving struck the First Christian Fellowship building behind CJ Select Market.

\*Shoplifting was reported

at Shop Smart at 4:54 p.m., and a boy was cited on a charge of third-degree theft and released to his parents.

\*At 5:41 p.m. in the 300 block of W. Stevenson Street a girl, 10, claimed that her grandma punched her in the side of the head. It was found that abuse had not occurred and that a physical altercation had occurred during an emotional outburst by the girl.

\*At 6:21 p.m. Gary Lane Sauer Jr., 25, was cited on the parking lot of CJ Select Market on charges of DWS and failure to carry insurance.

\*A woman reported that something, maybe a bear, was pounding on the side of her house in the 23000 block of Redwood Hwy.

\*Report of a missing wallet was made in the 5000 block of Caves Hwy at 7:58 p.m. The complainant said that a friend of her child drove off with the wallet in his vehicle. The wallet was returned with everything intact except for the cash.

\*At 8:23 p.m. after what appeared to be a physical al-

tercation in the Lakeshore Drive/McMullen Creek Road area, Eugene Francis Griffin III was arrested on a charge of fourth-degree assault and taken to county jail.

**Thursday, Oct. 24**

\*Extra patrol was requested at I.V. High School.

\*A counselor at IVHS was concerned about a student who had reported being sexually abused.

\*A report of a minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol at the IVHS Homecoming Dance was being looked into.

\*Goats were said to be on the road in the Redwood Hwy./Arrowhead Drive area at 10:04 a.m.

\*A motor vehicle accident involving a pickup truck and two cars was reported in the Redwood Hwy./Kerby Mainline Road area at 1:14 p.m. An unidentified victim was taken to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

\*A man said that people who had rear-ended him in January were following him around, trying to hit him again.

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