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.)

Wednesday, Nov. 27

*In the 19000 block of Redwood Hwy. a man pulled over to the side of the road to get some sleep.

*Complaints of a man riding a bicycle and swerving 4-feet into the middle of Rockydale Road were received at 11:28 a.m. The complainant stated that this had happened before.

*Theft was reported in the 100 block of Kerby Mainline at 4:13 p.m. A man said that his son had removed items from his residence and that the theft could have occurred in the past two weeks.

*A woman in the 300 block of S. Old Stage Road reported that her 15-year-old daughter was possibly headed for Las Vegas, Nev. with two people who didn't have permission to take the girl.

*Veronique McWest, 20, was cited on a charge of driving while suspended (DWS) near Redwood Hwy. and Eight Dollar Road at 10 p.m.

*An argument between a man and woman in the 700 block of Laurel Road resulted in the man running toward Redwood Hwy. at 11:18 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 28

*Extra patrol at night was requested after a woman in the 500 block of W. River Street reported that she heard shots hitting her house at 9:05 a.m. Upon further investigation the next morning the woman found bullet holes in the back of her house.

*Shots were reported in the 600 block of Draper Valley Road at 3:41 p.m.. The complainant said that the shooting had been going on for five to six hours and he just wanted to make sure that the shooting was being done in a safe manner.

*A non-injury motor vehicle accident (MVA) occurred in Downtown Cave Junction at 5:42 p.m.

*Domestic disturbance was noted on the parking lot of a Downtown Cave Junction establishment at 6:21 p.m. A report was made that a man pulled a woman into a vehicle and started hitting her.

*Mistaken medication was the cause of an accidental overdose in the 200 block of W. Stevenson Street.

*Approximately 10 gunshots were reported north of the Junction Inn at 8:28 p.m.

*Andrew Christopherson, 19, was cited on a charge of driving 66 mph in a 45 zone near Redwood Hwy. and Burch Drive

Friday, Nov. 29

*Maureen Elizabeth Craugh, 37, was cited on charges of DWS and no insurance near N. Hussey Avenue and Millie Street at 12:27 a.m.

*Twelve cows were reported in the middle of the road in the Holland Loop area at 7:46 a.m.

*Ronda Suzanne Jackson, 28, was arrested on charges of fourth-degree domestic assault, second-degree assault and possession of less than 1 ounce of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a school.

*There were reports of drag racing at Dick George Road and Jackadel Lane at 4:06 p.m.

*Reports of more drag racing n the 2000 block of Dick George Road were received at 9:10 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 30

*At 1:41 a.m. at the north end of Cave Junction, Christopher Bundy, 27, was arrested under warrants charging failure to appear (FTA) on charges of possession of a controlled substance (PCS), theft I, negotiating a bad check, and FTA on a charge of PCS manufacture/delivery.

*Beau Newton, 21, was arrested at the north end of CJ at 1:41 a.m. on a charge of harassing communication. In addition, Timothy Wilcox, 20, was cited on a charge of PCS/less than 1 ounce.

*A civil matter between two sisters was noted in the 300 block of Idlewild Drive at 9:57 a.m.

*Nicholas Clinton Milner, 23, was cited on a charge of DWS near milepost 26 of Redwood Hwy. at 10:11 a.m.

*Burglary was reported in the 23000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 12:45 p.m. A man said that someone had forced a lock and gained entrance into his residence where several items, including guns, had been stolen.

*Lisa K. Nave, 27, was cited on a charge of speeding near milepost 26 of Redwood Hwy. at 2:16 p.m.

*A disturbance between two women on Pinecone Way was reported at 2:17 p.m.

*A light-colored vehicle was reported weaving back and forth into traffic near milepost 17 of Redwood Hwy. at 5:51 p.m. Patrol was advised.

*Very loud vehicles were reported to be drag racing in the 2000 block of Dick George Road at 8:23 p.m.

*Assault was reported in the 17000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 8:46 p.m. A woman claimed that a 17-year-old boy had pushed her and struck her in the face.

*People screaming at each other on the parking lot of Speedy Mart in Cave Junction were reported at 8:53 p.m.

*An employee of a Downtown Cave Junction business stated that a person who had been "trespassed" from the property had returned and was harassing her.

Sunday, Dec. 1

*A woman in the 9000 block of Takilma Road requested that her tenant be warned regarding trespassing. The tenant has a history of being hostile toward law enforcement.

*Richard Abe Linville, 51, was arrested on a charge of probation violation in the 400 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 2:21 am.. He was lodged in county jail.

*A motorhome blocking Deer Creek Road near milepost 3 was noted at 8:08 a.m.

*A domestic altercation in the 100 block of S. Kerby Avenue was the cause of a 911 hang-up call at 1:20 p.m.

*Shoplifting (third-degree theft) was reported at the Texaco/Taco Bell Express in Downtown CJ. The charge was termed unfounded.

Monday, Dec. 2

*Allen Lee Ingersoll, 19, was cited and released on charges of DUII and minor in possession of alcohol near Laurel Road and Walters Drive at 12:49 a.m.

*A domestic altercation was the cause of a 911 hangup call in the 300 block of S. Kerby Avenue at 2:03 a.m. *Janet L. Prior, 36, was arrested on a charge of fourth degree assault/domestic felony in the 300 block of S. Kerby Avenue at 2:52 a.m.

*A vehicle was reported in the ditch at Redwood Hwy. and Rockydale Road at 8:03 a.m. Upon arrival it was found that no one was in the vehicle.

*Burglary was reported in the 30000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 10:55 p.m. A woman reported that items had been taken from an unlocked shed. She was later able to locate the items.

*A welfare check was requested in the Chapman Creek area at 11:05 a.m.

*A stalking order complaint came from the 100 block of Kerby Avenue at 11:14 a.m. The complainant stated that her estranged husband has been continually phoning her house and place of employment.

*Reports of trespassing in a vacant residence in the 200 block of Dick George Road were made at 2:10 p.m.

*A person living under the green bridge near Four Corners and Waldo Road was reported at 2:43 p.m.

*Officers checkedfor trespassers at a vacant house in the 200 block of Dick George Road at 4:43 p.m.

*Assistance was given a woman in a disabled vehicle near S. Kerby Avenue and Lister Street at 6:15 p.m.

*Mary Virginia Burdette, 53, was cited on a charge of DWS infraction near Lone Mountain Road and Naue Way at 9:13 p.m.

*Chase Meno, 20, was cited on a charge of failure to carry proof of insurance near milepost 23 on Redwood Hwy. at 10:31 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

*Theft of a new white Dodge pickup truck with large custom tires was reported in the 100 block of N. Old Stage Road at 5:11 a.m.

*Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Caves Hwy. at 9:35 a.m. The complainant stated that her exhusband had been calling from Louisiana to speak to his 17-year-old daughter.

*A pickup truck was reported in McMullen Creek at 10:20 a.m. There was no one in the vehicle, but there was a garbage can in the rear.

*Unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Redwood Hwy., behind Blue Marlin Inn at 10:34 a.m.

*A non-injury MVA was reported in the 1200 block of Illinois River Road at 12:15 p.m. The complainant stated that a vehicle had crashed into a fence.

*Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Caves Hwy. at the I.V. Visitor Information Center. It was said that the coin slot on the public phone had been damaged to the tune of \$700.

*A woman in the 400 block of Hussey Avenue reported that someone had entered her unlocked vehicle and stolen several items. The value was reported at approximately \$1,000.

Thinning of young trees beneficial to old growth

Recent studies show that thinning of young forests can benefit the development of old-growth characteristics and the diversity of plants and animals, but only if methods are used that protect and promote the development of shrubs, hardwoods, and large or old trees.

The findings, which were made by researchers from the U.S. Geological Survey and Oregon State university (OSU), hold special significance for the management of many young forests; with trees approximately 40-60 years old that cover vast portions of the Pacific Northwest.

According to OSU professor John Tappeiner, millions of acres of old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest were clearcut in past decades and densely replanted with uniformly spaced tree seedlings. The original management goal of most plantations was to produce high yields of timber and associated wood products.

"This management goal dramatically shifted for millions of acres of young forests with adoption of the Northwest Forest Plan in 1994," said Tappeiner.

"Many dense, young forests were incorporated into a network of large conservation reserves intended to provide habitat for plants and animals typically associated with older forest," he said.

Although researchers and land managers assumed that dense, young forests would, in time, grow to resemble the old-growth forests they replaced, a group of researchers have accumulated a wide range of evidence suggesting that this may not occur unless the young forests are selectively thinned to allow the remaining, uncut trees to grow under less-dense conditions.

Crowded young trees develop differently from more open-grown individuals, the scientists found. Widely spaced trees have larger crowns and diameters than closely spaced trees of the same species and age.

Dense young forests typically have more than 200 trees per acre at 50-years-of-age, but studies of 90 old-growth forests revealed an average of just 6 to 8 large trees more than 40 inches in diameter per acre.

Studies of the relationship between a tree's diameter at age 200 years and its diameter and growth at age 50 show that trees that were large at age 200 years were generally large and fast growing when young.

These studies suggest that thinning may have positive results for plants and animals if the methods used protect shrubs, hardwoods, large trees, and old trees," Tappeiner said.

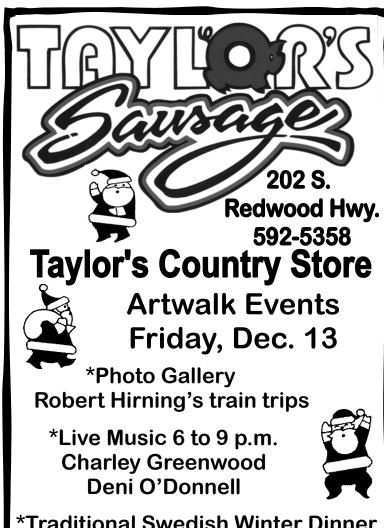


RIDE 'EM COWBOY - Cowboy, an 8-year-old Maltese owned by De Spellman is the Illinois Valley Fire District's 'unofficial fire dog.' Spellman says that Cowboy is very good with people, especially people suffering from breathing problems. 'When a person starts to panic because they can't breathe as soon as they see Cowboy it calms them down,' she said.



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