

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.)

Tuesday, Dec. 30

*Someone during the past week broke into a vacant house, damaged a window and left the sliding door open, said a man in the 7000 block of Caves Hwy.

*An alarm company reported multiple alarms at Lorna Byrne Middle School at 2:20 p.m. The janitor said he had accidentally locked a teacher in a room, and that he would go let her out.

*Another alarm sounded at Lorna Byrne. There was no known reason for the alarm.

*A woman on Finch Road complained of hearing gunshots going on for nearly an hour at 2:47 p.m.

*Two men were reported fighting on the Shop Smart parking lot at 4:35 p.m. The men left in different directions.

*Deputies advised a man in the 3000 block of Lone Mountain road to contact an attorney about a continuing land dispute.

*A woman said her car had been broken into and several items, including a wallet, cell phone and speaker box, were taken in the 300 block of Lakeshore drive at 8:41 p.m.

*A woman staying at the Junction Inn said people were fighting and screaming in front of the door to her room at 9:37 p.m.

*A woman who had a difficult time retrieving items from her ex-boyfriend's house on Garner Road said she would try again later, when he was not home. The ex-boyfriend was advised to seek a restraining order.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

*People were racing around and partying on posted property in Kerby at 1:18a.m. Several juveniles were warned for curfew violation. A girl, 13, was arrested on a charge of curfew violation and lodged at the Juvenile Justice Center.

*Several loud explosions which rattled windows and nerves was reported at 5:10 a.m. from

the vicinity of Holland Loop and Dick George Road. A responding OSP trooper discovered destroyed mailboxes nearby.

*JoCo Public Works was advised of a stop sign down at the intersection of Hayes Cut Off Road and Holland Loop at 6:17 a.m.

*A non-injury traffic accident was reported in the 1000 block of Caves Hwy. at 8:51 a.m.

*At a former drug lab site on Naue Way, a man said that several items valued at \$700 had been stolen sometime during the last week.

*A vehicle was stuck in the snow on Road 46-11 off Caves Hwy. at 2:33 p.m. BLM responded.

*It was reported that a woman on Iron Way attempted to run over a man with her car. She accused the man of having sexually abused her son. This report was logged for information only.

*A man described as in his 30s with a shaved head and wearing a flannel "hoodie" was chased from I.V. Video after acting suspicious and attempting to steal some movies at 2:48 p.m.

*Several drivers were warned for infractions such as speeding, having obstructed license plates, failure to use a turn signal, or failure to obey a stop sign between 8 and 10:19 p.m.

*Robert George Dunn, 54, was arrested on a charge of interfering with a

peace officer at 9:34 p.m. in Downtown Cave Junction.

*Jennifer L. Wilson, 38, and Luis P. Vidales, 46, each were cited on charges of road rage, careless driving, and failure to obey a traffic control device during a traffic stop on Caves Hwy. near Redwood Hwy at 10:25 p.m.

*An intoxicated man was "trespassed" from the Junction Inn after a disturbance at 10:29 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1

*A 60 year old man was found dead in his home at 11:48 a.m.

*A woman said her sister and two girls had been assaulted by a man on Lakeshore Drive. Deputies accompanied the complainant to the man's home to pick up the sister and girls at 1:54 p.m.

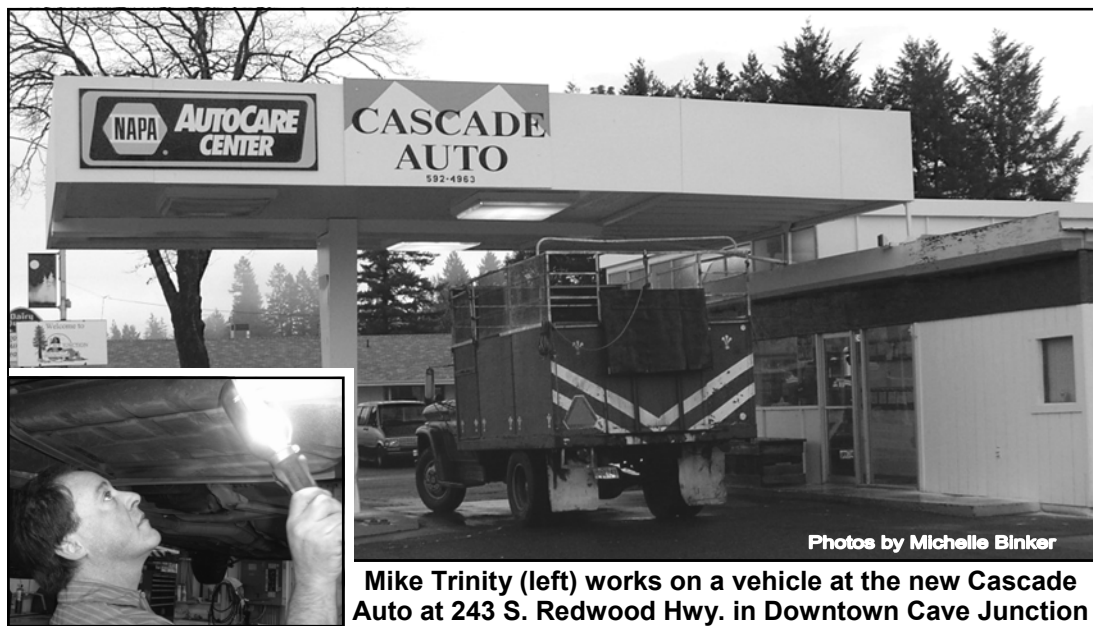
*Kevin Michael Jennings, 25, was arrested on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and reckless endangering following a verbal argument after which a shot was fired in the 100 block of Hussey Ave. at 3:57 p.m.

*All appeared to be OK after an alarm sounded at a business in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 10:31 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 2

*Folks who had reported fuel cans stolen earlier this week called back to say they had just discov-

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Mike Trinity (left) works on a vehicle at the new Cascade Auto at 243 S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction

Two 'homeboys' open auto repair

By MICHELLE BINKER
Staff Writer

The new signs have gone up at Cascade Auto, but business has been brisk since co-owners Mike Trinity and Bob Bruner opened the doors.

The shop (formerly the Union 76 service station), which opened a few weeks ago on the northeast corner of Redwood Hwy. and Watkins Street, has the latest diagnostic computers and tools.

"Lunch rarely happens

around here," said Trinity. "There doesn't seem to be any shortage of cars to fix, but I like being overwhelmed with work."

Cascade Auto, is a NAPA (National Auto Parts Association) auto care center.

It is the only Automotive Service Excellence-certified technician in town, Trinity said. "We do everything," said Bruner, including air conditioning and brake work."

Trinity and Bruner are

longtime residents of Illinois Valley; both are Illinois Valley High School graduates. Bruner and Trinity worked together previously at Oregon Caves Chevron.

Trinity is delighted to be in business for himself.

"It's good to work for myself, finally. I like my boss," he quipped.

Cascade Auto is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. And Trinity often finds himself in the shop on Saturdays as well.



AIRPORT BUILDING GROUNDWORK - Work is continuing on a business incubator project under Illinois Valley Community Response Team. Funding consists of \$500,000 from the USDA's Rural Utility Service and approximately \$200,000 from Josephine County. The project is to provide a central location for new or existing businesses to utilize common services. Current work is being handled by TJ Bossard Consulting Engineers, Copeland Sand & Gravel, and Ed's Backhoe.

Funds feed fire reduction program

Five federal agencies, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Forest Service (USFS), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), National Park Service (NPS), and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), are making it easier for Oregon communities to seek funding for fire hazard reduction assistance.

Recipients of these funds have included state and municipal agencies, rural fire districts, and local non-profit organizations.

The goal, according to agency representatives, is to provide grants and assistance under the National Fire Plan (NFP) while adding stimulus to local economies. The idea is to use a "one-stop" shopping approach that allows grant seekers to submit a single proposal, while letting the agencies match the request to the best available pro-

gram.

Since the NFP community assistance grants program was initiated in 2001, more than \$4.9 million has been invested in Josephine and Jackson Counties.

The majority of these funds have gone to fuel reduction projects that require the cost of the work to be shared with private landowners. Because of efficiency and land ownership patterns in southwest Oregon, the BLM and USFS have been the primary contributors locally.

Samples of the projects include:

*Fuel Reduction and defensible space projects in the Illinois Valley.

*Community fire planning in the Illinois Valley.

*Product and market development of small diameter wood products.

The agencies expect to

award between \$6 and \$8 million for fiscal year 2005. A majority of money will go for proposals under \$250,000. Grants will be awarded after Oct. 1, 2004 when fiscal year 2005 funds become available.

The four programs for proposals include wildland/urban interface fuels reduction, fuels utilization and marketing, education and prevention, and community planning for risk assessment and mitigation.

Each program has a different focus, but combined they increase inter-agency and community coordination and encourage grass-roots solutions to reduce wildland fire threats.

All grant applications for fiscal year 2005 must be received by close of business Feb. 13, 2004. Applications can be emailed to Lauren_Maloney@or.blm.gov or mailed to National Fire Plan Program Bureau of Land Management fire and Aviation Management, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

More information regarding eligibility requirements and project evaluation criteria for the four programs, and the required grant application forms, can be found online at www.nwfireplan.gov.

For more information phone (541) 552-2921.

CASCADE AUTO & LIGHT TRUCK REPAIR

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and Bob Bruner**

243 S. Redwood Hwy. 592-4963

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