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JOINT, DEA get major cash, weapons, pot in Grants Pass

Some 97 weapons including a submachine gun and a sniper rifle, \$110,000 cash, 65 pounds of processed marijuana, and 3,667 marijuana plants were seized during search warrant services at three rural Grants Pass properties by Josephine Inter-agency Narcotics Team (JOINT).

Det. Sgt. Ken Selig

said that Drug Enforcement Agency officers with JOINT seized 23 vehicles, including five that by themselves have a value of \$210,000. Officers were accompanied by four members of Oregon National Guard, Selig said.

He said that a state of Oregon search warrant was served Friday morning, Oct. 22 at the home of Jef-

frey and Cynthia Davis, 2010 Steward Road, about five miles northwest of Grants Pass.

Based on the search there, JOINT detectives developed evidence linking the property with others at 10511 and 10517 Lower River Road. They are owned, said Selig, by Jeffrey Davis and rented to his brother, Richard Davis.

Selig said that when the warrant unit arrived on Stewart Road, it met no resistance. Jeffrey Davis and his wife were on the nearly 100-acre property, plus their daughter, Heather Davis, 16, and her live-in boyfriend, Kyle Blondin, 19, Selig said.

No arrests have been made pending review by the federal prosecutor's

office in Medford. Meanwhile, JOINT detectives and DEA agents are continuing investigation.

A two-story shop building was used as an above-ground marijuana grow site, Selig said. Nine different rooms were in use, he said, and the system of grow lights and climate control units was powered by a 600-amp

generator. Four generators were at the site.

Among items found at Stewart Road were 64 firearms, including a Barrett .50-caliber sniper rifle, said Selig. It is capable of accurately firing a round considerably farther than 2,178 yards, he said.

Also seized were ap-

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HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATCH TIME - Aurora Schroeter, 8, and her sister, Radiance, 10, visit Kerbyville Farm to select just the right jack-o'-lantern candidate

for Halloween on Sunday, Oct. 31. The farm is among valley locations including Shop Smart Food Warehouse with a selection of pumpkins.

Crystal Schroeter gains state mayor's fitness award

A rural Cave Junction mother of two with an iron in every fire has been honored with a Mayor's Award from the Oregon Governor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports.

Selected for the honor, based on a nomination by Cave Junction Mayor Ed Faircloth, is Crystal Schroeter, 33, known by many in the valley for her varied endeavors.

Schroeter will receive her award during a ceremony in Portland on Friday, Nov. 5. It will be held in conjunction with the League of Oregon Cities annual meeting.

In his nomination, Faircloth wrote, "I am proud to nominate Crystal Schroeter, currently president of The Shining Stars, a not-for-profit organization for children of Illinois Valley."

She served in that post one year, after helping es-

tablish the group, and will continue to be active in it as vice president. The newly elected president is Selma resident Gabriella Salas-Groth.

Regarding Schroeter, the mayor continued, "She developed education programs to promote music, arts and recreational activities for those 18 and younger.

"She projects self-confidence, authority and enthusiasm.

"Working with limited resources, she was able to organize a two-day event at the city swimming pool. Teen Nite and Free Swim for 18 and younger were highly successful.

"Under her leadership," wrote the mayor, "Shining Stars has taken over the Jubilee Park Skate Park program, and it now displays a renewed sense of purpose."

Faircloth also noted

that Schroeter not only works with youth, but adults as a fitness instructor and motivator at Curves.



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"She communicates with ease and a natural style," wrote the mayor.

He added that she enjoys working with women of all ages "on health issues through exercise and

dietary recommendations," and that she "inspires Curves participants to achieve their fullest potential.

"Her dedication to the community has been a benefit to her, as well as the community," the mayor concluded. (Related story on page 5)

Time change: fall back due

Daylight-saving time will end at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31, which means that clocks should be set back one hour.

Most people turn back the hands of time upon retiring the night before, remembering: spring ahead, fall back.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Oct. 27
Partly cloudy
High--53, Low--33.



Thursday, Oct. 28
Possible showers
High--55, Low--37.



Friday, Oct. 29
Clouds with rain
High--58, Low--40.



Saturday, Oct. 30
Possible showers
High--57, Low--35.



Sunday, Oct. 31
Partly sunny
High--53, Low--32.



Monday, Nov. 1
Overcast with rain
High--55, Low--32.



Tuesday, Nov. 2
Rain showers
High--56, Low--32.



KERBY FIRE FRIDAY - A mobile home that survived a Sept. 1 wildland fire was severely damaged by an apparent electrical fire on Friday, Oct. 22. Story on page 10.

R&R's J. Phillippi cited as one to watch in '05

Rough & Ready Lumber Co.'s Jennifer Krauss Phillippi is among 50 Oregonians chosen by "Oregon Business" magazine as leaders to watch during 2005.

The magazine's October issue includes all 50 of its selections.

Phillippi, married to Lincoln "Link" Phillippi for 20 years, is co-manager with him at Rough & Ready between Cave Junction and O'Brien. She also is a certified public accountant, and president of Cave Junction-based Perpetua Forests Co.

Plus she is a member of the Oregon State Board of Forestry, appointed by Gov. Kulongoski. And she is a board member and twice chairman of Oregon Forest Resources Institute; as well as an advisory board member with Oregon State University Forest Research Lab.

She is a "core stakeholder" in development of the Board of Forestry's 2003 "Forestry Program for Oregon, the board's key policy guide. The program is updated periodically, she said, to integrate new science and changes in social priorities.

Phillippi is a graduate of Illinois Valley High School and University of Oregon at Eugene. A statement she made is quoted by "Oregon Magazine."

"What I love about Oregon is working with solid, unpretentious, hard-working people and the natural beauty of our region.

"But I'm saddened when people seem unaware of the thoughtful stewardship in which Oregon forest businesses and workers take such pride."

The magazine notes that with her husband she strives for innovation -- "Building on our past and creating confidence in our future."

It adds that, "Her family's business has survived national competition by finding and satisfying niche customers."

Phillippi was born in Grants Pass, and become a pilot at 19. She and "Link" have three children: Andrew, 17; Annamaria, 14; and Tess, 12.

Said Phillippi: "As a third generation managing my family's forest-based business, I have a keen



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interest in Oregon forestry.

"Rough & Ready and Perpetua Forests are being managed to enhance and expand on historical strengths in customer relationships, employee loyalty and expertise, and quality products under progressive management, focused on current and future financial success."

After earning her bachelor of science degree in accounting from UofO, she worked for several years with national accounting firms in Oregon and Arizona.

She then worked with Pacific Lumber & Shipping Co. in Washington state before returning to Illinois Valley and joining the family business in 1989.

"Managing our forestlands and sawmills has provided me a broad array of experiences," she said, "in not only forestry and lumber manufacturing, but in business planning, human resources, risk management, financial analysis, and computer systems and networking."

Phillippi calls herself an avid reader, and enjoys athletics. She likes skiing, and has been in two marathons for runners. Also, she participated in Cycle Oregon in September with her husband.

She enjoys researching other cultures and traveling. She is one of seven children, and fondly states it's a close-knit family.

Her parents are Lew and Kathryn Krauss. He operated the family sawmill business for more than 40 years. Her mother has a doctorate in English literature, and is a professor of comparative religions.

"My mother says that our father taught us to work, and she taught us to learn," said Phillippi.