

Police Blotter

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Tuesday, May 17

*Near the location of the former Takilma General Store, a man who had been drinking alcoholic beverages caused a disturbance at 12:20 a.m. He agreed to leave the area.

*Extra patrol was conducted at 1:19 a.m. at Robbie's Auto Care Center.

*At the Illinois Valley Substation, a boy, 14, turned himself in as a runaway person. He had been expelled from school last week. He was not a runaway, and he and his guardian were provided options.

*Somewhere on the parking lot of a Cave Junction church, a woman reported, she had lost her wallet with ID, photos and papers.

*Because of a request, a resident on Little Grayback Road was provided word that a family friend had died.

*On Rockydale Road at 12:08 p.m. a man was warned about speeding.

*Following a report by his mother, Daniel Earl Putnam, 16, was arrested at the I.V. High School football field under a warrant charging carrying a concealed weapon.

*Several signs valued at approximately \$300 were reported damaged or destroyed at Cowboy Coffee in Selma.

*"Employee error" caused activation of a hold-up alarm at 12:47 p.m. at Valley Muffler & Hitch in Cave Junction.

*Officers were advised at 10:09 p.m. about an intoxicated driver in a white van traveling 25 mph and "all over the road" in Sis's Gap on Hwy. 199.

Wednesday, May 18

*Signs valued at \$100 were reported stolen from Cowboy Coffee.

*Following a complaint of criminal mischief on S. Junction Avenue, damage to a fence was estimated at \$200.

*No evidence of a crime was located after a complaint from O'Brien that someone "is guilty of abandoning an elderly mother."

*In Selma a "repo man" took back a pickup truck from a man who was unaware of the vehicle repossession.

*Telephonic harassment for the past month was reported by a Rockydale Road resident in connection with someone phoning about real estate.

*Oregon State Police troopers were to be advised of a complaint from CJ that "a huge semi" was northbound and that it almost went off the road, and that the driver was drinking something.

*No evidence of a crime was found after a woman in the 18000 block of Hwy. 199 reported domestic violence. The husband left before a deputy could arrive.

Thursday, May 19

*Theft of a cell phone was reported at Lake Selmac.

*Fraud was reported in the 36000 block of Redwood Hwy. by a woman who said that her ex-husband kept the power bill in her name. She was provided civil options.

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SKIP LEAHY and 'SNAPPER'

Happy horses equal happy riders

Having a herd of happy horses means that customers of Culpepper Cattle Co. in Selma can "ride the best in the West."

The new business, offering guided trail rides for all ages and abilities -- "from never to experienced" -- is on McMullen Creek Road adjacent to Lake Selmac, and approximately three-quarters of a mile to a mile off Lakeshore Drive.

Culpepper Cattle Co., a name that owner Skip Leahy said he and his wife, Liz, have had since 1987, features pony rides, beside trail rides. They also operate Out Horsin' Around in Downtown Cave Junction. It has used tack and saddles (43 currently), plus a variety of "horsey items."

At Culpepper, safety helmets are provided for all riders, including pony wranglers. "We lead the ponies and let the parents take photos," said Skip.

Ten- to 15-minute pony rides are available from 10 to 3, and pony parties also are available.

Leahy offers lessons too, and Girl Scouts can ride

for their equestrian badge.

"We say that our horses are happy," he said, "because we take very good care of them, including veterinary attention. And they're never overused or abused. So happy horses mean a pleasant ride for our customers."

Culpepper, he added, is accepting adult volunteers. They will be taught horsemanship, ranch management, tour guiding and other parts of the business, he said.

"I even will teach how to be a trail boss," he said, "for those older than 18. However, younger folks can be assistant trail bosses."

The Leahys came to Illinois Valley from California, where they previously operated Las Trampas Stables, 45 miles east of San Francisco. In business nearly 18 years, they had 50 horses.

"We have 10 here," said Leahy. "We're starting small, but hope to grow."

At the present location, Leahy is leasing 200 acres, plus there is access to Lake Selmac. "We're working on learning all the trails," he

said. "We offer two-hour lake rides; one hour on the leased property."

Guided trail rides are available from 9 a.m. to early evening. "We have sunset rides," said Leahy, "but we do not ride after dark." Besides serving as a guide, the business provides fly repellent for horses and their riders.

A variety of breeds are on-site. They include quarter horses, "the All-American breed;" two full-blooded Arabians, and one steed that's half quarter horse and half Percheron.

"We really ride," said Leahy. "Riders can walk, trot or lope their mounts, but the gait depends on the skill level and the wish of the riders. It's all based on their experience level."

Prior to each outing, riders are given a "minilesson" on how to mount, how to hold the reins, and how to sit.

"In other words, how to be comfortable," said Leahy.

To arrange for a ride, and for directions to Culpepper Cattle Co., phone 597-2143 or 592-2143.

THE LEARNING THROUGH ART Committee of the Illinois River Valley Arts Council is working with students in I.V. public schools on a series of projects honoring the salmon. Among the projects is one at I.V. High School (left) where students have sculpted salmon and other clay creations to be used in a permanent public exhibit. (Photo provided)



Cougar athletes honored for notable achievements

Spring sports awards were given during a program at Illinois Valley High School Tuesday, May 24.

Scholar athletes (for maintaining at least a 3.5 grade-point average):

Girls Golf: Beckie Bodeving, Samantha Heller, Kami Culver, Natasha Kirk, Rose Ballard, Katrina Manzone.

Softball: Ricci Coultas, Serena Barry, Emily Dudley.

Boys Basketball: Doug Hoskins, Kevin LaPierre, Austin Hocker, Joseph Escalona.

Boys Golf: Nick Greener, Trevor Murphy-Mannix, DJ Zissen.

Equestrian Team: Kaylah Arnett, Tiffany Thom.

Track: Bill Haskins, Steven Paul, Kelcie Yeoman,

Emily Dudley, Patrick Decelles, Tim Mikels, Jake Tardie, Jenny Bebb, Michelle LaPierre, Raesha Wanstrath-Yeoman, Jessa Fairbanks.

Mountain Bike Team: Adam Brooks, William Crawl, Max Hoffman, Jesse Mucha, Garret Crawl, Ian Barker-Cortrecht, Nikko Fujita, Shane Stiles, Spencer Kendall.

Varsity Baseball: Award Plaques
Offensive Player of the year: Doug Hoskins.

Defensive Player of the year: Austin Hocker.

Coaches Award: Anthony Thomas.

Boys Golf: Most Valuable Player: Nick Greener

Most Improved Player: DJ Zissen.

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Day	Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Thurs	6/2	Workshop Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM	County Bldg
Tues	6/07	Executive Comm	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO
Wed	6/08	Social Ventures & Projects & Programs	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO
Thur	5/16	Board Meeting	7:00-9:00 PM	County Bldg
Mon	6/20	Community Relations	5:30-6:30 PM	IVCDO