

Transient held for forgery, felony warrants

A transient was arrested on charges including forgery, and under two felony outstanding warrants.

The suspect was identified as Ross Stanley Hayward, 30, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

He tried to pass a forged check at Evergreen Federal Bank on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Bank employees knew about

the stolen checks, and that Hayward was not the owner.

When officers arrived, the suspect fled in his car, and later on foot. He was apprehended after a short pursuit, said GPDPS.

Because of the incident, Hayward was charged with felony and misdemeanor attempting to elude, first-degree forgery, first-degree theft,

identify theft, and reckless driving.

He also was arrested under a GP warrant on a charge of failure to appear (FTA) on charges of first-degree criminal trespass and second-degree theft; a Medford felony warrant charging FTA on a charge of first-degree theft; and state parole warrant for felony parole violation.

Tree-planting project preparing ...

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by the land owners. There always are a few property where, for one reason or another, land owners cannot plant trees themselves.

And there is the “the Forks” replanting, which is where Volunteer Tree-Planting Day comes in. On March 4, volunteers from many walks of life will gather to plant trees, cook food or help with tools. After the seedlings have been planted, a hot meal provided by volunteers and valley businesses await the planters at the U.S. Forest Service compound in Cave Junction.

Before becoming the coordinator, Vautier had worked for the project as a volunteer handling various jobs through the years.

“My husband and I have been volunteers on packing day, and that was fun,” she said. “We met so many nice folks, and I learned a lot about tree identification by handling the different seedling species.

“I also have helped with the food on Volunteer Day, providing hot food. It really felt good to be involved in such a community effort, and to provide a place for the planters to share their

experiences and camaraderie.

“And it is a real treat,” she said, “to see the community coming together for a common goal and having so much fun doing it.

“The project truly belongs to the community: It is the community that makes this project happen every year,” Vautier concluded.

Those interested in participating in any of the activities that are part of the 2005-06 program can phone Vautier or Miller at 592-4098, or visit the FAC office in the lower compound of the USFS in Cave Junction.

IVFD plan for permits draws fire

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proposed ordinance. It underwent its second reading Thursday, and would have gone into effect in 30 days if approved.

Speakers, sometimes argumentative, decried numerous aspects of the unapproved rule. Major areas of concern were what sites would be inspected and when, and why there is a need for fees.

Audience members -- often with background murmuring about trespassing, defending their property, taxes and the role of firefighters -- also said that the district should work harder to save money, rather than proposing the fees.

Chief Harry Rich, noting that, “We have to start somewhere” to begin offsetting administrative costs, said that 460 burn permits were issued during 2004, and that 435 have been issued so far this year.

\$7.50 fee and her burn pile was not inspected, she would not be receiving the same service as someone whose pile was checked.

She also defended her right to privacy, saying that she wouldn’t want firefighters to come uninvited. At one point she asked if appointments could be made, and Rich replied, “I’m not going there,” noting that firefighters often are unable to keep appointments because of alarms.

Other speakers, including Ken LeGaux, Bill Wagner and James Dougherty, expressed confusion and concern about the size of burn piles noted in the proposed ordinance.

The chief and office staffers Robin Paulson and Delaine Sherman offered explanations. In addition, Rich noted that he had information packets available to help answer questions. They are available free at the HQ office at 28195 Hwy. 199.

is not intended to allow developers to burn anything other than approved wood products.

“This permit is not intended for loggers, landscapers or tree-falling companies. Logging companies obtain their permits from ODF, Bureau of Land Management or U.S. Forest Service.

“Landscapers and tree-falling companies should have the resident obtain the needed \$7.50 permit.”

Audience comments included one of many by Wagner, who said that those burning might “lose their temper and kill one of you.”

Said LeGaux, “No firefighter better come to my house packing heat.”

Rich reiterated that firefighters are not armed.

Dougherty said, “You are going to pass this ordinance; I know you will, but it’s wrong.” He said that he believes it will encourage residents to “rat out” each other regarding burn piles, and encourage people to dump their debris in the woods.

At one point during the meeting, as residents continued to challenge the plan, Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer noted that the district “has brought in \$550,000 in fuel reduction money, and you’re complaining about \$7.50.

“We break our butts for you people,” said Schaeffer, “and if there’s a hardship, I’ll pay the \$7.50 for you.”

Several people responded with, “That’s not the point. It’s the principle.”

Eventually, the board voted to table the ordinance for further discussion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Bouchard thanked everyone for attending. She added that it would be nice if people attended even when noncontroversial items were on the agenda.

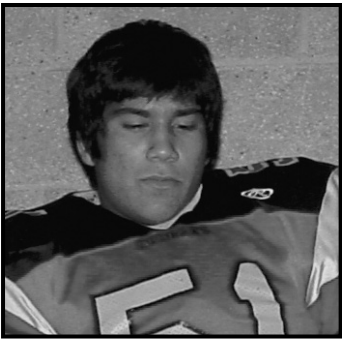
Tausuga, Moore gain All-Conference ...

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foot, 160-pound senior, was selected to the second-team at defensive back. Pagnotta registered 67 tackles and also had four picks.

Together with Moore, the tandem made I.V.’s defensive secondary one of the toughest in the conference.

Senior Dalton Reagan



LEFI TAUSUGA

also was named second-team All-Conference as a defensive lineman. The 5-10, 195-pound Reagan was second on the team in tackles with 80; harassed op-



IAN MOORE

posing quarterbacks for four sacks; and helped to anchor the stingy Cougar defense.

Tausuga and Moore showed their versatility on offense and defense as both received second-team honors in addition to their first-team accolades.

Tausuga was named to the second team as a hard-hitting linebacker who led the Cougars in tackles, and Moore was awarded second-team recognition for his contribution as an elusive running back.

Five other members of the Cougar varsity football team earned honorable mention for their skills this season. One player, Austin Hocker, received recognition for playing on both sides of the ball.

Hocker’s efforts as the guard opposite Tausuga earned him all-conference honorable mention recognition.

In addition, Hocker received honorable mention for his defensive work at linebacker.

Rounding out the all-conference honorable mention list are Aaron Adams at tight end, Adam Miller at running back, Charlie Stafford at offensive tackle, and Moore for his special team role as punter.

The team’s prospect for success in the coming years appears promising,

as the frosh-soph team posted an impressive 8-1 record and was undefeated in league play.

“They had tons of talented kids, but there are a lot of talented teams in the league,” added Thornhill. “Our success depends on what the kids do to prepare themselves in-between seasons.”

The Cougars will be moving up from Class 3-A next year to play in the recently revamped 4-A, District 6 Division.

On Oct. 24, the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) voted 30-1 to restructure the leagues, starting in 2006.

Its aim was to improve competitive balance within leagues while minimizing travel and expenses for schools.

The OSAA tried to maintain league alignments where possible.

The Skyline Conference lost one team, Mazama, which will move to Class 5-A next year.



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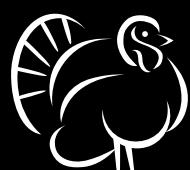
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