



Illinois Valley emergency personnel retrieved the body of Takilma resident Glenn Christopher Gehan, 44, from Illinois River East Fork on Monday, Dec. 17. The cause of death is under investigation, said Josephine County Sheriff's Office. It added that Gehan suffered from a terminal illness. Foul play is not suspected. (Top photo by Illinois Valley Fire District Media Dept; photo at right by Frank Anderson.)



Toy safety important throughout year

Although the gifts under the trees have been opened, it's still important for parents to note that toy recalls have injected confusion into the situation.

The most common cause of toy-related deaths and injuries to children under the age of 3 is choking, so it's important to avoid small toys or those that have small parts," said Adrienne Greene, Safe Kids Oregon coordinator in the Dept. of Human Services Public Health Division.

"Another critical prevention step is to make sure the toy is appropriate for the child's age."

While the number of toys recalled is a small fraction of the 3 billion sold every year in the United States, it's important for consumers to be informed about potential dangers, Greene said. She advises:

*Toys should be well-constructed and age-appropriate. Read the labels for age and safety recommendations.

*Avoid toys that have small parts or are small. Use an empty toilet paper roll as a handy guide; if toys can slide through, they are too small for children younger than 3.

*Avoid toys with mag-

nets for children under age 6, due to ingestion hazards.

*Avoid second-hand toys that may have been recalled, but not removed from circulation.

*Any time of year when purchasing arts-and-crafts materials buy products that bear the Art & Creative Materials Institute (ACMI) Approved Product (AP) seal. It identifies art, craft and other creative materials that are safe and nontoxic, Greene said.

Although recent attention has been placed on the dangers of toys with lead paint, exposure to lead paint dust from older homes, especially during remodeling or renovation, is the most common cause of lead poisoning in Oregon, said Barbara Zeal, DHS lead poisoning prevention coordinator.

Home lead-testing kits are available. However, Zeal cautions that kits should only be used as a screening tool.

"They have limitations," she said. "They are only useful for determining if lead is present on the surface of the

toy; they won't tell the exact amount of lead in a toy."

Those concerned about safety issues can obtain more information and sign up for e-mail recalls at www.cpsc.gov. DHS has a lead-recall Website that offers the opportunity to sign up for e-mail notifications of recalls at oregon.gov/DHS/ph/lead/recalls.shtml.

Greene reminds parents and care-givers that keeping kids protected does not end with the purchase of a safe toy. She advises:

*Make sure toys for older children are kept away from younger siblings at all times.

*Actively supervise children playing with any toy that has small parts, moving parts, electrical or battery power, cords, wheels or other potentially harmful components.

More information about toy safety, protective equipment and choking is available at www.usa.safekids.org. Information about lead poisoning prevention is available at oregon.gov/DHS/ph/lead/index.shtml.

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Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Monday, Dec. 24

*At 12:35 a.m. near Lake Selmac, John J. Ruda, 22, was cited on charges of driving with a suspended license (DWS) and unlawful possession of a firearm.

*People in camouflage clothing were sneaking around on her property, stealing madrone wood and tearing things up, a Selma woman reported at 2:30 a.m.

*Some \$200 cash, two

checkbooks, a TV and VCR were stolen from Illinois Valley Praise Center in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. Another \$600 damage to a file cabinet and window also was reported.

*A small box containing paperwork was stolen from a the trunk of a vehicle in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. overnight.

*A vehicle was apparently driven through a gate at Southern Oregon Sanitations' Kerby Transfer Station during the weekend, causing an estimated \$1,000 damage.

Tuesday, Dec. 25

*At 3:15 a.m. an *Oregonian* newspaper delivery person, who had picked up a young blonde, female hitchhiker, reported that his silver van and newspapers had been stolen by the hitch-hiker from a Downtown Cave Junction location. The vehicle last was seen headed south on Redwood Hwy. There was no deputy to respond.

*A fat man in a red suit was reported dashing throughout the valley.

*At milepost 31 on Red-

wood Hwy. Brandi L. Miller, 20, was cited on a charge of DWS, and her vehicle was impounded.

Wednesday, Dec. 26

*On Page Mountain, Earl Mallory Desomber, 41, was cited on a charge of DWS and warned for failure to display his Sno-Park permit.

*On Millie Street a woman reported harassment by someone knocking on her door. Furthermore, a potato chip canister with several "inappropriate" messages inside was located.

Thursday, Dec. 27

*A propane tank valued at \$30 was reported stolen from the bed of a pickup truck on Deer Creek Road.

*Some \$10,000 in fraudulent Internet purchases were made using his debit card issued by a Cave Junction bank, a man reported.

*A woman reported that her son, David Joy, 41, had admitted to using her credit card without her knowledge to make some \$2,300 in purchases. He was cited on a charge of fraudulent use of a credit card.

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* Boys Basketball at North Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
* Girls Basketball vs. North Valley, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, JAN. 4
* Wrestling at Phoenix, 5:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JAN. 5
* Wrestling at Willamette Invitational 9 a.m.
* Coed Swimming - Rogue Valley Meet at SOU, 11 a.m.
* Girls Basketball vs. Phoenix, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
* Boys Basketball at Phoenix, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
MONDAY, JAN. 7
* Valenzuela 3rd period to R&R Canyon, 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY, JAN. 8
* Valenzuela 3rd period to I.V. Airport, 10:30 a.m.
* Girls Basketball at Rogue River, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
* Boys Basketball vs. Rogue River, JV: 5:30 p.m. Varsity: 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9
* Valenzuela 3rd period to Lower I.V. River, 10:30 a.m.
* Site Council Meeting in Room 15, 3:15 p.m.
* Wrestling vs. Rogue River, JV & Varsity: 5:30 p.m.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 8
*Daily Favorites
Chicken fajitas, Rib-B-que sandwich, chicken burger, supreme pizza, roast beef & cheese, garden salad

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9
*Daily Favorites
Taco salad, chicken or beef rice bowls, spicy chicken burger, taco pizza, veggie sandwich, antipasto salad

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