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Helo removes man hit by shotgun fire at I.V. mining site

A Gold Hill resident was reported seriously injured by a shotgun blast on the afternoon of Sunday, April 5 following a confrontation with a miner in the Tennessee Mountain drainage area west of Kerby.

Gregory Glen Graybill, 53, was among a group of All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) riders utilizing trails on U.S. Forest Service land. According to a press release from the Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), Graybill had a confrontation with 61-year-old miner Ronald Eugene Spears.

Deputies state that around 12:39 p.m., Spears shot Graybill with a 12-gauge shotgun. Graybill suffered a severely injured and broken right arm. As a result, with the assistance of

American Medical Response (AMR) and Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD), he was flown to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford by a Mercy Flights helicopter which landed near the Selma Fire Station.

JCSO responded to the scene, along with personnel from AMR and IVFD.

Detectives from the JCSO Major Crimes Unit interviewed several witnesses. They believe that Spears confronted Graybill on Spears' mining claim prior to the shooting. Graybill was apparently not armed, according to the press release.

Sheriff Gil Gilbertson said that deputies went to Spears' camp and took him into custody around 4 p.m. without incident. Spears was



subsequently charged with first-degree assault.

Gilbertson said that mining claims are open to public access, and that people can go through those areas, but cannot mine or interfere with mining activities.

An investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is urged to phone the JCSO Major Crimes Unit at 474-5153 or the sheriff's office confidential tip line at 474-5160.



(Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept.)

Drinking ban possible?

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
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Attorneys at the Oregon state capitol in Salem think that the city of Cave Junction may be able to pass an ordinance banning public drinking after all, according to Rep. Ron Maurer (R-Grants Pass).

Maurer has been working to pass House Bill 2522, which would repeal Oregon Revised Statute 430.325. It prohibits municipalities from enacting ordinances against public intoxication, public drinking, drunk and disorderly conduct, vagrancy or

being under the influence of controlled substances.

After being introduced by Maurer, HB 2522 was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. Maurer, Rep. Dennis Richardson (R-Central Point) and Sen. Jason Atkinson (R-Central Point) then wrote a letter to the committee's chairman, Rep. Jeff Barker (D-Aloha), requesting a hearing.

Barker scheduled a hearing and possible work session for Wednesday, April 8. But now, Maurer said, such action may be "unnecessary."

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Homicide trial begins

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The morning of Friday, April 3 featured some emotional testimony in the murder trial of 19-year-old Timothy Waddell from two of the suspect's older sisters.

Waddell is charged for the Dec. 10, 2007 murder of former Cave Junction mayor and city councilor Tom Green outside of the victim's Sawyer Avenue home.

Carol Waddell took the stand at the Josephine County Courthouse in Grants Pass as Circuit Court Judge Lindi Baker presided.



Timothy Waddell

A 12-member jury and two alternates, consisting of seven men and seven women, listened quietly as Carol Waddell testified to her brother's deteriorating mental state in the months leading to the murder.

Timothy Waddell sat between his two defense attorneys, his long hair pulled back in a ponytail.

Carol Waddell testified that in November 2007, her brother claimed to have been molested by four different men and sprayed with chemicals. She added that he said he was

hearing voices in his head.

"He had a really hard time growing up," she said. "I didn't want to see him go downhill. I wanted him to get help," she said between sobs.

On the day of Green's murder, Carol Waddell said that she received a telephone call at work about what had taken place.

"I just fell down on the ground and started crying," she said. "I couldn't move. I was in shock."

Carol Waddell testified that she was "very mad" at her brother for killing Green.

"I loved Tom Green," she said. "He was a very good man."

Martha Waddell took the witness stand afterward, as Carol Waddell sat in the courtroom next to a friend.

In her testimony, Martha Waddell stated that Timothy Waddell began changing around May 2007. She told the jury that when her brother visited her in September that year, he was barefoot, wearing pajamas and talking about his past lives.

"He seemed like he was on something," she said. "He just didn't seem right."

By December 2007, Martha Waddell said, her brother thought that the CIA was in Cave Junction and appeared to be "paranoid."

Carol and Martha Waddell testified that members of their family contacted mental health authorities in Josephine County and Del Norte County, Calif. to try and get help for Timothy Waddell. Those officials were unable to offer any assistance, the sisters said.

Tax day Tea Parties planned nation wide

Most Americans look upon April 15 as the dreaded day by which tax returns must be filed.

But this year is shaping up to be different, as thousands of taxpayers throughout the United States plan to stand in protest against the federal government's spending policies.

Modeled after the civil disobedience employed by the nation's founding fathers prior to the Revolutionary War, the Tax Day Tea Parties are being planned in more than 1,500 cities in all 50 states.

The Josephine County Tea Party will begin at 5 p.m. in front of the courthouse in Grants Pass.

Guest speakers are to include Jack Swift, who is Americans For Prosperity (AFP) Josephine County chapter coordinator, AFP members Gil Gillingham and Peggi Goodwin, Paul Walter of NewsWithViews.com, Southern Oregon Resource Alliance Chairman Jim Frick

and Bill Meyer from Medford Radio Station KMED.

In Oregon, besides Grants Pass, protests are anticipated in Medford, Astoria, Beaverton, Bend, Coos Bay, Corvallis, The Dalles, Eugene, La Grande, Oregon City, Portland, Roseburg, Salem, Reedsport, Tillamook and the campus of Oregon State University at Corvallis. A smaller demonstration is planned for Rogue River as well.

The tea parties are being organized by members of AFP, a national, non-partisan grass-roots organization. Jeff Kropf, AFP's Oregon state director and a former legislator, said that several thousand people have registered for the Portland event and that more than 1,000 are anticipated for the protest in Salem.

"It's absolutely exhilarating to see Americans waking up to the loss of their freedom and being ready to start up like the Minutemen did when they fired the shot heard around the

world and revolted against tyranny," he said.

Swift said that anger regarding a series of federal bail-outs for struggling industries, and soaring budget deficits, has fueled widespread interest in the tea parties, including national media attention.

"During the first proposed bailout, the response to our representatives in Congress went 90 to 10 against the bail-out," Swift said. "But a lot of representatives chose to ignore the advice of their constituents. What kind of representation is that?"

Kropf said that AFP led an effort against the bail-outs around two months ago, which prompted nearly 500,000 Americans to sign an online petition opposing such policies.

"Out of that, we doubled in size as a national organization in three weeks," Kropf said. "Our Oregon membership doubled in size in three

weeks. We expect the same thing will happen because of the Tea Party protests."

There are 19 AFP chapters in Oregon, Kropf said, and that number soon will expand to 21.

Swift said that he has seen a similar trend when the Josephine County AFP chapter meets.

"The first night we had a Tea Party discussion, we were totally overwhelmed," he said. "Ever since this thing came along, our numbers have doubled meeting-by-meeting."

Swift said that more than 100 people are involved in the Josephine County Tea Party planning efforts.

"Most of the people working on this are people who simply want their country back," he said. "That's what it's all about."

For more information on the Josephine County event, e-mail Swift at jhswift@earthlink.net.

~ Scott Jorgensen

Respect for dead lacking at Laurel Cemetery

Walking through a cemetery is a sobering experience for anyone who will allow the mood of the surroundings to seep into their consciousness. So it was for a recent visitor to Laurel Cemetery, established in Cave Junction in 1862.

Vandalism, wanton littering and lack of site maintenance by those who have their deceased loved ones interred in the hallowed ground pose continuing problems for the struggling Laurel Cemetery Association (LCA).

One vexing situation is that cremations have caused a drastic reduction in the number of burials. So note board President Virginia Gilliam, and Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Webb. Because of considerably fewer plots being purchased, the association treasury is nonexistent. In fact, a \$4,500 bill for water is awaiting payment to the city of Cave Junction.

A situation occurred last year when a water leak was caused at the cemetery by vandals who removed brass fixtures. Then, due to miscalculation, the city charged LCA \$50,000 for what it initially thought was the loss of 2 million gallons of water. It subsequently was determined that a much smaller amount was involved, and the \$4,500 fee was levied by the city council.

Anyone going to Laurel Cemetery for



Evidence of neglect. (Photo by Illinois Valley News)

any reason cannot help but notice overflowing trash cans; a certain amount of trash left by uncaring callers, who likely made nocturnal visits; and a lack of upkeep around most tombstones. As well, there are fallen branches and other such debris.

Besides the pending water bill, yet another predicament facing LCA is that the survivors of those interred neither donate to the association nor take care of their loved ones' plots. A 5-by-10-foot

plot costs \$750; a smaller site for interment of cremains is \$350.

"We are one of the cheapest," said Webb. But 35 to 45 transactions per year in the past have dropped to a mere handful. For example, Webb noted, this year there have been approximately six burials, adding that, "The decrease in burials began about five years ago, and it's continuing."

"Relatives need to know that we're

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