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Police seek help to apprehend murder suspect

Oregon State Police (OSP) are asking for the public's help to locate a 44-year old Josephine County resident wanted for murder in connection with a November 2013 homicide in Cave Junction. OSP detectives have been handing out information flyers in the Southern Josephine County today to help alert area citizens as they look for the wanted man.

Daniel Joseph Martinson, age 44, has a felony warrant issued for the murder of Aaron Lee Clouser, age 39, from Cave Junction. Martinson is described as a white male, 5'6", and 155 pounds. Martinson may have shaved his head and might not have facial hair as shown in the photograph provided with this release. Martinson is missing a front tooth and has a tattoo on his back of a pit bull dog with the word "Outlaw" underneath.

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Daniel J. Martinson



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

The class of 1979 celebrated its 35th reunion at McGrew's in O'Brien July 5. Julie Pope (Back, left to right), Keith Armstead, Susie Noteboom Leas, Dennis Kennedy, Jimmy Eaton, Pat Eaton, Janet Shindelar Jones, Charlene Pope, Dean Swindell, Debbie Emerson-Turley, Larry Graves, (2nd row) Karen and Gary Ellis, John Buckendahl, Shellie Mason McDowell, Cindy Gould, Lawana Oliver Gillman, Bill Thornhill, (Front) Dink Trout, Suzie Bleser Culver.

Fireworks benefit IVHS baseball, football teams

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The fireworks sales in the tents outside Ray's Shop Smart in Cave Junction and Ray's Food Place in Selma before the Fourth of July raised money to benefit the Illinois Valley High School's football and baseball teams. Provided by the nationwide company TNT Fireworks, 30 percent of local sales went directly to the teams.

"This year we raised about \$5,000 that will be split between the two teams," said IVHS Football Coach Ray Yarbrough. "It's a great fund-raiser because there is no upfront cost."

Sales were a little slow this year and Yarbrough attributes this to the extreme fire threat facing the region.

"People probably heard that fireworks were prohibited in county parks and many were understandably concerned about the dry conditions," Yarbrough said. "So, they either didn't buy fire-

works or bought less than usual. And I get it, I live here too."

The football team will use its share of proceeds to finance a scholarship fund that pays the \$100 team registration fee for students whose families cannot cover that cost. Fundraising proceeds also help cover costs for training camps and competitions over the summer, including gas, food and participation fees.

"We also use some of this money to buy high-quality helmets and shoulder pads," Yarbrough said. "Being a contact sport, we're always upgrading our equipment to make sure the kids are safe as possible."

Yarbrough added that new uniforms were purchased last year, so the team won't need to replace those for a few more years.

"We really appreciate the community support," said Yarbrough, who has served as head football coach for seven years. "There are people who don't use fireworks, but they stop by and donate money anyway."

Yarbrough added that others purchased raffle tickets for a

quilt donated by the Valley Girls Quilters. Proceeds from that raffle will benefit both the football team and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Cave Junction fireworks sale benefited both the football and baseball teams, while the Selma operation was for just the football team. Team members got involved by helping customers and also assisted in setting up displays and tearing it all down after the sale.

Last Thursday night, a thief broke into the Cave Junction tent and stole an iPod and a cell phone. A Shop Smart employee was spending the night in the tent to help provide security, but had slept through the incident.

"We feel bad for the young man who had his personal electronics stolen," Yarbrough said. "He's a former football player who works full time and is also a new dad, so he was pretty tired. He was doing a good job for us. The situation is unfortunate."

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Cave Junction has new post office, Postmaster

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Cave Junction has not only a brand new post office, but a brand new Postmaster.

Julia Deneau, a 16-year U.S. Postal Service veteran, has taken over the position left vacant when former Postmaster Arlyse DeLoyola retired last December.

Deneau served as Gold Beach's postmaster for a year and prior to that was a postal supervisor for five years in Brookings.

Deneau started her career as a rural carrier in Crescent City, California, before being promoted to supervisor in that office.

After serving as the president of the union for rural carriers in Crescent City and living in the Illinois Valley years ago, Deneau said she understands the full range of issues and challenges rural carriers potentially deal with.

"I really like it here," Deneau said. "And, I wanted to move closer to Grants Pass.

Getting closer to the I-5 makes travel easier, without having to drive through that canyon. And there's more things to do in this area."

Deneau is especially fond of the Valley.

"I've never worked in an office where customers are as friendly as they are here," Deneau said. "They always have a nice smile and say, 'Have a good day.' Everyone has been very welcoming."

People can easily meet Deneau as she's jumped right into the action and can often be found serving customers at the counter.

Deneau said that Cave Junction Post Office staff have endured a lot of stress and transitions in the past year and feels they've handled the challenges quite well.

"Everyone is looking forward to getting into the new building and settling in permanently," Deneau said. "There's a fantastic team here and everyone works together real well."

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ArtWalk features a full lineup

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Renowned regalia artist Carol Lindhorse is the Featured Artist for the July 11 Second Friday ArtWalk.

Members of the public are invited to contribute to the cost of creating new Native American regalia and also sign a birthday card for Agnes Baker Pilgrim between 5 and 8 p.m. in Cave Junction.

Illinois River Valley Arts Council will host a reception for Lindhorse at the ArtWalk Tent in the Oregon Mountain Real Estate parking lot across

from Subway. Also, all are welcome to participate in an open-mike session at that same location; either as performer or audience member.

At Taylor's Country Store, Only Natural will play their conscious, positive hip hop and Tina Christensen will show her wire-wrapped jewelry. Specials will include prime rib or mahi-mahi.

Nearby, Ravenswood Gallery will once again host fire spinners and "flow arts" in the alley. The public is invited to peruse their fine art, crystals and more.

Deborah Dawson and Michael Spring will team to "explore verbal and visual lan-

guage" with a show of Dawson's new watercolors and poetry readings by Spring at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Dos Gringos will host a retrospective of the late Lane Cosner's work and Altered States of America will perform their signature mix of Latin and world beat rhythms. Food and drink specials and the regular menu will be served.

Ashley Wissler will show a selection of her acrylics and oil paintings at the Josephine Community Library from 5 to 6:30 p.m. only.

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