

Manhunt underway after shooting

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According to John "Bud" LaRue, July 1, Joseph Sallman, his neighbor came out of his cabin and "just started spraying (bullets)." LaRue was released the same day and is recovering from two gunshot wounds. LaRue took two shots, one to the chest and the other in the back. His 4-year-old bluenose pitbull Ben was hit five times proving to be

fatal.

This all started in mid-June when LaRue, who claims Sallman was drunk and waving a gun around, took matters into own hands, along with a neighbor, by taking the gun from Sallman. After LaRue refused to give the gun back, Sallman came back with another gun which was also physically removed from Sallman.

According to LaRue, earlier in the day, July 1, Sallman came over and

apologized for the other incidents and asked for his guns back. "If you want the guns back go to the cops and they can come get them," LaRue said.

Next, according to LaRue, Sallman then went to his cabin and came out wearing a clip holder vest with the ability to hold 50 clips and an AK-47 assault rifle and started shooting. At the time, LaRue was in his truck with his dog about 25 feet away.

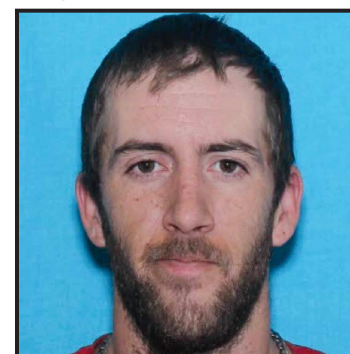
LaRue said was a miracle that no one else was injured. "He (Sallman) started shooting and even reloaded, he kept on firing; he hit my truck when I was 500 feet down Hwy. 199. If it weren't for that dog you wouldn't be talking to me, you would be writing my obituary right now instead."

But the story doesn't end there. "I was driving home that night still wearing the hospital scrubs and I looked over and there he

was." LaRue saw Sallman walking up 199 near the golf course. "I could see the gun barrel hanging below his shirt." LaRue's children oddly enough saw him at the same time. "I had my one of my kids following me heading into town and another kid was driving toward Kerby ... We had him trapped under the bridge until the cops arrived, but he eventually got away."

If you see Sallman, call 911 and do not make

contact or approach. Sallman is considered armed and dangerous.



Joseph Sallman

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Charlie Foutch enjoys a cup of coffee during the Search and Rescue training June 16 at Lake Selmac.

Often tragic, Search and Rescue play a key role

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Many local residents recall the tragedy that took place December 2006 when James and Kati Kim drove straight west from Merlin, not realizing Bear Camp Road was already closed for the season.

After nine days, James Kim left his wife and two daughters in their stranded car and attempted to hike out for help. Although his family was found and rescued, he died of exposure before he could be reached.

Following that experience, the California-Oregon Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Summer Exercise or CORSAR Summer X was created to better coordinate communications, personnel, equipment and public

assistance during major or extended search and rescue missions.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Office hosted this year's three-day Summer X at Lake Selmac County Park June 15 through 17 and the event was hailed a success.

The CORSAR group has gathered at different venues every summer for the past 10 years to formalize inter-agency relationships and enhance mutual operations. CORSAR provides resources to federal, state and local authorities to help save lives.

The gathering typically includes SAR teams from Coos, Curry, Del Norte, Douglas, Jackson, Klamath and Siskiyou counties, as well as the American Red Cross, Brim Aviation, Bureau of Land Management, Civil Air Patrol, Crater Lake National Park

Service, Oregon State Police and the U.S. Forest Service.

Hundreds of volunteers attend each year's Summer X, which includes training in various disciplines such as ATV classes, rope techniques and awareness, map and compass techniques, horse training, marine and dive rescue, ground searches, underwater drone use, regional problem-solving skills, logistics and traffic control.

Josephine County SAR volunteers donated 267 hours of labor to reduce costs for the event.

Catering was provided by the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen, which served three meals a day for each of the three days.

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Two CJ men charged in armed bank heist

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According to the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety (GPDPS) Jade Charlton Yandell and Cedar Raymond Jerome Yandell were arrested in conjunction with Banner Bank armed robbery, located at 1689 Williams Hwy. in Grants Pass.

A press release stated that June 26, "officers were advised that a male suspect with a mask entered the bank and demanded cash before fleeing as a passenger in a black and white pickup," which were later identified as the Yandell brothers. Officers searched the area but did not locate the vehicle or suspects.

Jade Yandell was arrested June 27, when officers from the Medford Police Department observed Jade Yandell walking near Coker Butte Road and Crater Lake Hwy. Jade Yandell was subsequently detained without incident. Detectives from the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety were contacted and responded to Medford to continue their investigation.

As a result of additional investigation, detectives confirmed Jade Yandell is the suspect who went inside Banner Bank in possession of a firearm and robbed the bank. He was arrested at approximately noon the same day. Jade Yandell is currently detained at the Josephine County Jail for robbery 1, theft 1 and felon in possession of a firearm.

In addition, according to the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office, Jade Yandell is now a suspect in the June 14 robbery of Happy Camp's Scott Valley Bank.

Cedar Yandell was arrested outside the home of a former girlfriend in Grants Pass June 28, without incident. After further investigation it was determined that Cedar Yandell was the driver of the "getaway" vehicle. Cedar Yandell was charged with robbery 1, theft 1 and felon in possession of a firearm.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact GPDPS detective Ryan Brown at 541-450-6260.

City navigates the tepid waters of social media

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City Councilor Lindsey Gillette is spearheading an effort to set up a social media presence, specifically Facebook, for the city so that citizens will have another avenue of communication with their local government. According to Daniel Dalegowski, mayor, the council is unanimously in support of the effort.

"Most of it would be content like announcements that are already in the newspaper or on our website," Gillette said. However, the process is not as easy as it would first appear and there is some tricky technical work that must be done to be in compliance with Oregon law.

"Oregon state law is pretty strict about public records retention," Dalegowski explained, "Any document that can be construed as a document, written text of any kind, that's created in the course of a public body doing work; have to be retained for five years." Dalegowski noted that Facebook board history is not deemed reliable enough for state law and must also be stored in a database. Because of this, the council investigated software services that would actively record all posts and comments but Dalegowski said that he's decided it's cost prohibitive.

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A proposed BLM sale is ruffling some feathers. Opponents question the reasons for one of the largest sales in recent history.

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