

Josephine County Crime Briefs:

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A male transient Floyd Greenlee Jr. and his three-legged dog Bonnie are in custody after the man turned his handicapped, but vicious dog loose on another person in Cave Junction April 29. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office reports deputies responded to the incident in the 25,000-block of Redwood Highway Sunday at 5:05 p.m.. The unidentified victim had called 911 to report the male transient Greenlee turned his dog loose on him and the canine bit him severely. It was unclear in the sheriff's log whether the victim required medical attention. Deputies said they caught up to Greenlee and Bonnie a short time later, placing both into custody. The Greenlee was detained in the Josephine County Jail on charges of felony 2nd-degree assault and maintaining a dangerous animal. Bonnie was impounded by Animal Control officers.

The Josephine County Sheriff's Office apprehended two female fugitives April 28 during separate traffic stops in the Illinois Valley. The sheriff's office reports the first incident occurred when deputies pulled over a Dodge van with Nevada plates driven by 37-year-old Cynthia Sisemore in the 33,000-block of Redwood Highway April 28 at 12:27 p.m.. Deputies they stopped Sisemore because of expired registration tags on the van and they soon learned that she was driving while suspended and without insurance. She was also wanted on a Grants Pass warrant for possession of methamphetamine and possession of hydrocodone. The second incident happened when deputies pulled over a Subaru sedan driven by 27-year-old Brittany Martin

near milepost 25 of U.S. Highway 199 April 28 shortly after 4 p.m.. Deputies said they stopped Martin for speeding and learned that she was driving while suspended and without insurance. A records check showed she was wanted on a Santa Barbara County, California, fugitive warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and drug possession.

A Cave Junction man with a long record of wrong doing was sentenced this week to serve one year in the Josephine County Jail. Thursday Circuit Court Judge Suzanne M. Upton handed 37-year-old Justin Lee Kennedy a 12-month sentence after he pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of heroin.

Truancy ...

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Meeting frequenters Judy Erins, Larry Ford and Joseph Rice all spoke during the public hearing to express their opposition to the ordinance, claiming, among other things, that the county will not be able to enforce the legislation and that the school district needs to take different tactics regarding the reduction of truancy. Rice in particular gave a scathing review of 2019-004, stating that giving law enforcement additional privileges in enforcing truancy laws opens up the potential for abuse of the legislation.

Morgan was quick to point out during the commissioners' comments that 2019-004 does not, in fact, give any jurisdiction an increased ability to combat truancy. The only significant change will be that, when before juvenile justice and law enforcement agents could only cite parents of truant youth, if the ordinance passes, the youths themselves can be petitioned and overseen by enforcing agencies.

Administrative actions were tackled following the public hearing, the sole item under this section of the agenda being a contract between the county and Pressure Point Roofing for services rendered to the fairgrounds arena roof. Morgan pointed out that the cost to the county in this exchange will be \$246,945, which was raised through grants and donations, the Rotary Club being a significant organization that donated.

During citizen commentary, the same three individuals who spoke during the public hearing got reacquainted with the microphone and used their three minutes to speak on topics that are personal to them. Erins reminded the board and

the audience by association that the National Day of Prayer is May 2 and encouraged them to take advantage of it; Rice pleaded with the county to help resolve an issue he's had at his residence involving two unlicensed bed & breakfasts allegedly tripling commercial traffic on his road and leading to speeding and confrontations with neighbors; Ford encouraged the audience to reflect on the progress Josephine County has made in terms of infrastructure and commerce in recent years.

Following citizen commentary was approval of the board's consent calendar, which consisted of several events, listed here:

- a. Minutes from county functions
- b. Resolution No. 2019-019; In the matter of proclaiming the position of the Board of Commissioners related to the prevention and suppression of wildfires in Josephine County
- c. Task Order No. 6 between Josephine County Airports and Precision Approach Engineering for resilience assessment planning services
- d. Order No. 2019-018; In the matter of acceptance of Hudson Lane as a county-maintained road
- e. Economic development request for an airport capital grant match

The consent calendar was approved unanimously.

As always, the meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com. Simply type 'josephine county' into the website's search box to gain access to every single word that was spoken during the session, which clocked in around one hour and 20 minutes. In addition, meeting agendas, ordinances, and the Josephine County Code can be accessed at co.josephine.or.us, so make sure to check that out if you have internet access.

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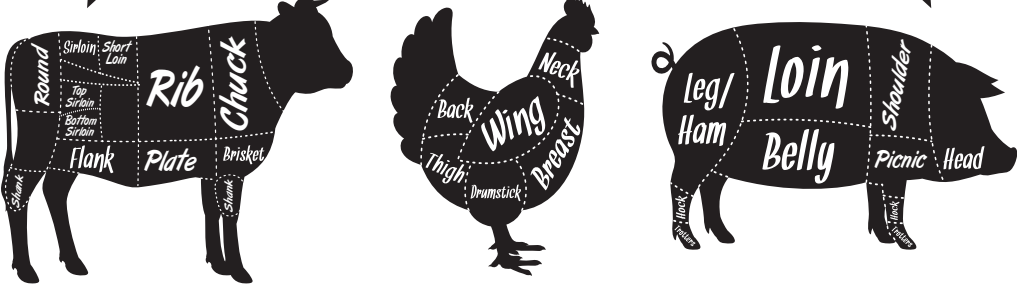
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