

Tales from the Police Blotter

Monday, March 15

*A driver who typically tailgates and speeds in the vicinity of Deer Creek Road was doing it again, according to another driver at 7:12 p.m.

*During a traffic stop on Watkins Street, a boy, 17, was warned for failure to use headlights, having an obstructed windshield, and cautioned about his driving habits.

*An alarm at 7:56 p.m. in the Siskiyou Project building in the 9000 block of Takilma Road was found to have been caused by a dog inside.

Tuesday, March 16

*At 3:19 a.m. a woman on Schumacher Street said she had been shot in the back with a nail gun. However she refused medical assistance and had no marks or injuries to indicate she had been struck by anything.

*North of the Selma Post Office at 8:35 a.m., an apparently intoxicated man standing on the fog line of the highway aroused concern. The man fled from the responding deputy, and disappeared into the brush.

*Someone damaged a vending machine in Kerby by removing the change compartment, a man said at 9:10 a.m.

*Unknown persons (as yet) cut locks to gain access to a trailer parked in a ministorage compound in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Sometime the previous night, a "for sale" vehicle which had been parked at a business in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy. was stolen.

*A woman said two men were walking down her neighbor's driveway on Pinewood Way at 11:05 a.m., but her neighbors were not at home. It was logged for patrol info.

*At 1:36 p.m. at the sheriff's substation in CJ, a man said his son had taken a check from him and forged his signature for \$296 to Pacific Power.

*Southbound on Redwood Hwy. near Selma at 4:52 p.m., a woman said a man was driving erratically, attempting to pass on the right and left, pulling off and then on the road and nearly running her off the road. When stopped near Cave Junction, the man said the woman attempted to "initiate a road rage" incident with him. It was unfounded as a crime.

*On Iron Way, a woman said a man came on her property, jumping up and down and threatening her. He then pushed his way through her door. She wanted it logged for infor-

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HAVING A BALL— During halftime warm-ups in Ken Mann Memorial Gym at Illinois Valley High School, one young spectator decided to join the action. The game, between IVHS staff, and current and former students, was held to benefit the girls softball team. It was reported that the score was 70-70. (Go figure).

Deer Creek landscape plan studied

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and concerns within the planning area including social, forest health, streams, and wildlife. The key issue that will be addressed is the risk of high-intensity wildfire within the wildland/urban interface that has the potential to damage public and private property, fragment wildlife habitat, and threaten landowner safety.

"There were a lot of concerns about areas around hiking trails," said BLM's Pat Murray.

People want to make sure vegetation is managed

to reduce fuels and fire hazard.

While BLM does not yet have specific project proposals or estimated cost, treatments for the area are likely to include a mix of tree harvest and removal. Also prescribed burning, young stand development treatments such as thinning or brushing, road renovation, culvert replacement, mechanical fuels treatments, and riparian stream enhancements.

"Hopefully, when we look at the comments and feedback on the questionnaires we've provided, we can take exactly what resi-

dents have said and turn it into meaningful stuff we can use to help make planning decisions," said Jossie.

A questionnaire designed to focus input to specifics that would be most useful to the planning team is available on the Grants Pass Resource Area website at www.or.blm.gov/medford/.

For more information regarding this or other BLM landscape projects, contact Jossie at (541) 618-2303 or project team leader Frank Hooper at (541) 618-2390.

Biscuit Fire recovery consensus ...

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extolled the benefits of natural, "hands-off" recovery for burned areas, David Hill, a representative of Southern Oregon Timber Industry Association averred that the choice must be made between "removing some trees to reduce the risk of fire, or do(ing) nothing and watch it all burn."

Those attending were divided into small groups where they were asked to listen compassionately to one another as group members expressed hopes and concerns raised within them by the panel. Reactions, discussion and judgment were discouraged, and each participant was given a few minutes to express their feelings about the Biscuit recovery.

While the forum was intended to build community consensus from divergent points of view, in fact the majority of the partici-

pants were of a similar mind with respect to recovery efforts.

Largely absent from the proceeding were timber industry workers and others who might benefit from jobs and resources produced from a concerted salvage effort.

"By and large, the logging community is not present," noted Marilyn Mooshie. Several other persons noted the absence, though most spoke hopefully of a compromise which would strike a balance between conservation and natural recovery on the one hand, and timber-

industry jobs and economic interests in the valley on the other.

"Why were we in these small group discussions?" asked valleyite Chuck Jacobs. "We were speaking to the choir. And there was no one listening who would go from here to make decisions."

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*Waikiki chicken, Oriental blend vegetables, spinach romaine salad, honey wheat roll, birthday cake

'Fritz' Mondale to speak at Spring Fling in Selma

Former Vice President Walter F. "Fritz" Mondale will be among those attending a Spring Fling and grand opening at The Selma Center.

The event on Sunday, May 2 also will feature Joan Mondale, "partner and friend of 'Fritz'." She also is known as "Joan of Art" for her internationally recognized leadership in the art world, according to an announcement.

Also featured will be Les AuCoin, former Oregon 1st District congress-

man. He now is a political science professor at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, and a National Public Radio commentator.

There will be live music and opportunities to bring questions to the three guests. Written questions can be left at The Selma Center (the former Selma Elementary School), or mailed to 18255 Redwood Hwy., Selma OR 97538.

For questions or reservations, phone 415-1000, or email selmacenter@earthlink.net.

I.V. Fire district approves new harassment policy

A new policy to help prevent harassment within the workplace was approved during an Illinois Valley Fire District Board meeting Thursday, night, April 8 in Cave Junction City Hall.

Commenting on the need for the new policy, Chief Harry Rich said, "As a risk manager, I won't put up with harassment in the workplace. I felt the need

to implement this policy because we didn't have one in place to protect our volunteers."

The policy will go into effect immediately and applies to all district fire volunteers including board members. Volunteers, new and old, will now be required to sign the policy in order to work or continue working for the district.

-Shane Welsh

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