

Goin' with the flow, septic business cleans up

Many Illinois Valley property owners have a septic tank to maintain, although if all is flowing smoothly, it's unlikely that the system is thought of often.

The tanks aren't maintenance-free, however. To ensure proper function, accumulated solids must be removed every three to six years, depending on the tank size and number of users.

If a tank becomes too full, solid waste flows into the drainfield rather than settling out, clogging the drain pipes and leading to a failure. Furthermore, extensive rain can cause sewage lines to back up if the tank is in need of pumping.

For routine maintenance or emergencies, Joel Perkins and Ken Stern, co-owners of Outback Septic Service, are the valley's go-to guys in the

septic field.

"There are a fair number of 'emergency' calls in this business," Perkins said.

"You know what I mean if you've ever had sewage backing up into your house," he said with a certain smile.

Business, by its nature, keeps flowing.

Perkins recommends having tanks serviced before wet weather sets in, as his heavy pumper truck does not have four-wheel drive.

"My truck got stuck three times last year," Perkins said. "When the ground is too soft, slick or steep I can't get the truck in."

House-guests can overtax a tank that's overdue for service, creating big problems quickly -- and at the worst possible time.

Perkins recalls having been called about a house

where sewage was backing up during a wedding, due to the number of people using the facilities.

"Unfortunately for them, the home was in Talent," Perkins said.

"We service only Illinois Valley, and we love it," he said, noting that he and his wife, Laura, grew up here.

"If it has been five years or longer since you last pumped your septic tank," Perkins said, "now is the time to set an appointment, especially with the rainy season."

The cost to pump a 1,000-gallon tank with an exposed lid is \$300. To dig and expose the lid there is a minimum charge of \$50. There is an additional fee of \$100, in the event of an emergency call.

Phone Outback Septic at 592-6307.

Road rage results in injury to Merlin man

No arrests have been made pending investigation into a road rage incident that resulted in a pedestrian suffering major injuries, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS).

Drivers were identified as Duane Ogden, 19, and Michael Molea, 46, both of Grants Pass.

Police said that the incident occurred at 6:57 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at Seventh and Savage streets. Both

vehicles were reported speeding on Seventh and swerving in and out of the lanes, said GPDPS.

At a red light it appears that Molea and his passenger, Monty Campbell, 48, of Merlin, got out of the sedan and began confronting those in Ogden's pickup truck, said GPDPS. When the light turned green, it added, Ogden turned left onto Savage and struck Campbell, who was walking around the

front of the pickup.

Campbell suffered major injuries and was taken by American Medical Response to Three Rivers Community Hospital. Oregon State Police assisted investigation of the collision.

No arrests or citations have been issued pending further investigation by GPDPS. Anyone who witnessed the incident, or who has information about it, is asked to phone 474-6370.

Grants Pass firefighters handle two a.m. calls

Two structure fires in the city of Grants Pass Friday morning, Jan. 5 damaged two dwellings.

Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS) units responded to a 1:25 a.m. call in the 900 block of S.W. Cottonwood Street. One occupant awake at the time exited the building upon seeing

heavy smoke and flames. That person awaked another occupant who also safely evacuated.

One person was transported by American Medical Response and treated for smoke inhalation. There were no smoke detectors in the residence.

A second fire was re-

ported at 5:23 a.m. in the 500 block of N.W. D Street. Upon arrival it was noted that smoke was coming from the rear of the building, and a smoke alarm could be heard.

The occupant was home, but refused to open the door. GPDPS police officers forced entry to the dwelling and removed the occupant.

Tales from the Police Blotter

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Blotter' is provided by official law enforcement agencies. All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Wednesday, Dec. 27

*Between 2:30 and 3 a.m. someone using public telephones in Downtown Cave Junction phoned 911 a few times and then disconnected.

*At 3 a.m. an intoxicated man at a public telephone on W. Watkins Street said that a band of "kids" assaulted him every time he stepped away from the telephone. He said that the teenagers, who had been hiding in bushes, were coming toward him, and he hung up.

*Overnight theft of a notebook computer, passports and two wallets from unlocked vehicles on Reeves Creek Road was reported at 8:30 a.m.

*On Reeves Creek Road a Country music lover reported theft of eight CDs in a soft case from her unlocked vehicle.

*One person was taken by American Medical Response after a motor vehicle accident on Redwood Hwy. at Lister Street at 2:38 p.m. Darryl N. Pate, 68, was cited on a charge of failure to obey a traffic control device.

*Criminal mischief was reported at a manufacturer in Kerby where a truck body had been spray painted.

Thursday, Dec. 28

*Theft of city water service at a residence on S. Old Stage Road was reported after someone tampered with a locked meter.

*A property owner on S. Old Stage Road was concerned about kids who often climb the fence to trespass on his property.

*On June Drive a woman said that her neighbor was shouting at her and calling her vulgar names.

*Just after 10 p.m. a Cave Junction woman reported that a red laser was following her throughout her house. She suspected that neighbor children might be responsible, but they denied it.

Friday, Dec. 29

*A 20-year-old man in a gray sweater and white pants was reported wandering in and out of traffic in the 100 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at quarter to 2 p.m.

*Steven P. Campion, 31, was cited on a charge of

violating a restraining order in the 7000 block of Holland Loop.

*Theft of license plates from a farm vehicle was reported on Deer Creek Road.

*Several teen-aged persons were seen striking Downtown CJ businesses with what looked like pipes. They also seemed about to start breaking windows when they were chased away at 9:36 p.m. One eye-witness noted that the windshield of her vehicle had been smashed.

*No problem was discovered after an alarm at BiMor tobacco outlet at 11 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30

*Two hot light bulbs valued at \$14 apiece were stolen from their fixtures, said a witness who saw three men push a ladder against the "Illinois Valley News" office around midnight.

*Just after 1 p.m. the owner of a Downtown CJ restaurant said that he'd been assaulted by a man who poked him in the chest, and then hung around to make obscene gestures.

*Back for more, a restaurateur's assailant returned at 3:38 p.m., and struck him with one of his fists. Both parties were said to have reached a civil compromise.

*Golfers at Illinois Valley Laurel Pines Golf Course were being shot at, it was reported at 2:25 p.m. and it was thought that neighbor kids did it.

*Bullets went whizzing through the trees near his home, said a Lakeshore

Drive resident around 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31

*David J. Parker, 47, was cited on two charges of second-degree burglary and second-degree criminal mischief after a locked camper on Takilma Road was reported entered, damaged and items stolen from it.

*After hearing a loud "bang" near the end of her driveway a White Oak Drive resident saw a woman leaning out of a pickup truck, vomiting. Soon the male driver of the truck was racing up and down the road, and investigating further, the resident noticed her mailbox had been smashed.

*A Kerby woman reported finding a disemboweled cat in her driveway.

*Two presumed intoxicated men were staggering onto Lakeshore Drive, causing traffic to swerve, a caller said at 1:22 p.m.

*The care-taker of a property in the 9000 block of Takilma Road apprehended a man who had torn plywood from the side of a cabin to gain entry, it was reported at 3:30 p.m.

*In the matter of a right-of-way dispute a woman on O'Brien Road said that peo-

ple had trespassed on her property and threatened her.

*His neighbor on Queen of Bronze Road was firing some kind of weapon, a man told a 911 call-taker, who noted hearing the shots over the phone.

Monday, Jan. 1

*The start of a New Year halted crime?

Tuesday, Jan. 2

*A Caves Hwy. woman said that her ex-boyfriend had been seen driving past her residence in different vehicles.

*Following an altercation with his mother on Lakeshore Drive, a young man was transported to Three Rivers Community Hospital after making un-specific suicide threats.

*A panhandler was making himself unwelcome in front of Shop Smart Food Warehouse at 2 p.m., and he'd been run off.

*On Reeves Creek Road, a reported stolen vehicle was located down an embankment.

*Said to be intoxicated, a pedestrian walked into traffic on Redwood Hwy. near Speedy Mart and was struck by a car. No citations were issued.

*An incident of domestic violence was reported on S. Junction Avenue, but the assailant left while the victim was at a neighbor's residence phoning 911.

*An intoxicated man was said to be causing a disturbance with family members on Holland Loop at 8:48 p.m.

*Because of the continuous traffic at all times, and what sounded like a "shoot-out" going on at 9:46 p.m., a caller suspected a Burch Drive residence of being connected to drug dealing.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

*While patrolling Illi-

nois River "Forks" State Park at 12:30 a.m. a small campfire was discovered. Also a man was contacted and warned about park hours.

*Subway employees complained about a man who kept entering the employee-only part of the store. He was warned regarding trespassing.

*Warned about trespassing earlier, a man was back at Subway with a protest sign, the owner reported at 1:30 p.m.

*An attempt to break into the snack shack at Jubilee Park resulted in a broken lock.

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