

Boice OSP Trooper of the Quarter

An Oregon State Police trooper assigned to the Central Point Area Command Office was recognized this week for his exceptional work, when he was announced as recipient of the “Trooper of the Quarter” award.

The OSP Patrol Services Division honors an OSP trooper from one of three regions each quarter of the calendar year. This award recognizes achievements for

the first quarter of 2008.

Trooper Brandon Boice, 31, is a 7 1/2-year OSP veteran assigned to the Central Point Area Command since joining OSP in 2000.

“Trooper Boice’s passion for arresting the impaired driver is evident by his consistently high number of DUII arrests each year,” said Lt. Brian Powers, area commander for the Central Point Patrol Office. He specifically noted several examples of

Boice’s dedication to transportation safety and his community during the quarter:

- *Arrested 34 impaired drivers.
- *Served as a member of the OSP SWAT Team.
- *Served as a training officer to several new recruits.

Boice is the second member of the Central Point Area Command to receive this award since its inception in 2002.

Traffic stop on I-5 nets \$50,000+

Two men were arrested by Oregon State Police on Interstate 5 on Thursday, Aug. 14 at approximately 8:45 a.m. after a traffic stop during which more than \$50,000 cash was located.

The two in the car were identified as the driver, Danny Paul Nguyen, 28, from Beaverton; and Tri Cao Nguyen, 27, from Tigard.

They were arrested and lodged in Douglas County Jail on a charge of money laundering. Personnel from OSP and the Drug Enforcement Administration are continuing the investigation.

The case began when an OSP senior trooper stopped a 2008 Honda Accord displaying a California temporary license on I-5 approximately

14 miles north of Sutherlin. The stop was made for following too close and exceeding the maximum speed limit.

Subsequent investigation led to the seizure of more than \$50,000 in cash. A drug detection canine from the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office was deployed and assisted in seizure of the cash. No drugs were reported found.

Suspect held in hit-and-run six pack

A Grants Pass man is charged with six counts of failure to leave his name at the scene of a crash, and driving under the influence of intoxicants after an early morning incident on Monday, Aug. 18.

The suspect, who was taken to Josephine County Jail, is identified tentatively as Roberto Rodriguez Orozco,

27, said Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety (GPDPS). Besides the charges listed above, he also is charged with:

- Reckless driving, first-degree criminal mischief, and failure to submit to a breath test.

GPDPS said that several 911 calls were received around 3:41 a.m. from the area of N.E. D Street. Callers

reported a small pickup truck colliding with parked vehicles. City officers responded, and a county deputy located the suspect truck in the area.

Anyone in the area of N.E. D and Beacon Drive who has witness information or incurred vehicle damage can phone 474-6370. Assistance from the sheriff’s office is appreciated, said GPDPS.

Harvest Kitchen lunches halt temporarily

Harvest Kitchen, one of the programs that provides free lunches to all comers in Cave Junction, is closed until Monday, Sept. 8.

Operated by volunteers using St. Matthias Episcopal Church facilities, the community service will resume with its hours listed as 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

“We have been serving an average of 120 to 140 meals per week,” said Linda Butler, coordinator. “We have a slate of 10 volunteers who give their time to prepare and serve the meals.

“Many churches and individuals in the community provide financial support and donate food,” she said. “We do not serve only the ‘transient’ population, as can

be seen from the number of people we serve.

“Most of our patrons are not homeless, but just do not have enough money to get through the month without help,” Butler said.

She added that although there has been vandalism at the site, the principle reason for the temporary closure is to provide a summer break for the volunteers.

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.)

Thursday, Aug. 7

- *Two people were advised about Illinois River “Forks” State Park hours at 12:22 a.m.
- *In Downtown Cave Junction near River Street between 2 and 3 a.m., two teen-aged boys were warned about violating curfew and not wearing appropriate bicycle helmets.
- *On W. Watkins Street, Troy Craig King, 26, was cited to appear on a warrant charging second-degree criminal mischief.
- *A foreman for Pacific Power said that a man on Happy Camp Road was causing trouble for his tree-trimming crew. The man stated that he had a problem with Pacific Power driving through the tall, dry grass and too near his animals.
- *Theft of a vacuum cleaner and “some movies” from a Kerby Street residence was reported.
- *Near Snailback Trailhead out Illinois River Road, minor in possession of alcohol citations were issued to Zachary Pagnotta, 20; Lefegai Tausaga, 20; Adam Miller, 19; and Matthew Nolan, 16.
- *Joseph S. Powell, 29, was cited on a charge of failure to wear a seatbelt in the 6000 block of Illinois River Road.
- *A chainsaw and other tools were reported stolen from a storage shed on Forest

Creek Road.

- *Edward J. Burdette, 39, was cited on a charge of failure to carry proof of insurance. He also was warned for having expired registration, and his vehicle was impounded.
- *Near the green bridge out Eight Dollar Mountain Road a woman said that an older man entered her campsite and stared at her.
- *Amber Lynn Lee, 19; and Tess Elizabeth Hartman, 20, were cited on minor in possession of alcohol charges after deputies contacted them during a bar check at the Junction Inn.
- *Several people were seen running from Jubilee Park toward the LDS Church next door at 11:41 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 8**
- *(Sorry, the reporter didn’t get the logs for today).
- Saturday, Aug. 9**
- *A newspaper delivery person was contacted because he was stopped facing opposing traffic on Hwy. 199 at 3:20 a.m.
- *It was reported that an intoxicated and uncooperative man attempted to leave Shop Smart Food Warehouse with an entire cart full of goods, for which he had not paid. He was detained. No shoplifting (third-degree theft) charges were filed, but Jade Charleton Yandell, 18, was cited on a charge of fourth-degree domestic assault in connection with another incident, and “trespassed” from the store.
- Sunday, Aug. 10**
- *Three people were seen chasing another man in Downtown Cave Junction at 1:47 a.m. The man being chased claimed not to know his assailants, and declined to press charges.

- *Jonathon Michael Arvallo, 23, was cited on a charge of damaging government property at Iron Ring Campground on Illinois River Road.
- *While waiting to meet a real estate agent in the 27000 block of Redwood Hwy., a man said, he was confronted by a woman who threatened to shoot him and told her dog to chase him. He left, presumably without seeing the property.
- Monday Aug. 11**
- *Damage to a vacant residence on Briar Lane was reported.
- *Some 250 methadone pills and \$500 cash were reported stolen from a Caves Hwy. residence.
- *A 14-year-old girl was reported as runaway juvenile person from O’Brien.
- *Traffic on Hwy. 199 through Kerby was reduced to one lane around 6 p.m. as an intoxicated woman was extricated from some roadside bushes into which she’d fallen after becoming unconscious. American Medical Response took her to a hospital.
- *A Deer Creek Road resident said that people were trespassing on his property and damaging a creek bed by driving in it.
- Tuesday, Aug. 12**
- *In violation of a restraining order a man keeps turning up at a N. Old Stage Road residence, according to a young woman.
- *Upset that a pawn shop wouldn’t buy a spray gun he was offering, a man became agitated and started to “go crazy.” He finally left, and the door was locked behind him.
- *Theft of some \$1,700 worth of cigarettes from a storage shed behind CJ 76



An electrical line fell and sparked a small brush-fire on Laurel Road near Rail Lane on Thursday, Aug. 14. Illinois Valley Fire District and Oregon Dept. of Forestry responded. Two homes were without power temporarily, and the road was closed to tall vehicles until the line was repaired by Pacific Power. It was unknown why the line fell. (Photo by *Illinois Valley News*)

Grants Pass, firefighters agree to contract

The collective bargaining agreement between the city of Grants Pass and the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 3564 was to expire Dec. 31, 2008; and parties were scheduled to begin contract negotiations last month.

The city of Grants Pass and the Local said that they “are pleased to announce an agreement has been reached to extend the current labor agreement until Dec. 31, 2009. A Memorandum of Understanding has been authorized by the city council and executed by the city manager.

This extends the existing cost-of-living increases, with no changes to base pay, benefits or changes in working conditions.

Said Michael Fazio, president of the IAFF group, “The Grants Pass firefighters

see this contract extension as an act of good faith, in order to further strengthen the relationship between labor and management, acknowledging common goals, and looking to the future as we continue to meet the challenges of best

serving the citizens of Grants Pass.”

The city of Grants Pass issued a statement that it “is pleased to have the opportunity to achieve this goal, given the current state of the economy.”

WIC gains bux for nutrition study

Oregon has been awarded \$20,000 for one year to develop concept papers on revitalizing quality nutrition services in the WIC (Women/Infants/Children) program.

WIC serves to safeguard the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing nutritious foods to supplement diets, information on healthy eating, and referrals to health care. More than 8 million people nationally obtain WIC benefits each month.

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