

Tales from the Police Blotter

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Wednesday, April 7

*Theft of a pump from a pumphouse at a vacant residence on Pinewood Way was reported. The owners live in California.

Friday, April 9

*What appeared to be an ill-fed horse was reported in the 28000 block of Hwy. 199 by someone who cares.

*Illinois River Road out to McCaleb Boy Scout Ranch was checked around 8 a.m., followed by checks at a number of other countryside sites including Grayback Camp, Oregon Caves National Monument, Waldo Lookout and Page Mtn. Sno-Park.

*Someone was cited at the snow park for not having a parking permit.

*"Because of animal problems" (dogs), an assault occurred on Hogue Drive. One person was warned about harassment and "trespassed."

*On Millie Street, Lucas Vance Tillett, date of birth not listed, was arrested under a warrant from Del Norte County in California, and taken to Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass pending extradition.

*No injuries were reported in a two-vehicle crash on Hwy. 199 and Eight Dollar Mtn. Road. Drivers were identified as Rene Ernest Eichmann, 20; and Cristy Lynn Brehm, 31.

*Some people in O'Brien had a problem, and a fight was reported, but it was determined that no crime had been committed.

*Some people in Selma had a problem, including a methamphetamine user, and someone threatening to kill a woman and her children.

*Neighbors on Patton Bar Road were worried about a man living in his van.

*Harassment was reported on Hogue Drive.

*Harassment was reported in Kerby.

*A boy, 16, was listed as a runaway juvenile person from Selma. His mother thinks that a neighbor might be supplying him with marijuana.

*More harassment was reported in Selma.

*Various warnings were spoken to people driving cars. A couple of guys were warned about speeding.

*A mentally ill person, but no evidence of a crime, was logged from Selma.

Saturday, April 10

*Following a car crash shortly prior to 1 a.m. on Lau-

rel Road, a long-haired man ran from the scene. It was discovered that the car had been stolen.

*Deputies responding at 8:16 a.m. to Lakeshore Drive were warned that a man involved could be a threat to them. However, no crime was found, although a complainant had claimed violation of a restraining order.

*People camping along Briggs Valley Road were advised of their driving status, and the tow statute.

*Subsequent to the preceding incident, Jacob Lee James Tiffin, 35, was arrested on a charge of probation violation and taken to county jail in Grants Pass.

*Numerous areas of the valley were patrolled by eagle-eyed deputies.

*On Eight Dollar Mtn. Road, a man was warned about no front license plate, no mud flaps and no fender flares.

*At Oregon Caves Chateau around 1:36 p.m., a deputy patrolled on foot.

*On Eight Dollar Mt. Road, Bruce Edward Perry, 66, was cited to appear on a charge of possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana.

*Extra patrol was requested in the 500 block of S. Hwy. 199 because of what the complainant described as transients walking across private property.

*A man said that when he asked two juvenile persons to stop riding their non-street legal quads in the vicinity of Hanby and Burgundy lanes, they became hostile.

*Two carloads "full of teen-agers" near a Downtown Cave Junction bar were the subject of a complaint of disorderly conduct, as they (gasp) were yelling at each other. Then they left.

*Approximately an hour later, around 8 p.m., some of the yellers were contacted in CJ, and it was found that one guy had been arguing with a girl's boyfriend. Something like that.

*A traffic complaint possibly involving a drunk was checked in Cave Junction.

Sunday, April 11

*At the base of Hay's Hill or the top, depending on who phoned shortly after midnight, two cars crashed, with black ice listed as the prob. One car was on its side; the other on its wheels. Both drivers refused medical attention after getting out of the cars without help.

Monday, April 12

*Near the north end of Draper Valley Road on Hwy. 199, Animal Control responded because of an injured dog reported by a kindly trucker. Traffic was hampered for a time.

*Near the Selma Post Of-

fice at 10 a.m., a man was warned about yielding the right-of-way.

*In the Eight Dollar Mtn. Road area, a deputy checked for stuff. Later, the Page Mtn. Sno-Park and Illinois River Forks State Park were checked. And later, Lake Selmac got checked.

*People on Warren Road had a civil matter about an easement dispute.

*On S. Junction Avenue, a device called an arm bar was used to guide an uncooperative boy, 12, to the floor for handcuffing. He was said to have violated probation for his behavior at school this day. He was taken to the Juvenile Justice Center in Grants Pass.

*A Kerby mother reported her daughter, 13, as a runaway juvenile person.

*In rural Cave Junction a woman said that she feared for her life because a restraining order had been lifted.

*There was concern by a resident on N. Sawyer Avenue because of a possible drunk man with dreadlocks standing in the middle of the street staring at the resident's home. The man was gone when a deputy arrived.

*On S. Hussey Avenue a woman wanted another woman "trespassed," as she doesn't want her around her daughter.

Tuesday, April 13

*Around 9 a.m. a deputy conducted area checks in the Eight Dollar Mtn. Road vicinity and environs.

*On Holland Loop at 8:15 a.m., a woman was worried about a man who seemed bent on harassment.

*Despite a report of an abandoned auto on Hays Cut Off Road, such was not the case, a deputy discovered.

*Some sort of landlord/tenant dispute prompted a call from a woman on N. Caves Avenue about three guys with a trailer, but all was well, and no crime was noted.

*During an 11:39ish area check in the 300 block of Happy Camp Road, a deputy noted the license plates of three parked vehicles.

*There was a report from a woman on W. Stevenson Street that a man leaped over her fence, ran through her yard, and kept moving.

*When a deputy checked a vehicle on Briggs Valley Road, he found a note inside, reading that the owner was working in the area, and that the car was not abandoned.

*The area of Oregon Caves National Monument, some 19 miles east of Cave Junction, underwent an area check around 1:18 p.m. Numerous other valley areas also were checked.

*Catherine Lenore Putney, 66, was cited on a charge of

violation of the basic rule (VBR)/speeding, 38 mph in a 25 mph zone, near Illinois Valley Senior Center.

*Following a traffic stop involving Cedar Raymond Jerome Yandell, 26, a report was pending on driving while suspended.

*Kaleigh Rose Morlan, 19, was warned about no front license plate and no mud flaps near milepost 29 of Hwy. 199 at 4:13 p.m.

*While walking with her service dog on Hussey Avenue, a woman said, someone loosed a black dog that became aggressive to the complainant's animal. The woman added that the other dog owner said that he didn't care about the leash law.

*Some sort of restraining order situation was logged from Crooks Creek Road.

*Allegations involving "threat of harm" at a residence on Waldo Road were received from the state Dept. of Human Services, but no law enforcement was necessary "at this time."

*A woman on Laurel Road, who is armed, said that her landlord, also armed, is "demanding sexual favors for rent." And "weird noises" were reported.

*Valley emergency personnel tried to find a staggering man, possibly intoxicated, at E. River Street and N. Junction Avenue, but no patient was located. Later, it was found that the man has "prior medical issues."

*Among locales checked around 7:30 p.m. was Six Mile Campground, 8.75 miles off Illinois River Road. And two men underwent field interrogations at Store Gulch Campground.

*There was a Laurel Road landlord/tenant dispute.

*A landslide was partially blocking Eight Dollar Mtn. Road near mile 3.5.

Tax Day Tea Party

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the chance to speak, Casanelli said, by "ludicrous time restraints" put on them during commission meetings. She said that members of the press are not being properly notified of public meetings and being banned from executive (closed to the public) sessions.

After her speech, Casanelli distributed copies of the Bill of Rights to members of the crowd.

Damon Mancuso, chairman of the area chapter of the John Birch Society, said that the Tea Party movement is "definitely growing."

"We are witnessing the destruction of our republic," Mancuso said. "We're about to lose our country, folks."

He emphasized the importance of states' rights, noting that county sheriffs have authority over their jurisdictions that federal authorities cannot supersede.

Jack Brown spoke as chairman of the Constitution Party of Oregon. He also is a candidate for county commissioner Position 1.

"Government is like a drug," Brown said. "We've got to break the habit."

He led a series of chants, in which the audience was asked to say "No" to more taxes, regulation, bureaucrats, government spending and "unconstitutional laws."

"Until you do that, you're going to get more," Brown said.

Bob Just, a self-declared "Reagan Democrat" who co-hosts a radio show on Medford station KDOV, said that he doesn't normally go to political events.

"I don't think this rally is political," Just said.

With the "pivotal" November election some seven

months away, Just said, "now is the time to work" to get the right candidates elected. He asked the crowd how much time they are willing to invest during the next few months to save the nation.

Just said that the Tea Party movement is the best "hope for the country." He added that what the government gives, it can also take away.

"Your rights don't come from government, they come from God," Just said.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Sizemore said that we are in a "battle for the soul of our nation."

"We're either going to be socialist or we're going to be free," he said. And he discussed his reasons for seeking Oregon's highest office.

"I'm running to break the stranglehold that public employees have on the state of Oregon," he said. "They control it from top to bottom."

Other speakers were Jack Feder, Barbara Gonzalez, Ron Strom, Lowell Gibson and persons representing Fourth Congressional District candidates Arthur Robinson and Jaynee Germond.

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City of CJ seeks Polk replacement

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In light of Polk's impending retirement, the city must now find a replacement. Mayor Don Moore said that process is under way.

"We've had a plan in effect now for about three months of what we were going to do for this position once Jim made up his mind that he was going to retire for sure," Moore said. "We've been concerned since the middle of last year since he announced his retirement."

The city has been advertising the position internally

since the beginning of April, the mayor said, and will post the position publicly within the next few weeks.

Candidate interviews then will be conducted, and Polk's replacement will undergo a "couple of months" of training before assuming recorder duties, Moore said.

"We hope that within the next six weeks, we will have somebody named for the position," he said. "We're trying to get an early start on this."

Qualifications for the position include a high school diploma or General Education diploma, five years of

increasingly responsible public administration, three years of supervisory authority, or any combination thereof, a valid Oregon driver's license, and the ability to type at least 45 words per minute.

"We have worked to shore our system up to make sure that the person stepping into this position will have the necessary training," Moore said. "Jim will really be missed. He does a lot that people don't realize."

A detailed job description will be available at Cave Junction City Hall, located at 222 Lister St., Cave Junction.

Meet-Greet with District 4 candidate Robinson set for Monday, April 26 at Grants Pass site

Concerned Republicans of Josephine County will host a "meet-and-greet" for Dr. Art Robinson, an Illinois Valley resident, on Monday, April 26.

The gathering will begin at 7 p.m. at The Guild Bldg., 1867 Williams Hwy., in Grants Pass. Robinson is running for the Congressional District 4 post held by Peter DeFazio.

For questions or more information phone 541-659-3040 or 541-450-0153.

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