

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.)

Friday, March 29

*After a woman phoned to say that she hadn’t heard from her mother for a couple of months; that they usually conversed several times a week; and that her mother recently moved in with a Cave Junction man she met online, a deputy went to the location. The mother said that she is fine; she simply had turned off her phone.

*Two men and a woman were wandering around a site on Lakeshore Drive when the owner of the home wasn’t there. A neighbor went to check on the wanderers, who became belligerent. Turned out that a mobile home was going to be moved onto the site, and (apparently) the trio was checking out the location.

*Following a 911 hang-up call from Deer Creek Road it was determined that there was no problem except with the phone.

*Third-hand information was provided about a man on June Drive, where there had been a fire, who was said to be threatening to shoot someone and then himself.

*Elsewhere, mostly outside the city of Grants Pass:

--(Here’s an exception); Grants Pass Police arrested Rhonda Lynn Rose, 43, on a sheriff’s office warrant listing failure to appear on a charge of driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

--On Elk Lane a resident noted

a nice pickup truck with the gas cap off. Not long after, the owner showed up and said that the vehicle had been stolen. The resident said that he’d check his video surveillance system to see if the suspect was visible.

--People reported that a trailer on Amber Lane had been drastically vandalized with all windows and doors broken, plus toilets and other fixtures ripped from the walls. It is said that the site has been used as a party location by area teen-agers. Nice kids ...

--Someone is shooting red and green lasers, bright white lights and using high-decibel somethings that bother her, said a woman on W. Jones Creek Road.

Tuesday, April 2

*Out Caves Hwy. there was concern that a man thought to be a registered sex offender was possibly considering sexual advances toward some people, and he had someone else buy a shotgun for him. The situation was reviewed, and it was determined that no crime had been committed. Yet.

*At Lone Mountain Road and Naue Way a motorist saw what appeared to be an infant carrier alongside the road with a baby in it. The motorist didn’t stop, saying that he had driven past it a ways before realizing what he thought he had seen. The Illinois Valley Fire District duty officer responded at the request of the sheriff’s office, and found no baby in the carrier, just a sign that read, “Free.” It was unknown why the caller thought the sign looked like a baby.

*A landlord said that a tenant in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. is abusing his two dogs by leaving

them inside for many hours each day and that the animals are destroying the inside of the rental. Animal Control was to respond.

*For some reason a deputy checked Jubilee Park.

*It was reported that 13 people showed up at a rental dwelling three days after an eviction notice was served “to kick the complainant out of the residence.” The owner claimed that an attorney is handling the eviction under the law, and denied the tenant’s allegations.

*Elsewhere in the county, just not in the valley:

--In a courtroom in Grants Pass, Michael Vernon Caldwell, 56, was arrested under an OSP secret indictment warrant charging “felon in possession of a weapon.” He was placed in county jail.

*First-degree criminal mischief involving damage to a signboard at Manzanita Elementary School was estimated at \$1,000 after a deranged vandal hit it with a rock, apparently the night before.

--On Murphy Creek Road a resident didn’t like it when a man pushed his vehicle close to his gate, then came to his door seeking a “jump start.” A deputy checked the stranded man, and provided a jump.

--Three or more dogs on Tomoe Court in Merlin were accused of killing a neighbor’s chickens. Animal Control responded regarding the fowl complaint of “nuisance animals.”

--Following a call from an out-of-town property owner about a transient camp on his land at Monument Drive, a deputy checked and left a note advising transients that they shalt not trespass.

Friday, April 4

*Drug paraphenalia and harassment, plus possible child endangerment, were among aspects of a landlord-tenant dispute regarding eviction in the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Subsequent to a report from Walters Drive of a runaway juvenile person in violation of a conditional release, the girl was taken into custody at Illinois Valley High School by the Juvenile Dept.

*There was a 911 call from the 5600 block of Lakeshore Drive after someone, seemingly unwanted, returned to the place, but the situation was said to be “Code 4.”

*Two gunshots by someone who drove by were reported fired in the direction of the landlord involved in the first item on this date. The landlord was advised to seek a safe location if she feels threatened.

*The rear window of a vehicle on Bumblebee Lane was reported smashed, likely by some fool the night before.

*Elsewhere in the county:

--Two men were under her deck, according to a woman on Shetland Drive, but her husband said that she is delusional.

--Animal Control was to be notified about a dog on Galice Road that is accused of running onto the road and causing a two-vehicle non-injury crash. Some said that it runs loose lots of times, but that the accident is the first in connection with the canine.

--Someone reported that a Chihuahua that “looks like the Taco Bell dog” was trotting down Mill Street.

--Parents were counseled “regarding their negligence” after their two young children were found walking along a busy street in their pajamas shortly after noon, and taken to the Grants Pass Parkway Fire Station. The mother said they’d been missing for 90 minutes. The Dept. of Human Services was notified.

Saturday, April 5

*At W. Lister Street and S. Kerby Avenue a motorist was issued a citation charging failure to obey a traffic control device.

*In Downtown Cave Junction someone was served a warrant.

*Somewhere else in JoCo:

--On Cloverlawn Drive a landlord was taking bricks from the rear of a rental, and the tenant didn’t like it, but was told that the landlord owns the bricks, so there.

--Thieves and burglars seem to appear everywhere, as some California residents discovered when they went to the Mina Lane home of a deceased mother, only to find the place ransacked, with packed boxes torn open in every room, and garbage scattered about. The nasties also took the dining room table, stove, dishwasher and microwave oven, plus boxes of glassware and numerous other items including porcelain dolls. Karma coming no doubt.

--A Jones Creek tenant stated that neighbors in an RV have been plugged into one of his electrical outlets for around a year. He said that his bill has been \$300 per month, but when the RV people weren’t there it dropped to \$175. A shocking case.

GMO chat with Audrey: by Audrey Moore

In our first article on GMOs we asked What is all the Fuss About? Yet, here in Oregon we have farmers pitted against fellow farmers. Most not wanting anything to do with GMOs and others willing to sign the dotted line, believing in the ‘promise’ of better yields and more profits. The question is, at what cost?

It is no secret top GMO critics are generally health proponents touting organic foods. The kind of foods our great-grandmothers used to grow, prior to the ‘need’ for petrochemicals and certainly prior to our food being re-created in a lab by those same companies. Those labeled ‘environmentalists’ have also been raising red flags against this experiment. However, non-industry paid scientists agree, as further studies are being carried out, as to the drawbacks of GMOs:

According to peer-reviewed studies available on PubMed <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/> Monsanto’s Roundup, one of the most popular chemicals in this realm, has been associated with over 29 negative health conditions, none of them minor and all linked to Roundup alone:

- Cancer
- Parkinson’s
- DNA damage
- Low testosterone
- Liver damage
- Infertility
- Endocrine disease

Roundup has been used on crops by

farmers worldwide, prior to arriving on our dinner tables. However, with new superbugs, increased amounts of chemicals are now needed. <http://www.nationofchange.org/many-pro-gmo-corporate-biologists-own-gmo-patents-bed-monsanto-1353859536>

Some liken the Roundup resistance that is forcing more herbicides on already resistant weed populations as a “chemical arms race” across farm country.

An enlightening article found in a Danish farming newspaper, devoted a good portion of its April 13, 2012 edition to discoveries by pig farmer Borup Pedersen, that GMO soy had a damaging effect on both his animals and his farming profitability. It caused quite a stir. “Pedersen thought an epidemic had broken out among his 450 pigs. Suddenly, his animals were suffering from chronic diarrhea, eating less or developing stomach ulcers, while some of his piglets were born with disabilities and his boars displayed fertility problems. Something always seemed to be the matter. Not just with the pigs, but with the profits of his farming company as well. Due to the increasing number of unhealthy animals, his sales plummeted while the expenses for vets and drugs kept rising. He asked himself the crucial question: What if it was the feed? Pedersen followed his farmer’s intuition and exchanged the “new” feed for his old recipe. And what do you know-the health problems disappeared within two days. What was the difference? The feed that

sickened the animals consisted of imported, genetically modified (GMO) soy, whereas the old recipe consisted of soy without GMOs and fishmeal. Other farmers have since confirmed the findings, published by Pedersen on 13 April last year, in the Danish farming magazine Effektivt Landbrug.” <http://www.gmwatch.org/latest-listing/1-news-items/13882>. Be prepared, the graphics on this site are disturbing. The article goes on to say, “We have been involved in GM issues for more than a decade, and we know the score. We can take it as read that there are large sections of the GM industry, and maybe large parts of the farming community, especially in the United States, who will move heaven and earth to prevent anything damaging to the GM cause from seeing the light of day.”

This but touches the heart of the problem as we previously mentioned in trying to stay neutral on this topic. Testimonials, scientific studies and reporting as to the negative effects of GMOs are quickly slam-dunked by an industry wielding the power, money and inside players to do so. The people on the receiving end of this experiment however, are not going quietly into the night. Counties across Oregon have farmers and citizens alike not about to concede

their rights and hand them over to a state wanting to promote GMOs, whether we like it or not. Especially without one peer-reviewed scientific study available that can attest to the safety of GMOs for either man or animal. Till next time ~ Are GMOs safe to Eat?

Crossword Puzzle courtesy of



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1- Graph prefix; 5- Consumed; 10- Hindu hero; 14- Billy ___ had a hit song with "White Wedding"; 15- "Dallas" family name; 16- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 17- Breakfast area; 18- Actress Berger; 19- Caucus state; 20- Take ___ at (try); 22- Plane figure having three sides; 24- Grease (up); 27- Ages and ages; 28- Emperor of Rome; 32- Encompassed about; 36- New Haven collegian; 37- Narrow openings; 39- Claw; 40- Lady of Spain; 42- Wand; 44- Actress Talbot; 45- Gives off; 47- Biblical mount; 49- Pledge; 50- ___ voce (softly); 51- Water-bottles; 53- Island of Hawaii; 56- Speed contest; 57- Rousing; 61- ___ Perot; 65- Long time; 66- Gaucho's rope; 69- ___ Three Lives; 70- Having a sound mind; 71- Kett and James; 72 - Zeno of ___; 73- Hang around; 74- Considers; 75- Social standing;

Down

1- ___ colada; 2- Bustles; 3- Underlying cause; 4- Acid neutralizer; 5- Some MIT grads; 6- Amazed; 7- Hue; 8- ___ nous; 9- Marsh of mystery; 10- Harness driver; 11- Sick as ___; 12- Cry like a baby; 13- Winglike parts; 21- Insects; 23- Med school subj.; 25- Incandescent lamp; 26- Inventor Howe; 28- Gives up; 29- 1836 siege site; 30- Boundary; 31- Room at the top; 33- Martini garnish; 34- ___ your life!; 35- Chews; 38- Echolocation; 41- A lawyer; 43- Granny; 46- Rise sharply, as a bird would; 48- Need a scratch; 52- More strange; 54- Took on; 55- Band together; 57- Disrespectful back talk; 58- Nipple; 59- New Rochelle college; 60- Movable barrier; 62- Earthen pot; 63- Witnessed; 64- Minn. neighbor; 67- Skye cap; 68- Beast of burden;

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