

Tales from the Rural Patrol

(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.)

Monday, June 10

*In Downtown Cave Junction someone asked a deputy for information about landlord/tenant disputes.

*An Ollis Road resident found a pistol on the pavement at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street.

*Danny Lee Smith, 44, was arrested on Krauss Lane under a Lane County warrant charging failure to appear (FTA) on a charge of harrasment.

*Not in the Valley:

--Three guns were reported missing from a home on Lower River Road. The complainant believes that the culprits were in a white Lincoln because before discovering the burglary people from that car were on her property and said that they were looking for a telephone. (Yeah, right ...)

--On Upper River Road a bunch of damage at a home was noted, possibly caused by someone with a hammer.

--It was stated that a bunch of young men who live together on Placer Road were planting approximately 100 marijuana plants.

--Medford Police issued a citation to appear (CTA) in court to Weston James Smith, 50, under a Josephine County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) warrant charging FTA on a charge of driving under the influence of an intoxicant.

--Three handguns, money, jewelry and personal IDs, plus a safe weighing around 300 pounds, were reported missing from a home on Lower River Road. (Forced entry and probably some strong people seemed to be involved.)

Tuesday, June 11

*Fraud was reported by a Selma resident, who said that someone used

her debit card with several companies to purchase more than \$1,500 worth of items. However, all but \$6.98 has been resolved, thanks to Bank of America, she said.

*From Lincoln County came a call that someone claiming to be on Lakeshore Drive had phoned about a “known skinhead” and that she was being assaulted. The location could not be located, and there were no further calls.

*Also not in the Valley:

--A vacant home on Lower River Road was broken into, but it was unclear what was missing. (Other than the morality of the morons involved).

--Although a distraught woman on Round Prairie Road was waving a gun around and saying that she’d shoot anyone who came by, the situation was resolved. (Whew ...)

--Two flower baskets valued at \$150 were stolen from a driveway entrance on Williams Hwy., and it was noted that a \$75 basket had been taken from Illinois Valley High School on Thursday, June 6.

--A \$68.50 tab was run up by a man at a restaurant on Rogue River Hwy. He claimed to be in the military and that he had left his wallet at a motel. He gave the owner a key to a nice car as security, but never returned to pay. It was observed that the man had a 4-inch scar caused by brain surgery.

Wednesday, June 12

*A Selma resident discovered that someone had used her credit card for a home improvement store in Medford to run up a bill of some \$2,600. She also discovered from the company’s fraud folks that a suspect had been stopped after a high-speed chase.

*She has received “death threats,” another Selma resident stated. She was “advised of her options.”

*Someone(obviously a highly intelligent person) used red paint, said a man in the 32000 block of Redwood Hwy., to write “F-- - You” on the pavement at his driveway and on a couple of driveway posts. He had no idea why the vandalism was committed and made the evidence go away.

*More not in the Valley:

--OSP arrested David Peter Galen Hamilton (one person), 28, under a JCSO warrant charging failure to comply (FTC) with terms of probation.

--After leaving her motorcycle parked at a USFS facility on Flaming Road while she was fighting a fire in Idaho, a woman returned and discovered that her special edition red-and-black 2010 Kawasaki Ninja EX250 had been stolen. Thieves and burglars are everywhere ...

--Proving the previous point; when a man came home to Surrey Lane he found that someone had tried to break into his house, but failed (although damage was caused), and so broke into his shed and took a chainsaw valued at \$1,000.

Thursday, June 13

*In the vicinity of Sis’s Gap (23000 block of Redwood Hwy.) a resident complained that newcomers are trespassing. They have cut the lock on her gate and replaced it with their own, she said, and damaged a neighbor’s “hot wire fence,” which allows cattle to roam freely, which could be a traffic hazard.

*The “something-for-nothing” crew was out on Millie Street and entered a home though an unlocked window. The owner said that two mirrors valued at \$280 are missing along with \$200 worth of tools.

*Amazingly not in the Valley:

--On Cloverlawn Drive a man said this wife chased him while wielding a staple gun. The woman said that he misunderstood her construction work, mistakenly taking her action as threatening.

--Two “heavy-set” women with a dirty blue car apparently tried to break into two homes on Burnette Road.

Friday, June 14

*A River Street resident asked to meet with a deputy regarding a situation where people were not cooperative with the Dept. of Human Services.

*Several transients were contacted at Jubilee Park, and one was cited into Municipal Court on a charge of violating the leash law (for dogs).

**Repeated harrasment” via texting and Facebook by a woman was complained

about by a Boundary Lane resident, who said that she’s asked the person to stop, but to no avail.

*He found “something really bad” in a ditch off Watkins Street, said a man. It was found to be a “sexual device,” but the complainant didn’t want to toss it in case it was evidence. He was told that it was OK to throw it away, and he did.

*Not in the Valley (thankfully):

--The care-taker at Hillcrest Memorial Park was the recipient of backhoe curses after he told the operator that he was not welcome to park his rig on the grounds while doing work for someone in the neighborhood. It was a grave situation.

--Cody Lee Weaver, 22, was arrested by Medford Police under a JCSO felony warrant charging FTA on a charge of distributing a controlled substance/marijuana.

--Medford Police hit a double for JCSO by also arresting Teddy Wayne Peckham III, 28, under a felony warrant charging FTC with terms of probation in connection with first-degree theft.

--On Hubbard Lane a grandmother was afraid because of her nephew’s big knife and the fact that he was using, according to a third party, all sorts of drugs. Conclusion after investigation: complaint was exaggerated.

--After a crash when a driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer on Pinecrest Drive, one of the two people taken to a hospital reported that more than \$13,000 worth of prescription drugs were missing from the vehicle, probably taken by one of the many lookie-loos who came out of the woodwork. (Yes, the log read \$13,000 more or less).

--Upon returning to his grandparents’ home a man interrupted a burglary in progress. The losers ran off.

--More than 1,000 gallons of diesel fuel were reported taken by an outlaw who drilled a hole in a tank after breaking into a metal building on King Mountain. Cameras appeared to be tampered with. The victims are the FAA and radio station KDRV.

--Following a report of a man walking along Cathedral Hills Road in his undies, Joseph Sweisthal, 52, was arrested on a charge of indecent exposure.

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WHERE’S THE ALARM?

The volunteers and staff of the Illinois Valley Fire District responded to these recent Emergency calls...

100 block of S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency, 06/09/13
100 block of HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency, 06/10/13
100 block of N CAVES AVE, Medical Emergency, 06/10/13
100 block of HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency, 06/10/13
MALLARD LP/MCMULLEN CREEK RD, Medical Emrgncy, 06/11/13
400 block of S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency, 06/12/13
100 block of HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency, 06/12/13
100 block of S SAWYER AVE, Medical Emergency, 06/12/13
24500 block of REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency, 06/13/13
100 block of N REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency, 06/13/13
600 block of CAVES HWY, Medical Emergency, 06/13/13
100 block of W O'BRIEN ST, Medical Emergency, 06/14/13
1000 block of NAUE WAY, Medical Emergency, 06/15/13
4800 block of LAKESHORE DR, Medical Emergency, 06/15/13
100 block of NORMAN RD, Medical Emergency, 06/15/13
100 block of S BOUNDRY AVE, Medical Emergency, 06/16/13
400 block of SCHUMACHER ST, Lift Assist, 06/17/13
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1000 block of NAUE WAY, Medical Emergency, 06/17/13

CHIEF’S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke

Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District



A recent post in social media made me think about accountability and communications. Members of the Illinois Valley Fire District, and more specifically the Fire Chief, are accountable the District Board and ultimately the taxpayers. This is a responsibility I take very seriously and I have the same expectation of every member of IVFD.

A mentor once asked me “are you willing to read about your decision in the newspaper?” This simple question is a reminder that every decision must be based on the needs of the community and the citizens we serve. Now if we could install this belief in our elected officials in Washington, DC!

In any organization communication is difficult. Communicating with the public is even harder because, unfortunately, few people take the time to seek correct information. A vocal minority with bad information will spread mistruths like wildfire. Thus, rumor and innuendo become perceived facts.

On day-one of my tenure as your Fire Chief I promised to improve communication. Our member newsletter, published notes from staff meetings, and newspaper articles such as this are

examples of my commitment to open and honest communication with IVFD members and the citizens we serve. Because we are a paramilitary organization, I ask IVFD members to use their chain of command, but my door is always open. This open door policy extends to the public. If you have a question or concern that involves any issue with the Illinois Valley Fire District, please contact me and get your information from the horse’s mouth, or other end depending on your perspective. You may not agree with the answer and we can agree to disagree, but you will have factual data.

Social media is a great tool, but it can also be our nemesis. I am not a big social media person. It’s a nice way to keep in touch with family and friends, but it’s not my primary source for news and information. If you have questions, concerns, praises, or want to learn more about the fire district, please contact me or any member of the staff at 541-592-2225. And please get involved; we need volunteer firefighters. We need you to make a difference.

And most important “let’s be safe out there!”

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE — BECOME AN ILLINOIS VALLEY FIREFIGHTER!

For more information about the upcoming fire academy call 592-2225 or stop by the IVFD offices at 681 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction.

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Crossword Puzzle courtesy of



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Across

1- Less than lively; 6- Gung-ho; 10- Came down to earth; 14- Fungal infection; 15- Wall covering slab for a kitchen or bathroom; 16- Skater Lipinski; 17- Units; 18- Canoeing body; 19- St. crossers; 20- Statue support; 22- Father or mother; 24- Cat sound; 25- Unemployed person?; 26- Indian village; 29- It runs in the cold; 30- Author Stanley Gardner; 31- Capable of being negotiated; 37- Dens; 39- Bell and Barker; 40- Try to bite; 41- Flexibility; 44- Architect Mies van der ___; 45- Sweet sandwich; 46- Lord Peter Wimsey's creator; 48- Apprentice; 52- Slave; 53- Light reddish brown; 54- Bullfighter; 58- Furthermore; 59- Turkish title; 61- Recess in a wall; 62- Bridle strap; 63- Tide type; 64- Rice-___; 65- Flat sound; 66- Actress Diana; 67- Church council;

Down

1- Take ___ from me; 2- Microscopic arachnid; 3- Like a line, briefly; 4- Recalls; 5- Pendent ornament; 6- Attorney follower; 7- Antidote holder, maybe; 8- Class; 9- Most profound; 10- Pong maker; 11- Tennis great Rod; 12- "Goodnight" girl; 13- Sample; 21- Animated character; 23- Dined at home; 25- Fowl pole; 26- Soccer legend; 27- Russian range; 28- "East of Eden" director Kazan; 29- Marsh of mystery; 32- Host; 33- Unrealistic; 34- Fraternal org.; 35- Cowardly Lion portrayer; 36- French summers; 38- Rock; 42- Erin; 43- River of Flanders; 47- Places of contest; 48- Autocratic Russian rulers; 49- Actor's parts; 50- Upbeat, in music; 51- Removes wrinkles; 52- Lathers; 54- ___ she blows!; 55- Pest control brand; 56- Horrors!; 57- Nevada senator Harry; 60- Prizm maker;

