

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.)

Tuesday, Aug. 13

*Something happened on S. Junction Avenue.

*Way out Deer Creek Road a search was made for an abandoned vehicle, but it wasn't located.

*A couple of gunshots from Deer Creek Road were heard by a man in the 17800 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Two young boys, one carrying a pillow or a blanket, were said to be running along Redwood Hwy. near Pugetville Road in Kerby. They weren't located.

*There was a disturbance in Kerby that included a person, probably high on drugs, breaking into a home and dragging out someone.

*Elsewhere:

--Numerous restraining orders were served around rural Grants Pass.

--A stolen clarinet was located in at GP pawn shop.

--Plumtree Lane was listed as the site from where someone drove away in a pickup truck that's not theirs.

--A resident of Robertson Bridge Road said that a man is taking photos of her house because he doesn't like the fact that she rescues dogs.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

*A balding white guy in his 50s in a champagne-colored Nissan Altima (license plate 843 ELE) was photographing boys on N. Kerby Avenue at around 2 p.m. When he saw the complainant looking at him he drove away in a hurry toward River Street.

*After she discovered that a man stole her son's ashes and a shadowbox containing memorabilia including his baby blanket, a woman on Madrona Drive learned that he dumped the items in a large trash receptacle at a Cave Junction business. She retrieved the stuff, and was going to seek a restraining order. The man, she said, also broke her telephone and her radio.

*Theft from N. Old Stage Road of a red-and-silver custom-made bicycle, consisting of two electric bikes put together and valued at \$1,100, was reported.

*There seemed to be no problem despite several 911 hang-up calls from Dick George Road.

*People on Barnes Way had a disturbance. A man said he thinks that tenants are trying to antagonize him so that he'll have a heart attack.

*Trespassing was reported on Lakeshore Drive, apparently in connection with a property boundary dispute.

*And elsewhere:

--Although a woman on Summit Loop claimed assault, it turned out to be a case of numerous text messages. And someone was going to a hospital for medication.

--The possibility that ghoulish drug dealers were using the Wolf Creek Cemetery at night was reported. The RADE (Rogue Area Drug Enforcement) team was to be notified.

--Jeffrey Richard Wayne Preston, 29, was arrested by Jackson County deputies under a warrant from Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) charging failure to appear on charges of first-degree theft and identify theft.

--On Watergap Road a resident said that his "faux camera," valued at \$35, was smashed, possibly with a bat wielded by neighbors who smoke their tires to irritate him at night and who said they don't want "hippies" around. (Smoking tires is better than marijuana ...)

--Blue Sky Brown (honestly), 21, was arrested by Grants Pass Dept. of Public Safety under a JCSO warrant charging parole violation in connection with possession of a controlled substance/marijuana.

--Some punk tried to steal a pickup truck from Green Acres Drive, but couldn't, so he stole a \$200 stereo from the vehicle.

--After OSP arrested Richard Koep on a charge of violating a restraining order, he went to his ex-wife's home on Dearing Way and burglarized it, according to officers.

--Burglary of items inside a shed on Rogue River Hwy. was reported by the property owner, who said that the suspects are

some dude "with lots of tattoos" and a woman "with glue in her hair and sores on her face." (Shouldn't be difficult to find them).

--Several residential burglaries were reported.

Thursday, Aug. 15

*Harassment involving shooting was reported from Selma by a man, who feels that his neighbors are making a meth of the neighborhood.

*Two pitbulls killed a fawn on W. River Street near Evergreen Elementary School and were eating it. OSP Fish-and-Game officers responded and shot one of the dogs; the other wasn't located. School officials were notified of the incident.

*From Westside Road several text messages were said received, possibly by a man high on drugs and indicating suicide. He asked for help, but apparently was out of state.

*A man's stolen vehicle was found by him on a CJ parking lot.

*Still elsewhere:

--People on Speaker Road managed to get a U-Haul truck almost falling off a 20-foot cliff. Help was sent.

--Noise, possibly caused by under-age persons boozing it up, was reported on Robertson Lane.

--Many burglaries, thefts, disturbances, threats and all sorts of nonsense were reported by folks from numerous locations in rural GP.

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WHERE'S THE ALARM?

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

08/12—Monday

24500 block REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
300 block PINE CONE DR, Medical Emergency
24500 block REDWOOD HWY, Gas Leak Outdoor
24500 block REDWOOD HWY, Outdoor Smoke

08/13—Tuesday

5700 block DEER CREEK RD, Traffic Accident
22000 block REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident
500 block FERNWOOD DR, Lift Assist
200 block OLLIS RD, Medical Emergency
25600 block REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

08/14—Wednesday

ARROWHEAD DR / REDWOOD HWY, Outdoor Smoke
600 block EIGHT DOLLAR RD, Outdoor Smoke
100 block KRAUSS LN, Medical Emergency

8 DOLLAR RD / REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
23500 block REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

08/15—Thursday

19000 block CAVES HWY, Medical Emergency
18200 block REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn

08/16—Friday

200 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

08/17—Saturday

800 block INDIAN CREEK RD, Lift Assist
100 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
4700 block WALDO RD, Medical Emergency
100 block RAINTREE DR, Medical Emergency
6200 block DEER CREEK RD, Medical Emergency

08/18—Sunday

200 block SHADOWBROOK DR, Assist to Public
200 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
200 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

CHIEF'S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District



"I didn't know its fire season" This response is becoming almost comical. I hear this almost daily from residents of the Illinois Valley who are violating one of the many restrictions in place from open burning, using a chain saw to mowing. So we can clear up any confusion, "its FIRE SEASON!" The current conditions are extreme and will not change until significant rain fall occurs and fire season has been discontinued. Long range forecasts show no immediate relief.

Each of us needs to be fire-safety conscious, especially given the current dry conditions. Even if the Valley receives some rain from a passing thunderstorm, we will still be in extreme fire danger conditions. We have already seen the effects of lightning caused fires and how quickly they can spread. Members of the Illinois Valley Fire District and the Oregon Department of Forestry stand ready to defend our communities from wildfire. Let's not add to the problem with a human caused event.

We are currently experiencing the same weather and drought conditions as during the Deer Creek fire. The vegetation is dryer now than it has been in years. In addition, the relative humidity is unusually low in the afternoons—a factor which can cause fires to spread quickly.

Here is the bottom line "Its FIRE SEASON" be careful! Please report any illegal burns or violations of the restrictions to 911 and/or ODF.

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1- Splendor; 5- "The Crucible" setting; 10- Spoils; 14- Sewing case; 15- Concert venue; 16- Switch ending; 17- Sorcery; 19- Broadcasts; 20- View; 21- Earache; 23- 401(k) alternative; 25- Attentive, warning of danger; 26- Frisbee, e.g.; 29- Transport, mail; 31- Ascends; 35- Acapulco gold; 36- Midge; 37- Feminine; 38- Lock of hair; 40- Spirit; 41- Lined up; 42- Golf stroke; 43- Russert of "Meet the Press"; 44- Chocolate substitute; 45- Aviation prefix; 46- Lays down the lawn; 47- Ballroom dance; 49- "The Bells" poet; 51- Lighted by Earth's satellite; 54- Fear greatly; 58- Rights org.; 59- Metaphorical; 63- Bloke; 64- Efface; 65- Indigo source; 66- Juniors, perhaps; 67- Insurgent; 68- Marine mammal, secure something;

Down

1- Sunday seats; 2- Ear-related; 3- Silent; 4- Outing; 5- Animal pouch; 6- Part of ETA; 7- Meadow; 8- Envelop; 9- Dull finish; 10- Actual elapsed period; 11- Not a dup.; 12- Actress Spelling; 13- Slugger Sammy; 18- Not him; 22- Take into custody; 24- Good ___; 25- Hill insect; 26- Column type; 27- One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"; 28- Echolocation; 30- Absorb, as a cost; 32- ___ Domingo; 33- Spanish hero; 34- Appears; 36- Worldwide; 37- Camera setting; 39- Adults; 40- Where it.'s at; 42- Dispenser candy; 45- Clothing; 46- Some mattresses; 48- One in prison for good; 50- Room within a harem; 51- PC alternatives; 52- Cuatro doubled; 53- Pearl Buck heroine; 55- ___ kleine Nachtmusik; 56- Converse competitor; 57- Big name in PCs; 60- Chatter; 61- Application; 62- Fam. member;

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