

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.)

In the Valley

Monday, Oct. 14

*Because they are “urinating and defecating all over the deck regularly” at I.V. Real Estate in Cave Junction and “sleeping on the deck at night,” a man and a woman, apparently transients, were warned about criminal trespass, and told to clean up their mess. The complainant added that they cursed at her.

*Someone struck a man’s pickup truck on Laurel Road in CJ and tore off the left-rear jackstand on the adjacent camper. It was a case of failing to leave (your name) at the scene of an accident.

*Two bullets were fired into one side of his trailer in the 1000 block of Dick George Road the night before, said a man in rural CJ.

*From Krauss Lane came a complaint from a woman that she sold an animal to a man a year ago and took a \$50 deposit. He did not follow through with the contract, she said, and now he is said to be harassing her about the deposit by phoning and leaving rude messages. He might also be the one who made a bogus complaint about animal abuse. She was advised to obtain a stalking order and that it might be in her best interest to return the 50 bucks. She refuses to return the money, it was noted.

*A restraining order was served on Hays Cut-Off.

*A mother in CJ said that she is afraid of her son, who has a history of problems with breaking laws and is on parole. He has made threats, she said, and doesn’t stay in school in CJ for long because after a relatively short time he starts making threats about blowing it up. She was advised of her options.

*Before contacting a female juvenile on Stevenson Street in CJ, an agent from the Dept. of Human Services noted that there is a warrant for her from California’s Del Norte County. When he went to the door, no one answered.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

*Described by a reporting party as “a gentleman,” the aforementioned person is accused of going behind the bar at the Red Garter Saloon in CJ after ordering food from the bartender. The latter was clued in by the cook and waitress that the “gentleman” had gone to the register. Turned out that \$700 was missing. The cash eventually was found in one of the man’s socks, for which the bartender was quite grateful. No word on what happened to the “gentlemen,” but the complainant said that there is video surveillance tape that shows him in action.

*Extra patrol was planned near St. Matthias Episcopal Church in CJ after a report that transients were setting up another camp although it was not located. “No Trespassing” signs are up, and there are court and Josephine Country Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) orders regarding eviction of transients.

*Up to four core batteries valued at \$60 were reported taken from a fenced site in the 100 block of Caves Hwy. It appeared that the thief cut a piece of fence.

*Continual harassment by a man, who drove by a woman’s residence and revved his engine at least seven times, was reported. She also stated that the man told her that “she will feel sorry for (her) daughter when he does something to her.” The harasser also is bothering the woman’s daughter and her ex-husband where they live in separate locations. A stalking order is to be sought.

*An alarm sounded at a building on S. Kerby Avenue, but no problem was located by the owner, who said that she didn’t know why it activated.

*A Selma resident was concerned because a homeless woman was sleeping on the porch of a dilapidated cabin on his property, and he doesn’t want her to be injured. He also feels that someone is supplying the woman with alcoholic beverages in exchange for sexual relations.

Thursday, Oct. 17

*It seems that someone not authorized took a package left Oct. 3 by the USPS on the porch at the office of an acupuncturist on Takilma Road because no one was present when delivery was made.

*An advocate filed a report for a home-

less, elderly client in Selma, who told the advocate that while parked in her pickup truck on Reeves Creek Road she was shot at by people in a large, dark green pickup truck. “She states that there appeared to be two people firing short bursts of gunfire, three times. They shot towards her and the bullets went past her.” The big pickup has been seen in CJ.

*A man was warned regarding criminal trespass at Oregon Caves Chevron in CJ after he was accused of harassing an employee in “what could become a life-threatening situation.” The complaint also noted that there is video surveillance tape showing the man having an altercation with the employee a week earlier.

*The son of a mother on S. Junction Avenue became angry at her and let the air out of her tires, she said. They were advised of their options, and were “going to try to get along.”

*He left his 1986 4Runner at a Kerby location with the keys in it, and when he returned an hour later the keys and the vehicle were gone, a man stated. He added that the vehicle, which has red and blue paint, is valued at \$1,500 but that he also spent \$2,500 to get the engine rebuilt.

Friday, Oct. 18

*On Lone Mountain Road, I.V. Fire District assisted JCSO with a situation involving someone reported trying to “hot wire” a vehicle reported stolen from Grants Pass. Subsequently, Justin Brian Taylor, 25, was arrested on charges of possession of less than an ounce of marijuana, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

*A restraining order was served on Waldo Road.

*Someone phoned from Westside Road to say that a runaway person had returned.

*Serving a restraining order was noted in O’Brien.

Outside of the Valley

Monday, Oct. 14

--OSP reported three dead persons at homes in various parts of rural Grants Pass and environs, none of them suspicious.

--It appeared that a burglary in progress was interrupted on Hamilton Lane, as a screen on the garage was cut. There was an indication that an intruder rummaged through the garage and a vehicle glove box.

--Not much else to report today from rural JoCo.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

--OSP reported that a hunter died while looking for a target on W. Jones Creek Road.

--Two vehicles collided at Demaray Drive and Midway Avenue at approximately 8:33 a.m., and heavy extrication was required for one driver. It was indicated that it might be a fatal accident, but details were lacking.

--One vehicle was ransacked, and fuel was taken from another on Sunny Glen Way.

Thursday, Oct. 17

--On Cloverlawn Drive a boy, 15, was taken into custody, as he was “beyond parental control” and had punched holes in walls and pushed his mother.

Friday, Oct. 18

--In Wolf Creek a man wearing all black clothing and carrying a can of Pepsi was wandering around being weird.

--Employees at Turtle Lane Park found a cash register in a refuse can. It was covered in household garbage. They were told to put it back in the trash.

--A “silent distress alarm” was traced to a rural GP church. It was determined that a woman accidentally activated it by pushing too many buttons.

--According to the log, two people in a car pursued another car that contained a man and a woman having “a physical disturbance” in the speeding car near Merlin. The pursuit car people “verbally confronted” those in the other car, and the passenger got into the other car. The complainant then felt that “the girl in the car will be safe with his friend in their vehicle.” The call was referred to OSP.

--People were aghast at finding a sleeping bag wrapped in wire at Portland Avenue and Glenbe Drive in rural GP, as it seemed to contain a body. It was actually a dismembered body: of a doe.

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WHERE’S THE ALARM?

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

10/14-Monday

ROBINSON CORNER RD / HOLLAND LOOP RD, Traffic Accident
REDWOOD HWY / LAUREL RD, Traffic Accident
GREENVIEW DR / DICK GEORGE RD, Traffic Accident
700 block LONE MOUNTAIN RD, Medical Emergency
300 block MADRONA DR, B Medical Emergency

10/15-Tuesday

27500 block REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident
5400 block CAVES HWY, Open Burn

10/17-Thursday

800 block DRAPER VALLEY RD, Medical Emergency
500 block JEANNIE WAY, S Medical Emergency
INDIAN CREEK RD / DRAPER VALLEY RD, Structure Fire
8600 block TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency

10/18-Friday

500 block LISTER WAY, Structure Fire
700 block TROLLVIEW RD, Medical Emergency
100 block BONANZA DR, Medical Emergency
LONE MOUNTAIN RD, Assist to Public
500 block LISTER WAY, Assist to Public
25600 block REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

200 block OLLIS RD Space-98, Assist to Public
200 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

10/19-Saturday

1000 block NAUE WAY, Medical Emergency

10/20-Sunday

300 block GAMAY DR, Medical Emergency
300 block TERRACE DR, Traffic Accident
100 block PATTON BAR RD, Outdoor Smoke
500 block W WATKINS ST, Lift Assist
100 block DOGWOOD LN, Medical Emergency
200 block OLLIS RD #28, Medical Emergency
300 block S REDWOOD HWY, Assist to Public

CHIEF’S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke

Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District



Who are the First Responders?

Police, Fire and EMS are often considered first responders. The first responder is actually you. It is the person, or group of people, who are first on scene. This is an important concept. How prepared are you for your role as a first responder?

Now, some of you may think you will never be in this role, and I hope you’re right. The facts support that there will be a major earthquake. The way we have prepared for a disaster, is not effective. Most of us have enough to get by for two or three days. The reality is - we need to be self-sufficient for at least four weeks, or even longer. The likelihood that the road system may fail is high. I have reviewed the Emergency Plan for Del Norte County, California. Their plan is having FEMA stage all necessary equipment and supplies at the Illinois Valley Airport. If Hwy 199 is open, and the coast is devastated by an earthquake or tsunami, the evacuees will find themselves in Cave Junction. We will be dealing with our own challenges, as well as helping our neighbors to the south.

What can you do? Simple things. Have you secured items that can fall and injure you in your home or work place? Earthquake straps for your propane hot water heater are available at the hardware stores. This will prevent a gas leak. Securing book shelves so they don’t fall is a simple “L” bracket. It is an OSHA requirement in the work place, yet we have the same unsecured items in our home. Have food and water for at least 10 days. Remember, electricity may not be restored for days, so you will need food that does not require heating.

Now, I am not trying to say we all need to be “Doomsday Preppers”. But, we all need to have a level of preparations to take care of ourselves and our families. Are you ready for your role as a first responder?

Until next time... let’s be safe out there

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Across
1- Behind schedule; 5- Rubbish; 10- "Exodus" author; 14- Actor Baldwin; 15- Functional; 16- "No Ordinary Love" singer; 17- Egyptian deity; 18- Brand name for a copying machine; 19- Nights before; 20- Courtesy; 22- Assumed name; 23- Failure; 24- Quattro minus uno; 25- Multicolored; 29- Dampen; 33- Pond scum; 34- Work without ____; 36- Queens stadium; 37- "Lord, is ____?": Matthew; 38- "____ by any other name..."; 39- Annoy; 40- Rescue; 42- Former Fords; 43- Eagle's home; 45- Passage between buildings; 47- Ceded; 49- Hi-____ monitor; 50- Miss Piggy's query; 51- Words on a Wonderland cake; 54- Large hairy spider; 60- Hawaiian outdoor feast; 61- Put a new price on; 62- Brit's exclamation; 63- Saw cut; 64- "Goodnight" girl; 65- Shrivelled, without moisture; 66- Minnesota's St. ____ College; 67- Eats to a plan; 68- Sounds of disapproval;

Down
1- Reindeer herder; 2- Choir member; 3- Bluey-green color; 4- Spiny anteater; 5- Dinner jacket; 6- Numbered rds.; 7- Broadcasts; 8- Gin flavorer; 9- Jinx; 10- Serving no function; 11- Sitarist Shankar; 12- It's a thought; 13- Cong. meeting; 21- Pipe; 22- "Exodus" hero; 24- Carry; 25- Mrs. Gorbachev; 26- Communion table; 27- Unclel; 28- Like a toad; 29- Unordered; 30- Next after the second; 31- Spine-tingling; 32- In the buff; 35- Silent assent; 38- Woeful word; 41- Worn over the ears in cold weather; 43- Long time; 44- Snob; 46- Itsy-bitsy; 48- Likenesses; 51- Nevada city; 52- "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author; 53- Skater Lipinski; 54- Actress Garr; 55- Fit to ____; 56- Tirade; 57- Manipulates; 58- Carefree adventure; 59- Affirmative votes; 61- Clear (of);

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