

Tales from the Rural Patrol

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block of Redwood Hwy. while they rode their dirt bikes.

*After a 911 hang-up call from Reeves Creek Road, a child, 9, was counseled about dialing 911 when there was not an emergency.

*There were 16 calls from rural Grants Pass citizens today, including one from a woman who said that a cousin came to visit; then beat and raped her for several days until she could escape. She was seeking medical aid and counseling in another state after leaving all her belongings at the house. The case was referred to OSP detectives.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

*A case of second-degree burglary was reported from the 600 block of Caves Hwy. The complainant said that someone stole items including chain saws, tool boxes and a battery charger. And his fence was cut by the shameless suspects.

*Not a happy Christmas Eve for some residents on Takilma Road, who said that their landlord turned off their electricity on Wednesday, Dec. 18 and gave them an eviction notice three days ago. The complainant said that some legal person told

her that the notice would not be effective until filed with a court of law.

*Rural GP residents maybe had trouble keeping the spirit of the season, as they turned in 21 complaints including thefts of mail, a man "pulling a samurai sword" on a guy, and several burglaries including one from a store on Sunny Valley Loop involving what was reported as the loss of several thousand dollars worth of DVDs, cigarettes, medicine, ice cream and milk. Plus, someone reported theft of their \$1,800 generator. (Some people definitely made Santa's Naughty List).

Christmas Day/ Wednesday, Dec. 25

*The lone Valley call today was from two women who live in Selma with two small children. They reported that the father of the children came (not to give gifts), but to let the air of their car tires. And he was drunk. The women were advised to seek a restraining order.

*Five calls were logged from the rural GP area. One was about the theft of a \$3,000 front-end loader; the other was from a woman whose purse was stolen from her car while she was eating Christmas breakfast in

Monday, Dec. 23

*Somewhere between Williams and Selma, although closer to the latter because Deer Creek Road was mentioned, a couple and their three youngsters in a car were stuck on a BLM road due to snow. The caller said that his GPS led him astray. The people were in no immediate danger, and the caller was going to contact AAA; otherwise Search And Rescue would be activated.

*Following "another attempt" by some imbecile to steal items from the night depository at Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction, a case of attempted second-degree burglary was noted.

*Damage was estimated at \$1,000 after people found that their pickup truck had been scratched all the way around, and a window was broken by some cretinous vandal. The people had left the vehicle in the 23000

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1. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just pretend everyone knows what you have to offer.
2. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself you just don't have time to spend thinking about promoting your business.
3. DON'T ADVERTISE... Just assume everyone knows what you sell.
4. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that there are new potential customers who would do business with you if they were invited to do so.
5. DON'T ADVERTISE... Convince yourself that you've been in business so long customers will automatically come to you.
6. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have competition trying to attract your customers away from you.
7. DON'T ADVERTISE... Tell yourself it costs too much to advertise, and that you don't get enough out of it.
8. DON'T ADVERTISE... Overlook the fact that advertising is an investment in selling - not an expense.
9. DON'T ADVERTISE... Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
10. DON'T ADVERTISE... Forget that you have to keep reminding your established customers that you appreciate their business.

Bottom Line: Avoid killing your business
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WHERE'S THE ALARM?

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

12/16 - Monday

100 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy
5900 block DEER CREEK RD, Medical Emgcy
3700 block TAKILMA RD, Medical Emgcy
600 block ROCKYDALE RD, Open Burn
100 block E RIVER ST, Fire Alarm
2000 block S JUNCTION AVE, Fire Alarm

12/17-Tuesday

37400 block THOMPSON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency

12/18-Wednesday

100 block REDWOOD HWY B, Medical Emergency
300 block S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

12/19-Thursday

5600 block S KERBY AVE 15, Medical Emergency
200 block CAVES HWY, Traffic Accident
200 block W WATKINS ST, Medical Emergency
200 block GAMAY DR, Medical Emergency

12/20-Friday

200 block OLLIS RD 84, Lift Assist
100 block OLLIS RD 84, Lift Assist

12/21-Saturday

3600 block S REDWOOD HWY A, Traffic Accident
1500 block ROCKYDALE RD, Open Burn
400 block SOUTHSIDE RD, Structure Fire

12/22-Sunday

200 block N OLD STAGE RD, Medical Emergency,
100 block OLLIS RD 79, Medical Emergency

100 block S REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident

CHIEF'S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke

Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District



With the holiday season in full swing, the Illinois Valley Fire District and State Fire Marshal Mark Wallace cautions everyone to keep fire safety in mind when decorating and entertaining.

"This season is a busy and exciting time of year, but don't let that distract you from keeping your family and friends safe from fire," says Wallace. "By following a few important safety tips for Christmas trees, decorations, and candles, you can help ensure your holidays remain happy."

From 2008 through 2012, Oregon fires related to Christmas trees and decorations resulting in 107 fires, one death and more than \$2.3 million in property loss. Candle-related fires during this same period caused even more damage. From 2008 through 2012, there were 325 candle-related fires in Oregon causing four deaths, 49 injuries, and more than \$9.3 million in property loss.

Tree care and decorating tips:

- * Choose a fresh, healthy tree with a deep-green color and flexible needles.
- * When you get the tree home, cut off the bottom two inches of the trunk. This creates a fresh, raw cut for the tree to soak up water.
- * Water your tree daily. A tree may consume between a quart and a gallon of water per day.
- * Place the tree at least three feet away from any heat source such as a fireplace, woodstove, space heater, heating vent, or radiator.
- * Keep lighted candles away from the tree.
- * Use only noncombustible or flame resistant materials to trim a tree.
- * Always unplug tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

- * If using a woodstove or fireplace, keep it screened at all times. Keep ribbons, boughs, and other decorative materials at least three feet away.
- * After the holiday season or whenever your tree dries out promptly dispose of it and other dry greenery. Burning a tree in a stove or fireplace is extremely dangerous; proper disposal includes recycling or pick-up by a disposal service.
- * Maintain your holiday lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, and broken or cracked sockets.
- * Do not overload electrical sockets. Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.

Candle safety

- * Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look and smell like real candles.
- * Never leave a burning candle unattended. Extinguish candles when you go to bed, leave a room, or before leaving the house.
- * Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn. Keep candles at least one foot from combustibles including clothing, curtains, upholstered furniture, greenery, and decorations.
- * Always use a sturdy non-combustible (metal, glass, or ceramic) candleholder. If a sturdy non-combustible candle holder is not available, the candle can be placed on a non-combustible plate.
- * Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- * Avoid candles with items embedded in them such as twigs, flowers, or leaves. These items can ignite or even explode.
- * Always use a flashlight - not a candle - for emergency lighting.

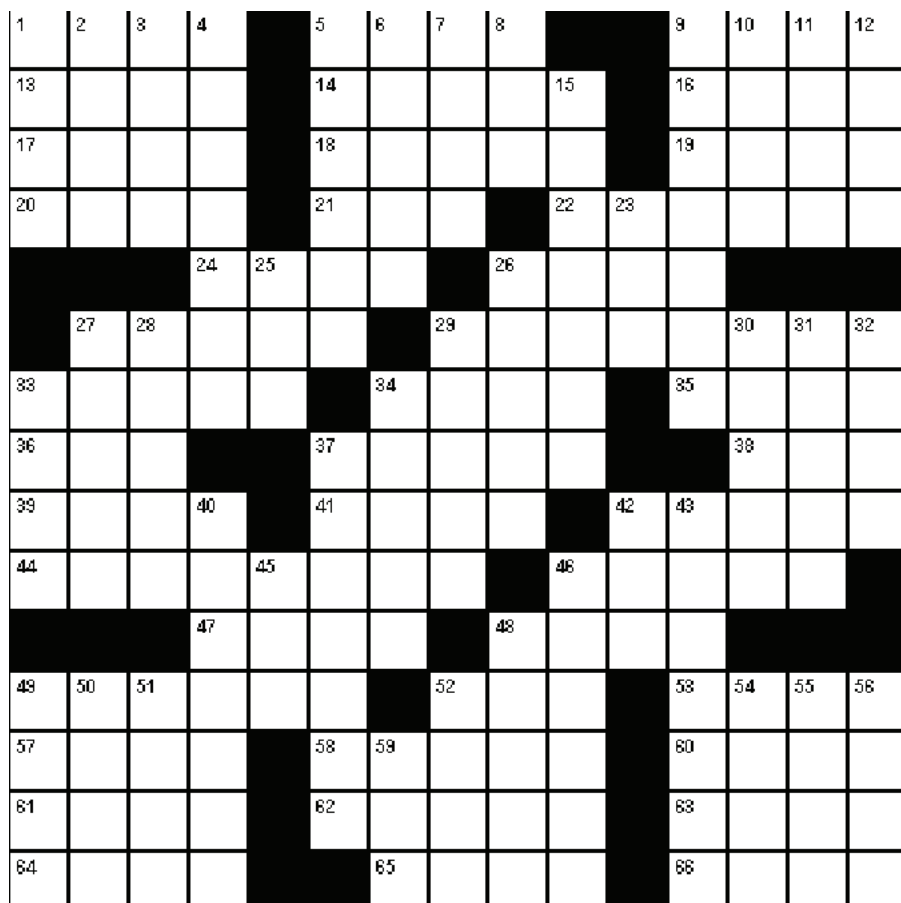
General fire safety

- * Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and in each bedroom.
- * Make a home fire escape plan and practice it with the whole family.
- * Keep escape routes clear of clutter so you can escape quickly in case of fire.

For more information on fire safety visit: http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/pages/commed_firesafety_program.aspx or contact IVFD at 541-592-2225 or visit our Facebook page or website at IVFire.com

Across

1- Actor Morales; 5- Auricular; 9- Soccer legend; 13- Kind of radio; 14- Tea type; 16- How sweet ___!; 17- Cut the crop; 18- Golfer Calvin; 19- Fruit-filled pie; 20- South American country, famous for Macchu Picchu; 21- ___ roll; 22- Ransacked; 24- Not as much; 26- One of the Simpsons; 27- Intervening, in law; 29- Unmatched; 33- Israeli desert region; 34- Enemies; 35- Reindeer herder; 36- Bruins great Bobby; 37- On one's toes; 38- ___ kwon do; 39- Zeno's home; 41- Low in pitch; 42- Feeble peevish complaint; 44- Sopor; 46- Ages; 47- Archer of myth; 48- Entreaty; 49- Llama relative; 52- Church seat; 53- Thick cord; 57- Incite; 58- Jazzy Chick; 60- Swill; 61- Farming prefix; 62- Leaden; 63- "The Time Machine" people; 64- Foliage unit; 65- Some whiskeys; 66- DEA agent;



Down

1- Tombstone lawman; 2- Hook's helper; 3- A long way off; 4- Sudden inclination to act; 5- Resist; 6- Ages between 13 and 19; 7- Home furnishings chain; 8- Barracks bed; 9- Trap for the unwary; 10- And others, briefly; 11- Italian bread?; 12- Cornerstone abbr.; 15- Most strange; 23- Neighbor of Leb.; 25- Ltr. holder; 26- Dirty looks; 27- Actress Oberon; 28- "Snowy" bird; 29- Flowery verse; 30- Have dinner at home; 31- Bridges; 32- Graf ___; 33- Christmas; 34- National symbols; 37- In circulation; 40- Leading; 42- Itty-bitty; 43- Become raspy, like a voice; 45- Rainbow shape; 46- Continuously; 48- Pet ___; 49- I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo; 50- Expensive seating area; 51- Graph prefix; 52- Ask for divine guidance; 54- Earthen pot; 55- Needy; 56- Monumental; 59- Not 'neath;

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