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.)

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Tuesday, Jan. 21

*Shop Smart Food Warehouse in Cave Junction was the victim after a man, who is known, picked up a $25.98 bag of jerky and got $7.98 worth of hot fried chicken; then left the store without paying.

*The peace was kept at 1:40 p.m. in the 7000 block of Rockydale Road.

*Residential burglary was reported on Hogue Drive. The thief used a crowbar to open the front door; then loaded items into pillow cases. Missing are a two-burner stove (must have been a huge pillow case), bedding, spices, household items and other property.

Outside of the Valley

*Nine calls were logged from rural areas of Grants Pass. One was about a pitbull that the owner claims he can't contain, but it keeps bothering (attacking) the complainant, his family and his livestock. He has the legal right to shoot the dog. Another call was from a woman who said that another female person calls her names while dancing, screaming and honking her car horn and saying that she will fight her, apparently in connection with a horse.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

*The Rogue Area Drug Enforcement team was notified of a complaint by a man close to closing his purchase of a home in rural Cave Junction, as he discovered a vine-covered trailer on the property that might have been a meth lab.

*Following a complaint of someone on a "quad" at Jubilee Park a deputy checked, but neither quad nor quadee were located.

*A Kerby resident felt that her grandson, who had a bad tooth, was a missing person and might have gone to Klamath, Calif., she phoned later to report that he was not missing.

*The Dept. of Human Services was assisted on Deer Creek Road.

Outside of the Valley

*Ten persons in rural GP locations phoned for various reasons including a two-vehicle noninjury accident, a man with dementia who wanted to drive a car, and a burglar alarm termed "beyond available resources" (BAR).

Thursday, Jan. 23

*From Thompson Creek Road came a call about a possible prowler who also is a car thief and who drives a full-size brown-and-gold colored Chevy pickup truck.

*In the 500 block of Schumacher Street "another sick fox was observed in the area. Neighbors were alerted to keep an eye (or two) out for it." It might have distemper.

*Second-degree burglary to an outbuilding was reported on Palmer Street.

Outside of the Valley

*Call-takers marked 11 calls today from rural GP, none of them amounting to much.

Friday, Jan. 24

*A Holland Loop resident said that someone used a credit card in their name to purchase $297.26 worth of items. The complainant said that he was able to learn from the store where the items were delivered on Westside Road, and wondered if a fire at the O'Brien Post Office had something to do with the lawbreaker getting the card.

*Following a residential burglar alarm on Idlewild Drive the call was designated BAR.

*People in the 6000 block of Westside Road were reported at 3:17 p.m. to be having a disturbance, but no such incident was located.

*A woman said that around 3 p.m. she struck a deer in the 1500 block of Westside Road and that her vehicle was badly damaged because of that.

*Fernando Dominguez, 41, was arrested in Cave Junction after a traffic stop. He was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of controlled substances/meth and marijuana; and cited on a charge of driving while suspended. He was taken to county jail, and his vehicle was impounded.

*In the 6000 block of Westside Road it was thought that people who were in a reported disturbance were hiding in a wooded area.

Outside of the Valley

*Numerous rural GP calls came in today. They included burglaries, a stolen car and other problems caused by various malefactors.

Monday, Jan. 27

*Some creep broke into the crew cab pickup truck of an O'Brien resident and rifled it. The complainant was advised to be careful, as the jerk took the keys to his house.

*Several fishermen were checked on the Finch Road green bridge, and it seems that they all had licenses.

*Family members in Selma were at odds with each other regarding rent, lack of utilities and ownership of various items.

*Shore patrol was conducted on Eight Dollar Road.

*Lunatics were said to be "doing brodies" in the grass at Jubilee Park.

*Officers tried to deal with a situation after a man phoned from Selma to say that he was going to commit suicide. He mentioned "suicide by cop."

*An OSP trooper noted that a "Stop" sign was down at Hays Cutoff and Holland Loop, and that it likely occurred during a vehicle pursuit.

*"No problem" was reported after a 911 hang-up call from Cave Junction.

Outside of the Valley

*Thirteen calls came in from outside the Valley. One was from OSP in Bend about recovering a vehicle reported stolen from Josephine County, and another involved the arrest of Anita Ann Dirksen, 52, at the county jail on a charge of "contraband." She was said to have a "large quantity of tobacco and rolling papers."

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WHERE'S THE ALARM?

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

01/21-Tuesday
500 block LISTER WAY, Medical Emergency,
4600 block REEVES CREEK RD, Medical Emergency
800 block INDIAN CREEK RD, Assist to Public
800 block INDIAN CREEK RD, Medical Emergency
1700 block ROCKYDALE RD, Structure Fire
600 block E RIVER ST, Fire Alarm
800 block INDIAN CREEK RD, Assist to Public

01/22-Wednesday
17800 block REDWOOD HWY, Flue Fire
100 block HARLOW WAY, Medical Emergency
200 block S OLD STAGE RD, Medical Emergency

01/23-Thursday
9500 block TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency
500 block S REDWOOD HWY, Lift Assist
300 block S JUNCTION AVE, Open Burn
17300 block REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency.

01/24-Friday
1400 block LAKESHORE DR, Medical Emergency

01/25-Saturday
1100 block NAUE WAY, Medical Emergency
200 block OLLIS RD, Medical Emgcy.
100 block LONE MOUNTAIN RD, Medical Emergency

01/26-Sunday
4700 block WALDO RD, Medical Emgcy.
100 block S SAWYER AVE , Medical Emergency
200 block MANZANITA LN, Medical Emergency
1000 block N OLD STAGE RD, Fire Alarm

CHIEF'S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District

On Monday I returned from attending training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. This is the premier fire service training facility in the U.S., similar to the FBI academy for the law enforcement. I attended a course on how to analyze a fire district's emergency service delivery. This course is timely for me as we are currently working on our strategic plan for the Illinois Valley Fire District.

Every time I attend the Academy, I make a point to visit the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial located on the Academy grounds. Plaques with hundreds of firefighter names honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the citizens of this country. This hallowed ground holds a special meaning for me. Some of the names posted there are of people I have met in my career. I have made it my life's ambition to improve firefighter safety so that no more names are placed at the memorial. As a parent of two firefighters and Chief of the Illinois Valley Fire District, I take this responsibility personally.

On Sunday, two firefighters were tragically killed fighting an apartment complex fire in Toledo, Ohio (two more names to be added to the memorial). Historically, about 100 firefighters die in the line of duty every year in the U.S. (more names to be added to memorial). As we work on our strategic planning for the Illinois Valley Fire District, our number one goal is to provide for the safety of each and every member of IVFD. We cannot afford to have any of our members added to the memorial!

Until next time…
Let's be safe out there.

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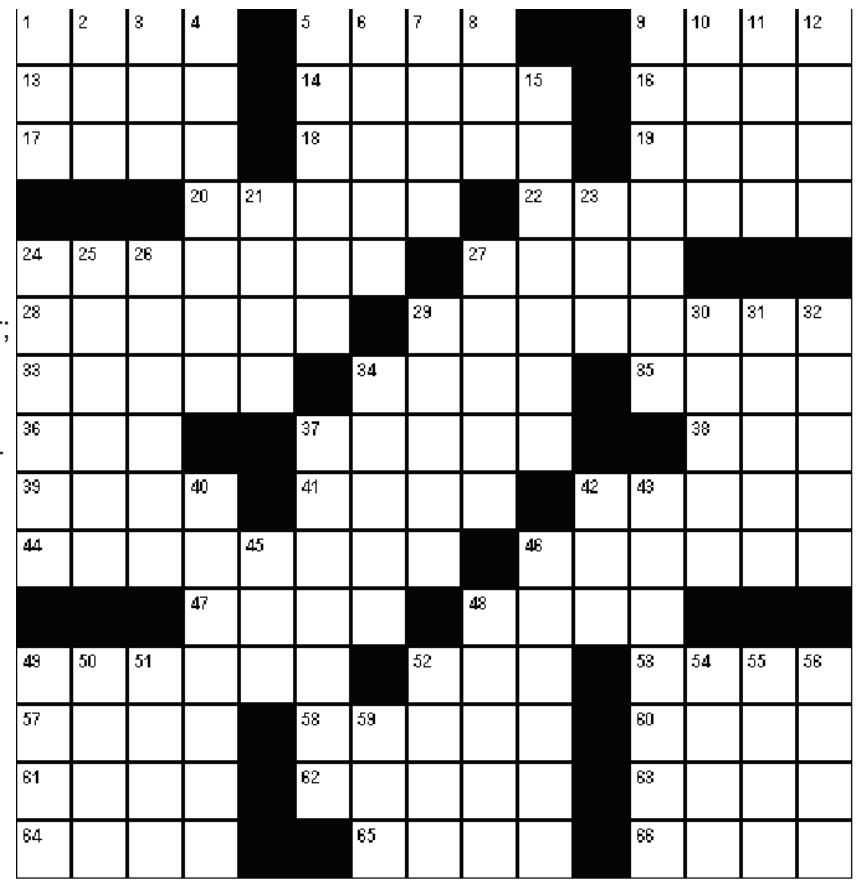

Across
1- Poisonous pufferfish; 5- Director Preminger; 9- Cave dwellers; 13- Over-50 org.; 14- Body of honeybees; 16- Hurt; 17- Stepped; 18- Style; 19- Equipment; 20- Healing plants; 22- Former French colony of North America; 24- Version; 27- Numbered rds.; 28- Don't bother; 29- Sudden collapse into failure; 33- Highways, e.g.; 34- Achy; 35- Basic monetary unit of Greece; 36- Takes too much; 37- Higher; 38- Bandleader Brown; 39- Corrida cries; 41- Neet rival; 42- Pooh's creator; 44- Constructive; 46- Felt; 47- Teheran's country; 48- Tennis matches are divided into these; 49- Half-hour funny show; 52- Suffix with Capri; 53- Chuck; 57- "Dilbert" intern; 58- Violinist Zimbalist; 60- Geographical expanse; 61- Soak leather in base solution; 62- Mother of Perseus; 63- Tide type; 64- Watchful one; 65- Auctioneer's cry; 66- Heaps;

Down
1- Blubber; 2- Nasser's org.; 3- Miracle-___; 4- Modernised; 5- Newsman Charles; 6- Twixt's partner; 7- Makes brown; 8- Bruins legend; 9- Crushed sugarcane; 10- Scored 100 on; 11- Bangkok native; 12- Lab fluids; 15- More substantial; 21- Falsehoods; 23- Animation unit; 24- Implant deeply; 25- Draw idly; 26- Momentarily; 27- Less common or less cooked; 29- Subject; 30- Tugs; 31- "Goodnight" girl; 32- Snooped (around); 34- European kingdom; 37- Unacknowledged; 40- Adhesive label; 42- Encountered; 43- Moment; 45- Acapulco gold; 46- Appeared; 48- Great bargain; 49- Kemo ___; 50- Brit's exclamation; 51- Carry; 52- Yes ___?; 54- Nabisco treat; 55- Actor Penn; 56- Dupes; 59- Scale notes;