

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, Jan. 28

*A Holland Loop resident asked for help with a restraining order after the family of a girl, according to the resident, slandered her and her family and have made threats about harming them. The resident said that she tried to provide shelter at the girl’s request, but the situation went over like a Baby Ruth in a punch bowl.

*People in O’Brien had some sort of problem involving a young girl, a stalking order and a man video-taping the girl.

*There was a complaint that a woman in a wheelchair threatened to burn the Cave Junction Post Office at 9:11 a.m. She was holding a burning cigarette, which was taken from her, and she rolled away. She rolled back at 11:05 and was “trespassed” except between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. so that she can get her mail.

*For the third time during the current school year, reported Early Head Start on E. River Street, gasoline was stolen. The complaint included, “Our agency vehicles are parked on the west side of the building exposed to traffic on River Street as well as any patrol that would be going through the DHS (Dept. of Human Services) parking lot just behind our center. Additional patrols in this area would be greatly appreciated. It feels like a disservice to have these reports printed in our

local police blotter as it becomes an advertisement for future criminals.” A report on third-degree theft was pending.

*A landlord in the 6000 block of Takilma Road said that he was having a problem with an eviction, as the tenants were uncooperative. He added that they might have stolen tools from a shared workshop.

*Steven M. Biggs, 41, was served a warrant in Cave Junction, then taken to the Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass.

*At approximately 11:17 a.m. in the 5000 block of Caves Hwy. a disturbance was reported with screaming and physical fighting. Eventually the situation was deemed “unfounded as a mental health issue.” It was an “argument between a mother and daughter,” and the mom admitted “to using force to maintain order in the home.” No injuries were reported except for a cigarette burn, which the mother said was accidental and occurred during a scuffle. DHS was notified.

*After leaving his car behind a Cave Junction business overnight a man returned to find that his tail lights were missing. A report was pending on third-degree theft and unlawful entry to a motor vehicle.

Outside the Valley

*Thirteen calls from rural Grants Pass areas were logged.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

*After leaving keys to her car and residence in a baby stroller overnight outside her CJ apartment a woman discovered that the keys were gone. She suspects a neighbor

“who has been known to spy on her” took her keys.

*The earlier mentioned landlord on Takilma Road was upset because the evicted tenants, he said, burned a large area, and he feels that it’s arson. He was told that there is no way to determine if the previous tenants tried to set woods on fire by burning a downed tree. He wasn’t happy about that either.

Outside the Valley

*Four calls from rural Grants Pass areas were logged.

Thursday, Jan. 30

*A 6:20 a.m. a woman’s car alarm sounded and the vehicle was driven away. Her boyfriend chased it, but couldn’t find it. At 8:16 the woman found the car in a ditch in front of Illinois Valley High School. She suspects a man who looked at the car last week and had a key that fit.

*Two loose horses were reported in the vicinity of north Downtown Selma shortly after 10 a.m. They weren’t located.

*Following a report of “shoplifting” in Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Leonard Whittaker, 39, was arrested on a Sutherlin Municipal Court warrant charging failure to appear on a charge of drinking in public. He then was cited to appear under a new charge: third-degree theft in connection with stealing a \$2.99 bottle of fortified ale.

*In a case of second-degree theft it was reported that the day before while a trucker was making a delivery to the state liquor store in CJ, two punks nabbed a 12-bottle

case of Jack Daniel’s whiskey. They ran off, set the case down near ADI Electric and left with six bottles. “Mel” at ADI said that they were teen-agers; the male was wearing a turquoise blue beanie with ears (besides other clothing it is hoped). The female, he said, was wearing jeans and a dark coat.

*Two horses, apparently the loose ones noted earlier, were corralled in a field on Hogue Drive. Animal Control was notified.

*Headed toward Selma from milepost 15 of Redwood Hwy. a gray 4Runner “was all over the road,” and the driver nearly caused several head-on collisions, a complainant said. The driver took off at Lakeshore Drive and that was that.

*Officers did something at two locations in Downtown CJ.

*A woman in the 5000 block of Caves Hwy. was contacted about a theft report.

*Something happened on S. Kerby Avenue.

*A man whose vehicle was reported stolen from Addison Lane found it on S. Old Stage Road. He said it appears that there are several vehicles at the site that might be stolen.

*There was a dispute on Beaver Meadow Road about who owns a certain car. An ex-boyfriend was involved.

Outside the Valley

*Three calls from rural Grants Pass areas were logged.

Friday, Jan. 31

*A student at Lorna Byrne Middle School was found in possession

of less than 1 ounce of marijuana. A deputy was investigating whether the student was distributing.

*In CJ proper a man was “in the process of ending a relationship” with a woman. When she came to pick up belongings “they argued and she threw a carton of orange juice at him.” His head was struck by the half-full carton, but “he has no persistent injury or pain.” He was advised about a restraining order.

*On Shadowbrook Lane someone was cited for a parking violation. And the same occurred to someone at S. Old Stage Road and Addison Lane.

*At the Junction Inn a probation officer was backed up by a county deputy.

*On Lakeshore Drive someone was the lucky recipient of some sort of legal papers.

*Harassment was reported at a home in CJ proper involving a drunken father who threatened to strike his young daughter and make a hole in a wall with one fist.

*Shortly prior to 3 p.m. in Downtown CJ two women were said to walking while having a physical disturbance. A deputy located them and found them to be angry, but without physical injury. And they didn’t want his contact.

Outside the Valley

*There were 11 calls from rural GP areas including one in which a Pacific Power employee had to kick at and escape from two pitbulls after they were turned loose because he was sent to turn off the power due to nonpayment.

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WHERE’S THE ALARM?

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

01/27-Monday
1000 blk N OLD STAGE RD, Fire Alarm

01/28-Tuesday
300 blk OAK DR, Medical Emgcy

01/29-Wednesday
5400 blk HOLLAND LOOP RD, Medical Emgcy
100 blk PATTON BAR RD, Medical Emgcy

01/30-Thursday
100 blk PATTON BAR RD, Medical Emgcy
700 blk MCMULLEN CREEK RD, Medical Emgcy

01/31-Friday
200 blk OLLIS RD, Medical Emgcy
100 blk S SAWYER AVE, Medical Emgcy
1500 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Medical Emgcy
300 blk FALLING LEAF DR, Medical Emgcy

02/01-Saturday
300 blk HAYS CUTOFF RD, Medical Emgcy
100 blk N REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy
100 blk N REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy

02/02-Sunday
5600 blk WESTSIDE RD, Outdoor Smoke
500 blk ROBINSON CORNER RD, Small Vehicle Fire
24000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn



CHIEF’S CORNER

By Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District

Many people rely on wood heat during the winter months. As a result, flue fires are a common problem.

Flue fires are caused by a buildup of creosote on the inside walls of the chimney and stovepipes.

Prevent Flue Fires

- If you haven’t already done so, now is the time to schedule an appointment to have your chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional. This should be done annually.
- Burn only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood is a contributor to creosote buildup and should be avoided. Also avoid burning wood with high resin content such as hemlock and pine.
- Don’t burn trash or cardboard in your woodstove.

Indications of a Flue Fire

- Loud cracking or popping noise.
- Dense, black smoke coming out of the chimney.

- A loud roaring sound.
- Strong, hot smell.

In Case of Flue Fire

If *any* of the above indications are present:

- Call 911.
 - Close the damper on the stove to decrease oxygen in the chimney.
 - Immediately evacuate the house. *Get out and stay out!*
- Remember, SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES**
- Have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, and outside of every bedroom.
 - You may qualify for free smoke alarms. Contact IVFD at 541-592-2225 during business hours for more information.

Trim Overhanging Branches

- Trim overhanging branches at least 10 feet away from chimneys to keep fire from spreading to outside vegetation.
- While you’re at it, prune any branches hanging over the rooftop up to a minimum of 10 feet high. This will help prevent a wildfire from spreading to your home during the summer months, and it will reduce the amount of debris collected in your gutters and on your roof top.

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



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Across

1- Not as much; 5- Frolic; 9- White-and-black bearlike mammal; 14- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 15- Baseball's Hershiser; 16- Girder; 17- Facilitate; 18- Comics canine; 19- Starbucks order; 20- Natural law; 23- Sun. talk; 24- Isr. neighbor; 25- Team; 27- Funny Anne; 31- Enthusiastic vigor and liveliness; 33- ___ avis; 37- Receipts; 39- Having four sharps; 40- Predictive sign; 41- In spite of; 44- Nastase of tennis; 45- Bounce on one foot; 46- ___ Pieces; 47- Jazz flutist Herbie; 48- ___ boy!; 50- It's a plus; 51- St. Louis landmark; 53- Make lace; 55- "You've got mail" co.; 58- Make isochronal; 64- Male deer; 66- Peter Fonda role; 67- Slippery ___ eel; 68- Subway turner; 69- Juniors, perhaps; 70- McNally's partner; 71- Taboos; 72- Coup d'___; 73- Spoollike toy;

Down

1- Actor Cobb; 2- Son of Isaac and Rebekah; 3- Flat sound; 4- Spotted; 5- Like tubers; 6- Manure; 7- Golda of Israel; 8- Agreeable; 9- Stacked; 10- Attorney's org.; 11- Profits; 12- Go out with; 13- From the U.S.; 21- Me too; 22- Straight; 26- Wears away; 27- Brit's half-note; 28- ___ Gay; 29- Join the cast of; 30- Ivanhoe's love; 32- Does a Daffy Duck impression; 34- Not quite right; 35- Actress Taylor; 36- Emo anxiety; 38- Morals; 42- Greenhouse; 43- Peachy!; 49- Goddess of wisdom; 52- Ascends; 54- Give it ___!; 55- Org.; 56- Conductor Klemperer; 57- Reclined; 59- Coagulate; 60- ___ a soul; 61- Golfer Aoki; 62- Madcap; 63- Prefix with skeleton; 65- Day-___;

