

# 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.)  
\*\*\*

## Monday, Feb. 3

\*An OSP trooper assisted a Josephine County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) deputy with a death investigation in Selma involving a 55-year-old man.

\*A woman off Rockydale Road said that a man came around, as though interested in buying her motorhome; then she drove him at his request to Downtown Cave Junction. He returned the next day asking for money to get to Grants Pass; the day after that the man’s friend came looking for cash. The property is posted “No Trespassing,” and the woman heard from a neighbor that the two men had robbed another neighbor.

\*One person was reported not seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash in the 2000 block of Rockydale Road around 9:20 a.m. One vehicle was upside-down; the other in a ditch. Freezing rain was reported earlier.

\*Based on information to a deputy, two runaway juvenile persons were said to be at a Selma home drinking alcoholic beverages. Subsequently one was taken into custody; the other was taken to one parent’s home.

\*Once again in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy. unsavory persons cut gate padlocks to gain access to a job site. They also cut padlocks to access a forklift’s battery and fuel compartments, as well as the lock for a power box which was taken.

And batteries were stolen from vehicles owned by Moser Paving.

\*Shortly after 2 p.m. an apparently intoxicated man was on the runners track above Lorna Byrne Middle School, and appeared to be trying to break into a shed. No damage was found, and neither was the man.

\*The possibility that a car stolen from Grants Pass was seen near the Holland Loop Store was checked, but the vehicle wasn’t located.

\*Whoever broke into a home on Hogue Drive got away with some items, but might also have been bitten by the family dog.

\*People asked for medical aid and law enforcement near the Junction Inn at 2:36 p.m. when other people seemed to be having a problem. Responses were canceled after it was determined that “a couple of people who were intoxicated fell,” and there was neither crime nor apparent injury.

\*A cold, stiff and blue deceased man face down was found near a chicken coop in Selma. A funeral home responded.

\*Three checks for a total of \$2,500 were cashed at a bank in CJ. The account holder on Terrace Drive has filed affidavits of forgery. It appears to the victim that the checks were removed from a box in his home.

\*In the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy., barn doors were “torn off and everything of value stolen; also found a window to an outbuilding broken and saws missing.”

## Outside the Valley

\*Nineteen calls from rural Grants Pass were logged including one in which two heat pumps were stolen by a nitwitted (and possibly

cold) crook, and another in which some cussed moron (hoping for summer?) removed patio furniture without asking.

## Tuesday, Feb. 4

\*There was a complaint from Eight Dollar Road about someone moving into a place being vacated by the current resident, the latter citing trespassing and harassment by the someone.

## Outside the Valley

\*Six calls came in today from rural GP.

## Wednesday, Feb. 5

\*When he discovered that a personal check of his had been cashed for \$250, a Barlow Street resident said he found that his son had a friend who probably took the check and forged the victim’s name.

\*Less than one ounce of marijuana was found at Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) inside a flashlight in a student’s backpack. (Hopefully he has now seen the light).

\*He has received threats about past due rent, said a man on Barlow Street, from the former owners of the home he has lived in and which he is vacating. He said that he doesn’t owe such rent, but is concerned because those texting him claim to “know every tweeker in the valley and will send them” if he doesn’t pay.

\*IVHS staff were going to handle a situation in which one student was said to have hit another, then chased him and hit him some more.

\*“Valuable mail” has been stolen repeatedly by a walking man in his 20s in the 6000 block of West-

side Road, reported a resident. He added that mail for other residents also has been stolen. USPS was notified. Later, a resident found a bunch of mail, some of it opened, strewn on the ground.

\*Someone left their laptop computer inside a golf bag in their car in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy., and when they returned the computer was gone.

\*From Hathaway Drive a citizen said that his place had been broken into again for the second time in three weeks, and that items are missing.

\*A vacant home in the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. has been vandalized repeatedly, said the owner. In the most recent incident, “almost everything had been stripped from the house and shop.”

\*Harassment by a man who shines his vehicle lights at a home and drives rapidly up and down the asphalt was reported on Lone Mountain Road. Those who live there are scared.

\*A runaway juvenile person was the subject of a complaint from the 5000 block of Caves Hwy.

\*A welfare check was conducted by medical personnel on Waldo Road, as no deputy was available.

## Outside the Valley

\*There were 13 calls from rural GP today.

## Thursday, Feb. 6

\*A restraining order was served on S. Junction Avenue.

\*From the 6000 block of Takilma Road came an alarm triggered by motion in a kitchen. It is noted that

alarms from that address are “usually caused by an animal,” and JCSO termed the call “beyond available resources.”

## Outside the Valley

\*Among 11 calls from rural Grants Pass, one was from Fort Vanoy Ranch reporting second-degree theft of 40 bales of orchard hay grass and three string bundles valued at \$400. Another was from Pacific Power about someone taking a \$450 laptop computer and a \$500 GPS spot tracker from the front seat of a company vehicle on Galice Road. (Some people seem to be unaware of the Seventh Commandment.)

## Friday, Feb. 7

\*Someone on Junction Avenue was handed a restraining order.

\*Emergency personnel and then a funeral home responded to a home on Reeves Creek Road after a man, 81, was found deceased.

\*A man and a woman “were fighting physically” on Millie Street, an observer noted at 2:11 p.m. No injuries were reported; a probation officer said the two were leaving in different directions; and a grandmother was coming to pick up her two grandchildren at the home.

## Outside the Valley

\*Five incidents were noted in rural GP including one in which a woman wanted her morphine prescription and her tools, but the home owner nixed that after she moved out and has threatened to shoot her.

## I.V. GUNS & AMMO 541-592-3349 Exclusive dealer of Viper Tactical Arms

### WHERE’S THE ALARM?

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

#### 02/02-Sunday

5600 blk WESTSIDE RD, Outdoor Smoke

500 blk ROBINSON CORNER RD, Small Vehicle Fire

24000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn

#### 02/03-Monday

2100 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Traffic Accident

300 blk MCMULLEN CREEK RD, Medical Emgcy

2000 blk LAKESHORE DR, Traffic Accident

#### 02/04-Tuesday

28200 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy

600 blk FOREST CREEK RD, Medical Emgcy

300 blk REAGOR LN, Medical Emgcy

#### 02/05-Wednesday

3700 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Open Burn

4700 blk WALDO RD, Medical Emgcy

#### 02/06-Thursday

600 blk DRAPER VALLEY RD, Medical Emgcy

REDWOOD HWY / DRAPER VALLEY RD, Traffic Accident

#### 02/07-Friday

11600 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emgcy

1900 blk REEVES CREEK RD, Medical Emgcy

8600 blk TAKILMA RD, Power Line Problems

#### 02/08-Saturday

100 blk S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy

#### 02/09-Sunday

100 blk PATTON BAR RD, Medical Emgcy



Crossword Puzzle courtesy of



**Southern Oregon Sanitation Inc.**

Serving Southern Oregon for over 50 years! (800) 922-1025

### Across

1- Mischievous person; 7- Roadhouse; 10- Truth; 14- Sun Bowl site; 15- Acapulco aunt; 16- Langston Hughes poem; 17- Clockwise; 18- Spring mo.; 19- Flabbergast; 20- Capital of Utah; 23- Four-door; 26- Strike; 27- Russian retreat; 28- Hgt.; 29- Curve; 30- Night school subj.; 31- Pungent sauce; 33- Mimic; 34- Tree-ring indication; 37- "Respect for Acting" author Hagen; 38- Prince Valiant's son; 39- Snakelike fish; 40- Lyricist Gershwin; 41- Apiece; 42- Drumstick; 43- Dwells; 45- Part of UNLV; 46- Dance step; 47- Broccoli \_\_\_\_ (leafy vegetable); 48- Clan symbol; 51- Barracks bed; 52- Covered on the inside; 53- Removed bends; 56- Sharp; 57- Bygone bird; 58- Isolate; 62- Part of Q.E.D.; 63- Illustrative craft; 64- Workroom; 65- Extinct flightless bird; 66- Classical beginning; 67- Zoological segment;

### Down

1- Sunburnt; 2- Ginger \_\_\_\_; 3- Pampering place; 4- Tapioca source; 5- Eastern; 6- Hang loose; 7- Sloping letter; 8- Try to bite; 9- Stool pigeon: var.; 10- Pertaining to revenues; 11- Room at the top; 12- Refinement; 13- Skater Harding; 21- Crowd; 22- Ford flops; 23- Organization; 24- Gladden; 25- Prohibit; 29- Land measures; 30- Sporting blades; 32- Italian sausage; 33- Add fizz; 34- Actor Quinn; 35- Diving bird; 36- Alleviated; 44- Precious metallic element; 45- Simple shed; 46- Edible tuber; 48- Expressed disapproval; 49- Alamogordo's county; 50- Step; 51- Task; 52- Slow, to Salieri; 54- Fed; 55- Capone foe; 59- Star Wars letters; 60- Three sheets to the wind; 61- Fair-hiring abbr.;

