

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, April 7

*In Kerby a woman said that her ex-husband stole her car for the second time in two months, and that without the car she can’t get to work, and her boss said that she’d be fired if she didn’t show up the next day. The “ex” was contacted, and said that he’d pushed the car over a cliff and that he was going to Grants Pass to file for divorce. (And you think that you have problems).
*In Selma someone phoned a tow truck company to have a car moved from private property. But the tow head said that he was concerned that the car was too new to be towed as (possibly abandoned?) and thought that it might be a stolen vehicle. (No conclusion to this epic).
*The second reported break-in since December was logged from Hathaway Drive. In the most recent incident the creeps broke down a fence, kicked in a door “and pretty much cleaned out the 12x12 room; left commode and tub/shower, got all else.”
*On Lakeshore Drive in front of the Lake Selmac Resort, a person not identified in the logs was cited on a charge of driving while suspended, and warned for failure to carry proof of insurance and for not staying on his own lane.

Outside the Valley

*Eleven incidents were tallied, including several vehicle and residential cases of vandalism and burglary; and one situation on Buysman Way in which a complainant said that his neighbor harasses him with “a very loud bell” as he comes down his driveway. He added that previously she “laid in wait behind a tree in the dark and used an airhorn to harass me as I returned from work.” She also “acts strangely” in other ways and the man is worried about his family’s safety.

Tuesday, April 8

*There was a complaint from some folks in California, who said that they drove to the 7000 block of Caves Hwy. to pick up a sick relative. They found, according to their report, that their brother had been held down in a motel by a sadist who used a pocket knife to cut off part of one of the brother’s feet. They added that a woman with the monster did nothing to stop the attack, and that she stayed in Cave Junction for three days after the attack. Josephine County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) referred the case to Oregon State Police (OSP) detectives.

*A restraining order was served on Fir Drive.
*Nina Mae Hopkins, 29, was arrested on Westside Road. She was taken to county jail in Grants Pass on charges of possession of a controlled substance/meth, second-degree theft, and first-degree burglary.
*A Laurel Road resident reported that someone broke into his car, stole items and damaged the dashboard.
*Due to his identity being stolen, said a man in Kerby, the evildoer opened a phone account, and now the victim “is being dunned by a credit management company” to the tune of \$2,106.36.
*”The lock on the shed door was taken off with a pry bar, the contents of the shed were gone through and items are missing,” reported a resident in the 10000 block of Takilma Road. He added, “I have not had the opportunity to take an inventory. In addition, a screen was removed from a window at the house, however it does not appear that” entry was made.

Outside the Valley

*Many problems were reported during 19 calls about burglaries, ID theft, a drunk passed out on a roadway, and a hit-and-run crash.

Wednesday, April 9

*OSP notified JCSO that a call was received about a gray, older Dodge van that nearly ran a complainant off the roadway in the vicinity of Caves Hwy. and Laurel Road.
*Community Oriented Policing was logged on Westside Road.
*While a Selma resident was in Medford he was notified by an alarm company that his home was being invaded. When he reached the place he found that two doors were broken through, two laptop computers were missing, the refrigerator doors were left open, and the place had been ransacked. He noted that while the vipers were present, the alarm was sounding. A suspect vehicle might have been seen.
*Two transients were contacted at the former Valley Farm & Garden store at Redwood Hwy. and Watkins Street after someone said that they were drinking alcohol and urinating on the property and buildings. An officer found beer cans, but not any wet urine areas. Both bums were warned.
*Eight locks were reported cut at a site on Finch Road.
*While “out with four” near the end of Hanby Lane, including one man with a criminal background, a JCISO officer asked for backup. Two OSP troopers responded. Other information was not on the log.

Outside the Valley

*There were 16 calls including one from Long Acres

Road. The latter was about theft of all sorts of tools and equipment valued at approximately \$2,500 from a job site. Tool boxes were broken into, and the pilfering bastards took 40 gallons of diesel fuel by vandalizing a truck.

Thursday, April 10

*Two people were contacted at Jubilee Park. One was warned about illegally camping there “and advised regarding obstruction of governmental administration.”
*Apparently a Mercy Flights helicopter from Medford landed at Jubilee Park, as a deputy was standing by at 10:13 a.m. awaiting its arrival.
*While “cleaning up a homeless camp” about 5 miles out Rockydale Road a man found clothing and a bloody blanket. He took the latter to the Southern Oregon Sanitation Transfer Station (aka the dump), but after doing so thought that he better notify the law.
*Suspicious people who might have been trying to steal a car were reported near the Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley.

Outside the Valley

*Among 12 calls was one in which Grant Gene McNeal, 44, was arrested on Smokey Lane on three counts of violating a restraining order. He was taken to county jail. Another call was from a woman who said that she’d hit a man with a baseball bat because she’s afraid of him, and he’s caused damage and problems including “a chainsaw incident.”

Friday, April 11

*In front of a CJ business at 10:40 a.m. a man was lying on a sidewalk with spilled beer. I.V. Fire District responded and found that he was sleeping; no medical aid was needed. (Neither the beer nor the drunk were identified).
*Some dude said that he was being harassed near the Junction Inn by a man who sells blankets.
*An alarm from a home the 5000 block of Westside Road at 1:37 p.m. was termed “beyond available resources” by JCISO.

Outside the Valley

*Ten incidents and calls today including Frank Arlington Rogers 42, being arrested on Lower Grave Creek Road on charges of fourth-degree assault/domestic felony, domestic menacing, and unlawful use of a firearm/pointing a firearm at another. He was given a ride to county jail. Also, on Valley Heights Road a man said that a well pump valued at \$1,500 was stolen.

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WHERE’S THE ALARM?

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

Monday-04/07

7200 blk HOLLAND LP. RD, Outdoor Smoke
5500 blk HOLLAND LOOP RD, Grass Fire
200 blk GEMINI LN, Open Burn
24100 blk REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn
17000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Small Vehicle Fire

Tuesday-04/08

300 blk STEVENSON ST, Lift Assist

Wednesday-04/09

100 blk DEER CREEK RD, Open Burn

Thursday-04/10

400 blk S REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy
800 blk IDLEWILD DR, Medical Emgcy

100 blk LAMONT WAY, Medical Emgcy

Friday-04/11

100 blk PATTON BAR RD, Assist to Public
WESTSIDE RD/REDWOOD HWY, Open Burn

Saturday-04/12

21000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident
700 blk ALTHOUSE CR. RD, Medical Emgcy

Sunday-04/13

2100 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Medical Emgcy
600 blk FERNWOOD DR, Medical Emgcy

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Firefighter Bob Clarke prepares a helicopter landing zone at Jubilee Park



IVFD assists Mercy Flights personnel load a patient onto the helicopter.

Crossword Puzzle courtesy of



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Across

1- To talk, usually in a pompous manner; 6- Radioactive gas; 11- Strike caller; 14- Pertaining to the moon; 15- Liquid waste component; 16- ____ Paulo, Brazil; 17- Compact; 18- Large drinking bowl; 19- UFO pilots; 20- Benjamin; 22- Chapter's partner; 24- Nuclear-fission apparatus; 28- Official count of population; 29- Nearly; 30- Mistreat; 32- Small amounts; 33- Duck with soft down; 35- Pi followers; 39- Gossip bit; 40- Alphabet trio; 41- Electrical unit; 42- Able was ____; 43- Actress Witherspoon; 45- Bhutan's continent; 46- It's human; 48- Shooting star; 50- Moving around; 53- Filmic; 54- Paris "thanks"; 55- Watch over; 57- Altar answer; 58- Breathing organs of fish; 60- Fall bloomer; 65- Gangster's gun; 66- "Goodnight" girl; 67- South American ruminant; 68- Washington bill; 69- Grannies; 70- Water lily;

Down

1- No longer young; 2- Regret; 3- Abby's twin; 4- Univ. aides; 5- Puts up; 6- Gossip; 7- I smell ____!; 8- Stun; 9- Suffix with Capri; 10- The communication system of the body; 11- Software buyers; 12- Island in the East China Sea; 13- Assumed attitudes; 21- E or G, e.g.; 23- Weaken; 24- Spokes; 25- Gladden; 26- The color of honey; 27- Skin preparation; 28- Junkyard dog; 30- One who uses an abacus; 31- Honey producers; 34- Bakery worker; 36- Old Testament book; 37- Mixed bags; 38- Kick off; 43- Fam. member; 44- Bahrain bigwig; 47- Source; 49- Ultimate purpose; 50- Compadre; 51- Family car; 52- Penned; 53- Lawsuits; 55- Secluded spot; 56- Humerus neighbor; 59- 401(k) alternative; 61- ____-mo; 62- Rat-a-____; 63- Big bird; 64- ____ Tafari (Haile Selassie);

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