

Tales from the Rural Patrol

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Monday, April 14

*When a man on Ollis Road found a guy sleeping in his house at 6:30 a.m.; the guy said he thought that the place was abandoned. When the owner went upstairs “to protect himself” the weirdo left via a window and took the man’s pickup truck. He also stole a \$400 water pump, said the home owner. A report was to follow on unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, second-degree theft and first-degree burglary.

*The owner of a building in Downtown Cave Junction wanted people warned about trespassing, and a deputy accommodated the request.

*After finding a leaf blower behind a CJ church, the person who found it walked to the substation below City Hall to report it.

*It was a case of second-degree burglary when a deputy found that a shed behind Lorna Byrne Middle School (LBMS) had been broken into and the intruder left a mess. He also took a leaf blower valued at \$359; it’s believed to be the item noted in the preceding incident.

*People on Pugetville Road

said that a stolen car was returned, but that the thief is still on the loose.

*Following notification from OSP about someone driving a large pickup truck and nearly hitting other vehicles on Redwood Hwy. near milepost 39, a deputy checked from CJ to O’Brien, but the rig was not located.

*Near the Siskiyou Medical Center, said a motorist, another driver in a silver-colored SUV nearly ran him off the road and was headed toward Grants Pass. No patrol cars were in position to check.

Outside the Valley

*Eight calls were logged including one about a woman’s estranged mother-in-law checking stuff that the woman was trying to load into a truck; and one in which a complainant said that he was threatened by a woman with a shotgun because she said he was trespassing. (Some days are like that).

Tuesday, April 15

*Quite a quiet day other than a restraining order being served in Downtown CJ. (Income tax deadline day had most everyone staying low?)

Outside the Valley

*Twelve calls were logged. One was about a man who threw a child safety seat from a car and drove off with a woman and a baby. Another was from a citizen who said that for

an unknown reason someone from a medical office phoned to say that he was going to visit him to cause bodily harm. (Not the best bedside manner we’ve heard about).

Wednesday, April 16

*At 11:56 a.m. a deputy responded with emergency lights and siren activated after a report of a “male-female” physical fight on the LBMS track. Those involved fled into the woods and were not located.

*Plywood was reported stolen from a contractor’s building site in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy., and a fence was damaged. It was approximately the sixth time that items have been stolen during the past several months, and this time the slithering wretch even removed a security camera.

*Some ass stole a suitcase from the rear of a car in Downtown CJ. It was a case of second-degree theft and unauthorized entry to a motor vehicle.

*Burglary said to involve a fire-arm and a tablet was reported from a home on Glendon Road.

*People in the 32000 block of Redwood Hwy. had a dispute about who owns what, and about paying for some damage claimed by one. Civil compromise was reached.

*At least one commandment was broken by a not-nice person who caused an estimated \$5,000 damage

to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church by trying to remove a heat pump. It was listed as a case of second-degree criminal mischief.

Outside the Valley

*Among 15 calls was one in Wilderville when a search warrant was served with the help of the Jackson County SWAT team. Thomas A. Roach, 59, and Melinda Roach, 55, each were arrested and taken to Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass on charges of first-degree burglary and first-degree trespassing. And some folks in another part of the county reported a residential burglary in which they lost cash and jewelry.

Thursday, April 17

*Child Services was notified about a complaint from a woman’s former boyfriend that she took her young child to a “crack house” behind a CJ business.

*Two people with a motor home were warned in the Selma area about the 14-day limit on camping in certain locations. It looked as though they had been there quite a while.

*A reported stolen vehicle was found on Reeves Creek Road.

*When a man went to S. Kerby Avenue to pick up his girlfriend’s young child there was a disturbance with a woman who put the child in her car. The man was advised that the mother “can allow whomever she wishes to care for the child.” The boyfriend was “upset because

the house is a mess and looks like there is drug paraphernalia all over.” He wanted to meet with a deputy, but didn’t show up for the meeting.

*Trespassing in progress was reported on Barlow Street. The reporting party said that “unknown people have shown up at his residence trying to strong arm them out.” He believes it’s related to the former owners, who “have been threatening to send every twaker in the valley to the residence to harass the current tenants.”

*Following a complaint that “a bunch of tweakers” including people with guns came to a house on McMullen Creek Road, Anthony M. Hensley, 41, was cited to appear on a charge of failure to appear for a traffic citation in Salem.

Outside the Valley

*People contacted Josephine County Sheriff’s Office 12 times. One call involved Robert Cristman, 45, who was described as hostile and uncooperative. And intoxicated. He was charged on Harbeck Road under a Jackson County probation violation detainer; taken to JoCo Jail and then Jackson County officers picked him up. And a woman on Red Mountain Drive was afraid of a man who came and got a load of rocks, but also kissed her and rubbed himself on her without permission. He became angry and said he’d get his rocks off on her driveway.

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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-04/14

25600 blk REDWOOD HWY, Fire Alarm
100 blk E O'BRIEN ST, Open Burn
4500 blk DEER CREEK RD, Lift Assist
1000 blk INDIAN CR. RD, Traffic Accident
4900 blk LAKESHORE DR, Medical Emgcy

Tuesday-04/15

500 blk LAKESHORE DR, Lift Assist
No address, Medical Emgcy
200 blk HONEYBEE LN, Medical Emgcy
300 blk MCMULLEN CR. RD, Medical Emgcy
300 blk MERLOT DR, Medical Emgcy
29000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy
100 blk O'BRIEN RD, Lift Assist

Wednesday-04/16

100 blk O'BRIEN RD, Lift Assist
300 blk BURCH DR, Grass Fire

2700 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Medical Emgcy

Thursday- 04/17

38500 blk REDWOOD HWY, Structure Fire
3700 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emgcy
No address, Large Vehicle Fire

Friday-04/18

100 blk PUGETVILLE RD, Medical Emgcy
300 blk MONA WAY, Medical Emgcy
200 blk W WATKINS ST, Medical Emgcy
200 blk OLLIS RD, Medical Emgcy
1900 blk WHITE SCHOOL RD, Open Burn
18200 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emgcy
4500 blk DEER CREEK RD, Lift Assist
300 blk OAK DR, Medical Emgcy

Saturday-04/19

1000 blk NAUE WAY, Medical Emgcy

Sunday-04/20

900 blk CAVES HWY, Medical Emgcy
500 blk SCHUMACHER ST, Medical Emgcy
4700 blk HOLLAND LOOP RD, Grass Fire

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CHIEF’S CORNER

*By Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief, Illinois Valley Fire District*

Wildland Fire Season is fast approaching. Predictions are we are in for another tough year. The

snowpack for Southern Oregon is 12% of normal. **Are you ready?**

- **Do you have a defensible space around your house?** If so are you maintaining it? How are your roof and gutters? Are they filled with pine needles? Roof and gutter debris is the perfect fuel during a wildland fire.
- **Can we get to your house?** If the brush on your driveway is rubbing your car, will you be able to escape during a wildland fire? Equally important—can we get fire truck down your driveway?

There are a few more weeks left in the outdoor burning season. Please remember a few simple rules to keep you and your neighbors safe:

- Burn permits are required and can obtained online or by stopping at our headquarters. Follow the instructions on the permit.
- Burn early in the morning before the winds pick up and the humidity drops.
- Have water and tools on site to prevent an escapement.
- Never leave the fire unattended. We have already responded to a number of small wildland fires, mostly due to open burns not being properly attended to.
- Only burn legal materials such as yard waste and untreated cardboard. Burning of illegal materials such as trash, furniture and hazardous materials may result in a citation and fine from the Fire District as well as a fine from DEQ due to air pollution.
- You may also be held liable for all suppression costs should your burning get out of control, as one property owner recently found out.

I am asking you to be extra safe this fire season. Take action to prevent the spread of wildfire, maintain a defensible space around your home, and have an escape plan. Until next time “let’s be safe out there”

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Across

1- Henry VIII's sixth; 5- Horseless carriage; 8- Got it; 12- Olive genus; 13- Word with panel or energy; 15- Perlman of "Cheers"; 16- At any time; 17- Singer LaBelle; 18- Seemingly forever; 19- Imaginary; 22- Deli bread; 23- Fond du ____; 24- ____ were; 26- Assignations; 29- Schedules; 31- Expected; 32- Upright; 34- Utah's ____ Mountains; 36- Airline to Tel Aviv; 38- Green ____ is the place to be; 40- "The King and I" setting; 41- Magazine copy; 43- President before Polk; 45- Code-breaking org.; 46- Main arteries; 48- Adequate; 50- Approach; 51- Eight-time Norris Trophy winner; 52- Simile center; 54- Needed to borrow books; 61- Steals; 63- Sweatbox; 64- One who has something coming?; 65- Wight or Man; 66- Prepares for publication or release; 67- Ayatollah's land; 68- Female deer; 69- Naval rank, briefly; 70- ____ contendere;

Down

1- Composition in verse; 2- Edison's middle name; 3- Stink; 4- Seldom; 5- Carbonized fuel; 6- Prefix with meter; 7- Charge per unit; 8- Relaxation; 9- Reducing in length; 10- Start of a counting rhyme; 11- Relaxation; 13- More than one continuum; 14- Competitor; 20- Not acid; 21- Son of Rebekah; 25- How sweet ____!; 26- Oklahoma city; 27- Logical; 28- Religious offshoots; 29- Inscribed pillar; 30- Secret supply; 31- Agnus ____; 33- Weep; 35- Doc bloc; 37- Decoy; 39- Ladies of Spain; 42- And others, briefly; 44- Actor Calhoun; 47- Come up; 49- Mischievous boy; 52- Parched; 53- Indifferent; 55- Summoned; 56- Undoing; 57- Aardvark's prey; 58- Russian airline, ____ flot; 59- Iranian coin; 60- Bond classic; 62- Paris possessive;

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