

Tales from the Rural Patrol

(Editor's Note: Factual information for 'Tales' 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, Sept. 22

*At 10:23 a.m. Illinois Valley Fire District and American Medical Response were rolling with flashing lights and wailing sirens to a medical emergency in the 25000 block of Redwood Hwy.

*It looked as though a person reported missing was at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction, but a deputy found that the information was incorrect.

*Although someone (probably with good intentions) felt that hospice workers were somehow hastening the earthly departures

of their patients, such was found unfounded.

*In the vicinity of Myrna Lane and Redwood Hwy. gun fire and yelling people were reported, but after a deputy stood by for a time, the situation, whatever it was, was filed for information.

Outside the Valley

*There were 16 reported incidents.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

*A quiet day in the Valley except for a request for help dispatching an injured fawn in the 26000 block of Redwood Hwy., but Oregon State Police (OSP) had no unit available in the area. So the matter was handled, but it was unclear who did it. (But fortunately the little deer was put out of its misery).

Outside the Valley

*The log lists 19 calls.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

*In broad daylight shortly prior to 9:30 a.m. a man from California left his pickup truck near milepost 35 of Redwood Hwy. and walked to Cave Junction for gasoline. When he returned to his rig, some lovely person had smashed the driver-side window, cut the battery cables and stolen items from inside the cab and from the bed. (Nice people. Not!)

*Around 1 p.m. there was a reported noninjury traffic accident at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street. No Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies were available. However, an OSP trooper was in the area and that officer handled the call.

Outside the Valley

*A variety of calls for aid or

to report crimes (11 of them) were logged.

Thursday, Sept. 25

*At a Downtown CJ business, Michael Jason Phillips, 43, was arrested on charges of felony driving while suspended (DWS) and parole violation. He was taken to the Josephine County Jail in Grants Pass. And his vehicle was impounded.

*Traffic stops were made at Redwood Hwy. and Lister Street and Watkins Street, but names of those halted were not provided. One of those was cited on a charge of not wearing a seat belt. Later another motorist was cited on charges of lacking (on his vehicle) mud flaps and "fender flares."

*A man in CJ wanted to report a stolen vehicle after his "ex-fiance" (according to the complainant) put all his clothing, "all his stuff" and

his dogs into his pickup truck and headed south. No action was taken because of questions about the length of their time together and probable arrangements for whatever.

*In CJ a driver (not identified) was cited on charges of DWS violation and failure to obey a traffic control device. Plus, his vehicle was impounded. And another traffic stop was made nearby. (No info provided).

*OSP was advised about someone driving a certain type of vehicle from Selma to CJ on Redwood Hwy. for some reason.

*Information was received about people from Idaho in a pickup truck on a CJ parking lot playing music loudly and asking people for money.

Outside the Valley

*Sixteen calls logged.

Groups launch campaigns on GMO labeling in Oregon

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In a TV ad paid for by advocates of labeling genetically modified foods in Oregon, voters are told 64 countries have such requirements and labels didn't lead to an increase in their food costs.

Opponents of GMO labeling have released an ad that says the opposite: Labels would be costly for food producers and consumers and would not show which ingredients in a product are modified.

With a decision on the Nov. 4 ballot measure just five weeks away, the two opposing camps combined have reported contributions of nearly \$3 million and expenditures of more than \$2 million, including advertising. It's a sign of what's still to come.

This is round three in the GMO labeling match in recent years. Similar measures in California and in Washington state failed narrowly after millions of dollars were spent, mostly by labeling opponents.

If adopted, the initiative by Oregon GMO Right to Know would require manufacturers, retailers and suppliers to label raw and packaged

foods produced entirely or partially by genetic engineering. The measure would not apply to animal feed or food served in restaurants. It would be effective January 2016.

The United States does not require labeling of genetically engineered foods. Three states — Vermont, Maine and Connecticut — have passed labeling laws, although they don't take effect immediately. A similar measure also recently qualified for the ballot in Colorado.

Labeling supporters say there aren't enough studies on the impacts of GMOs, so consumers have a right to know if they are eating them. Gov. John Kitzhaber, who is running for re-election, recently came out in support of the measure, as did Consumers Union, the advocacy arm of Consumer Reports.

Critics say mandatory labels would mislead consumers into thinking that engineered ingredients are unsafe, which scientists have not proven. As in previous cases, the anti-labeling campaign is chiefly financed by out-of-state food corporations and biotech companies that grow engineered crops; endorers include large state farming groups.

Though it's not reflected in the early filings, opponents are

expected to raise a lot more money than proponents.

The anti-labeling campaign in Oregon has thus far reported just over \$1 million in cash and in-kind contributions and has reported spending about half a million, according to filings with the Oregon Secretary of State's office.

The pro-labeling campaign shows \$1.9 million in contributions and expenditures of \$1.6 million.

These donations and expenditures are from a month ago because the campaigns have 30 days to make reports.

In both California and Washington state, biotech and other giant food companies vastly outspent opponents — a factor most experts agree helped defeat those measures. In both cases, the measures were defeated by about 2 percentage points.

The anti-labeling campaign spent about \$45.6 million in California, compared to \$8.7 million by labeling supporters. In Washington state, where the ballot contest went on record as the costliest in state history, opponents spent \$33.3 million, compared to \$9.8 million collected by the pro-labeling groups.

In Oregon, the labeling issue isn't new. In 2002, voters soundly defeated a GMO labeling measure.

But the attention to GMO's has grown since then, as has opposition to genetically engineered crops in Oregon.

Earlier this year, voters in two rural, conservative counties in southern Oregon — Jackson and Josephine — approved bans on GMO crops. The vote came on the heels of the discovery of a patch of GMO wheat in Eastern Oregon. That discovery led to Japan and South Korea suspending imports of the crop over GMO concerns, temporarily closing a \$700 million market and causing outcry and concern among farmers.

Labeling proponents say that could help turn the tide in Oregon. Ads released by both sides feature Oregon farmers, a tell-tale sign of their importance to the measure's fate.

Supporters say labels would help family farmers by "letting people know the difference between the traditional food we grow and food genetically engineered in a lab." Opponents say labels would hurt farmers, because "the last thing we need is a bunch of complex, costly regulations that don't exist in any other states."

Labeling proponents also say they've learned from pro-labeling campaigns in California and Washington.

"We've tightened the language in Measure 92 so the opposition can't make the same misleading claims they did in both those states," including making clear that labeling applies only to food meant for human consumption and increasing protections for farmers, campaign spokesman Kevin Glenn said.

The campaign is also focusing more on knocking on doors and registering new voters, Glenn said. The approach seems to be working: The coalition has received donations from nearly 3,000 Oregon donors. Its extensive list of endorsements includes nearly 100 farms and farming organizations, as well as dozens of restaurants, grocers, chefs and other groups.

Opponents call the measure badly written. It would not, for example, require labels for meat and dairy products from animals fed genetically engineered feed. They also say consumers who wish to avoid GMOs already have the choice to buy organic foods.

"This measure provides inaccurate and misleading information, and doesn't tell consumers what's in the food," said Dana Bieber, spokeswoman for the Vote NO on 92 Coalition.

The anti-labeling side has not released a full list of endorers.

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

Monday-09/22

25900 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency
ALTHOUSE CREEK RD / BEEBE DR, Grass Fire

Tuesday-09/23

100 blk MESA VERDE DR, Power Line Problems
200 blk S OLD STAGE RD, Medical Emergency
500 blk LISTER WAY, Fire Alarm
200 blk REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident

Wednesday-09/24

200 blk PILLER PL, Open Burn
31000 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

Thursday-09/25

100 blk HOLTON CREEK RD, Medical Emergency
100 blk WOOD DUCK LN, Medical Emergency
100 blk S JUNCTION AVE, Medical Emergency



IVFire's Tuesday training was "Fire Ground Operations" held at the LDS Church on Junction Ave.

Friday-09/26

200 blk S OLD STAGE RD, Open Burn-Illegal Material
1400 blk ROCKYDALE RD, Medical Emergency
100 blk IRON WAY, Medical Emergency

200 blk GARNER RD, Medical Emergency
CAVES HWY / LAUREL RD, Fire Assist to Public
6400 blk DEER CREEK RD, Medical Emergency

Saturday-09/27

500 blk SHERWOOD AVE, Medical Emergency
CAVES HWY / HOLLAND LOOP RD, Traffic Accident
28200 blk REDWOOD HWY, Traffic Accident
32400 blk REDWOOD HWY, Medical Emergency

Sunday-09/28

4600 blk REEVES CREEK RD, Medical Emergency
100 blk CAVES HWY, Medical Emergency
300 blk PINWOOD WAY, Medical Emergency
12300 blk TAKILMA RD, Medical Emergency

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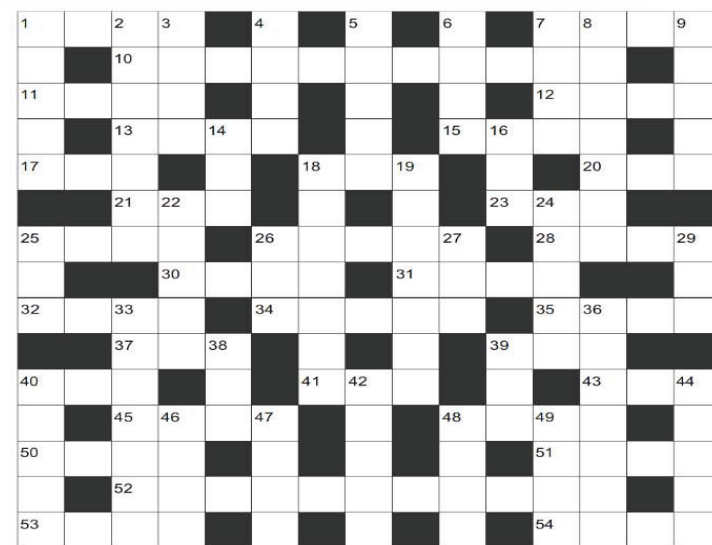
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ACROSS

- Back problem, slipped ...
- Take on (staff)
- Mixture
- Incursion
- Castrate (horse)
- Morays or congers
- Fight for air
- Yearning
- Feather wrap
- Coal by-product
- Young fox
- Chum
- Youth
- Wild
- Body fluid lump
- Water bead
- Hurry
- Manage
- Kept us going, ... us over
- Edgy, ill at ...
- Golden ball
- Make sense, ... up
- By that route
- Fun-loving
- Compete (with)
- Crack (of lips)
- In this place
- Repeat
- Sins
- Parliamentary seats
- On-field line-up
- Distribute playing cards



DOWN

- Grubby
- Physics or chemistry
- Cipher
- Wanes
- Lead-in
- Male red deer
- Pigs
- Clumsily
- Northern sea duck
- Feminist movement, women's ...
- Rock band's sound booster
- Tooting (horn)
- Military school
- Beneath
- Was painful
- Facial twitch
- Healthy
- Boy
- Definite article
- Simmered (of eggs)
- Negative (criticism)
- Support garment
- Yes
- Vistas
- Steel or brass
- Painting stand
- Cavity
- Fill suitcase
- ... over heels in love
- Riverside plant