

# PATROL . . .

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\*There was a non-injury accident at 3:32 p.m. when a brown 1994 Ford Ranger and a silver-colored 1999 Toyota Corolla collided at W. River Street and N. Redwood Hwy.

\*A caretaker went on a rampage at 3:58 p.m. when he received his eviction notice from the 24000 block of Redwood Hwy. He retrieved his cat, and left in a Buick.

\*SOS reported a hit on a key pad panic alarm at 4:48 p.m. in the 100 block of Warren Road. When law enforcement phoned, a somewhat uncooperative chap claimed to be the grandson, but refused to give his name or date of birth. He couldn't believe that the alarm was activated since he had the key fob.

### Outside the Valley

\*Thirteen listings.

### Saturday, Feb. 4

\*Neighbors were concerned about squatters in the 13000 block of Lakeshore Drive at 11:59 a.m. because a stolen vehicle had recently been recovered from the property. Even worse, they suspected that the location might be a crime scene when they saw mattresses outside that appeared to be covered in blood. A needle was found and disposed of, but the red substance appeared to be transmission fluid. A power meter was removed from the property, and the landlord did not want to be held liable for the bill.

\*An ex-wife in the 25100 block of Redwood Hwy. claimed that she was the victim of harassing and threatening incidents between Nov. 19 - Feb. 3. One time she was home and saw her front door knob turn, and then she received a series of prank phone calls. Her mailbox was broken into, and her Facebook photo was used as a link to a YouTube site. She figured it was probably her ex-husband, since it was nearly time to renew the restraining order.

\*At 12:47 p.m. a motorist on Redwood Hwy.

at Draper Valley Road was warned for improper display, defective tail lights, and other vehicle issues.

\*From 11 p.m. on Feb. 2 until 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 3, loud bass from the 9300 block of Takilma Road drowned out the sound of rain and kept neighbors awake.

\*It was a case of dueling firearms at 3:58 p.m. in the 900 block of Caves Hwy. Six or seven shots could be heard from two different caliber guns coming from separate directions.

### Outside the Valley

\*Nine items.

### Sunday, Feb. 5

\*Everything was hunky-dory at Jubilee Park at 10:58 a.m.

\*A deputy assisted an outside agency at Western Plaza at 11:05 a.m.

\*Spoil sports cut a lock at the Illinois Valley High School baseball equipment shack at 625 E. River Street. The chumps removed baseball bats, helmets, and other miscellaneous items without permission. A report was filed for second-degree theft and criminal mischief.

\*Lurline Lane passed inspection at 1:59 p.m.

\*At 2:08 p.m. a motorist on S. Redwood Hwy. at Caves Hwy. was warned for failure to maintain lane and failure to carry an operator's license.

\*Two people reported an alarm from Evergreen Elementary School at 2:34 p.m. A new teacher accidentally activated the alarm, and quickly learned the correct code.

\*Law enforcement located someone with a warrant at 25904 Redwood Hwy. at 2:51 p.m. The trouble-maker was cited and released for failure to appear for burglary, theft and mischief.

### Outside the Valley

\*Thirteen items.

# Dregs steal county snowplow

By Dan Mancuso  
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An Oregon State Police Trooper happened to be passing Josephine County's public works garage in Kerby near 1:30 a.m. and noticed the lights were on.

"I got a call asking if there was a reason why the lights were on," said Rob Brandes, Josephine County Public Works Director.

It turns out there wasn't a reason. Once an investigation got underway it was found that one truck used to plow snow was missing, along with assorted smaller tools. Brandes noted the truck was scheduled to be surplused later this year so the value was minimal; however, "The cost of the plow, smaller tools and fixing the gate lock to be in the range of \$5,000."

The truck didn't make it very far, after ditching the snowplow somewhere the truck was used as a battering ram making two large holes in the Watkins side of a building formally used as storage for the old feed store in the building now occupied by Wright's World Emporium.

According to CJ Patrol spokesman Jimmy Evans, criminal activity in Cave Junction seems to have increased in recent weeks. "Our patrols have seen a definite increase in nighttime suspicious traffic, and with many new faces in town, but what's equally maddening is the shameless confidence of both known and unknown."

Evans feels offenders are embolden due to the limited ability to prevent, much less hold

these people accountable for their crimes. One such example was after the county's truck was used to punch two holes in the feed store building Evans noticed a man crawling into the building. "When I asked what the hell he was doing going in there, he simply replied, 'I wanted to see what was inside' and walked off."

Evans believes drugs are the driving force in much of the local tomfoolery. "Bottom line for me ... our drug-driven crime is for the most part committed by addicted, self-destructive individuals who are a danger to themselves, others and property, but until we ourselves detox from shirking our responsibility to properly fund law enforcement, our community will continue to share in both the reputation and consequences. It's our choice to put up with it or not," Evans said.

Evans is not the only one noticing the recent increase in activity. Cave Junction City Councilor Mark Dillinger has noticed a recent influx of graffiti in the business corridor of Hwy. 199, "I think it's a sad state of affairs, it's sad to watch the deterioration of our fine city," Dillinger said.

Currently, Cave Junction has one deputy on contract for 40 hours a week and Sheriff Daniel subsidizes a second patrol during the same hours to assist in backup situations.

Anyone with information about the snowplow crime is encouraged to contact the Josephine County Sheriff's Office at 541-474-5123.



(Photo courtesy of Tabitha Siemer for the Illinois Valley News)

Mr. Polen (left) congratulates Alyvia Miller at Lorna Byrne Middle School for her participation in the district's eighth grade math competition.

## Athlete of the Week ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Name: DESTANEE WARNER

Week: JANUARY 23RD-JANUARY 28TH

Reason: FOR BEING AWESOME.



Name: AUNDREA MILLER

Week: JANUARY 23RD-JANUARY 28TH

Reason: SHE LEAD THE TEAM IN BOTH GAMES THIS WEEK IN POINTS AND ASSISTS. 18 POINTS, 8 REBOUNDS, AND 5 ASSISTATS VS LAKEVIEW AND 15 POINTS AAGAINST RR.



Name: ISAIAH MCLANAHAN

Week: JANUARY 23RD-JANUARY 28TH

Reason: HE PLAYED GREAT DEFENSE DURING OUR GAMES AGAINST LAKEVIEW AND RR. HE ALSO HAD SOME BIG MADE FREE THOWS DURING THE RR GAME.



Name: ROSS GAYNOR

Week: JANUARY 23RD-JANUARY 28TH

Reason: GREAT WORK ETHIC AND ATTITUDE IN PRACTICE AND HE WRESTLED GREAT ON SATURDAY.



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