

PATROL . . .

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*A restraining order was served to an individual at Illinois Valley Fire Station #4 at 5:36 p.m.

Outside the Valley
*Twenty-two entries.

Thursday, March 23

*At 9:09 a.m. a wife in the 100 block of S. Junction Avenue reported that her husband was looking for his stolen vehicle near Lorna Byrne Middle School. The thieves allegedly spray-painted his vehicle black, and replaced the tires with smaller wheels. They added a lumber rack that may have been stolen from a blue Nissan earlier in the week. Hubby was advised to wait for law enforcement, and not place himself in an unsafe situation. He was admonished to not to confront the thieves, but he refused.

*There was a disturbance in the 200 block of Millie Street at 1:19 p.m. when a frantic woman yelled for help. The disagreement appeared to be verbal, and no marks were observed on either party.

*Lake Selmac was serene at 2:31 p.m.

Outside the Valley
*Twenty-five incidents.

Friday, March 24

*Law enforcement was not necessary during a medical call from the 900 block of Indian Creek Road at 12:39 p.m.

*A father, son, and brother had a family feud in the 8600 block of Deer Creek Road at 4:22 p.m.

Outside the Valley
*Twelve listings.

Saturday, March 25

*There were no calls logged from Illinois Valley on this date. (Were Frontier phone lines down again?)

Outside the Valley
*Twelve items.

Sustainable cannabis fair set

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The cultivation of cannabis has become nearly synonymous with the Illinois Valley but with great economic power comes great responsibility. Growing cannabis is having unintended impacts upon the natural resources and environment of the Valley but, with a little knowledge and determination, high quality, high yield cannabis could be grown in a sustainable manner.

The Sustainable Cannabis Fair, hosted by the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District (IVSWCD) and the Cave Junction Farmers' Market, will take place May 7, from 12 - 6 p.m. and, if successful, will be held annually. The event will be family friendly with no smoking allowed and it will be free for the public to attend. In addition, there is also the possibility of door prizes for those who attend.

There will be six speakers, five workshops, plus a great many informational tables. The speakers will address topics such as, cultivating the health of soils, preventing runoff with efficient irrigation, salmon-

friendly fertilizers and pest management.

"A lot of the growers grow in a way that they dump fertilizer from a bottle onto their plants then give their plants a large amount of water," Tracey Brandt, IVSWCD conservation technician said. She continued by explaining that this behavior unintentionally runs fertilizer laden water off into streams or down into the ground water. "I think that conservation and preserving water quality is something that everybody can get behind," Brandt said before continuing, "the people who are having an impact could just be doing it from a lack of awareness."

According to Brandt, running fertilizer off into water sources can destroy aquatic ecosystems, among other things, because the subsequent algae blooms increase the water's oxygen levels to a point that the native species have difficulty thriving.

Confirmed to be speaking so far are Peter

Gendren, president of the Oregon Sun Grower's Guild which is an organization that can certify organic cannabis, and Chris Hall, the president of the Cave Junction Farmers' Market. One of the workshops is confirmed to be about organic certification.

"We're still in the process of getting the schedule nailed down," Brandt said. She continued on the point to add that a band will be playing at the event and will also host myriad vendors, including food vendors, selling their wares. Renting a booth will cost \$10.

"It can definitely be more affordable to grow in a sustainable way," Brandt concluded, "You can spend less money on fertilizers, pesticides, soil and water." Indeed, preserving the environment around us is a worthwhile gesture and those who want to improve their farming methods to be more cost efficient and sustainable should feel free to attend.



PAPA's recreational back in business after city delays

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When cannabis was legalized in Oregon all dispensaries were given the immediate ability to sell to recreational users, for a set amount of time, while they got the application process started and hopefully finished with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). The deadline was Jan. 1, 2017, a deadline that PAPA's dispensary

was forced to miss because of the city's refusal to participate in the industry. As such, and for a time, they could no longer sell to recreational customers.

When the city council finally agreed to participate, PAPA immediately started the application process somewhere around the first of the year. This process took about two and a half months to complete and they finally were able to sell to recreational customers March 11.

"It was a lot of work, there's a lot involved," Mike Clemenson,

operations manager, said, "When they came out and inspected our store we got 100 percent on our inspection with no corrections. That includes everything from security systems, which are much more expensive than normal systems, for a medical dispensary."

Speaking from the economic side of things, PAPA most certainly faced a loss in profit from their involuntary delay in the application process. However, that quickly changed the moment they got the ability to sell recreational back. Clemenson stated on

the topic that even after only putting the word out for a little over week, the amount of recreational customers they got, as opposed to medica, is 60 to 40 percent in favor of recreational.

Clemenson also reported that PAPA is not currently facing any challenges or hurdles so things are looking up for the cannabis industry of the Illinois Valley.

"We're just super excited," Clemenson said, "we want to get the word out. We've got a pretty good customer base and we're looking forward to the tourist season."

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