

Sheriff's Report

By Sergeant Jeff Van Laanen

Summer is here. Our schools have let out for the summer break, and many of us will be taking a well-earned vacation. It is often during this time of year that burglary and theft rates rise. Past articles have promoted the values of Neighborhood Watch programs and have hinted about home security. I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some specific, valuable tools that will better help you secure your home and your valuables.

First, I must reiterate the value of the Neighborhood Watch program. In my opinion, no other single prevention tactic is more valuable, or more successful in the prevention of burglaries and the apprehension of burglary suspects than a good watch program. Anyone wishing to start such a program should contact their local law enforcement agency or **Deputy Paul Box** of the Polk County Sheriff's Office for assistance and information.

There are many things a responsible citizen can do alone, or in combination with a local watch program, that will greatly reduce the chances of being a victim of a burglary. Most burglars are not rocket scientists, but they are smart enough to tell when you are not at home and they will take advantage of a home with weak security measures.

In most cases a burglar will select his targets with an eye towards the easiest, safest, and most profitable locations. After all, if a burglar was willing to do hard work, he would have a real job and not work as a thief.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO HELP MAKE YOUR HOME A "RISKY BREAK-IN" FOR A BURGLAR:

- ✓ **Never announce to a thief that you are not home.** Leave lights and a radio on timers while you are away. Arrange to have your mail and newspapers stopped or picked up by a trusted neighbor. Ideally you should have that trusted neighbor visit your home daily and alternate turning on lights and opening the drapes or blinds. Let them park a vehicle in your driveway and ask them to tend to your lawn while you are away. Then do the same for your neighbor when they need you.
- ✓ **Solidly secure your home.** Doors should be solid wood or steel, without thin panels or glass. Effective locks are a must — deadbolt or cylinder locks are recommended for all outside doors. Don't forget your windows and sliding glass doors! Your local hardware store has many locking devices designed to secure all types of windows and openings. And always use the locks. Too many times I have taken burglary reports where the point of entry had a good, solid lock that was left unlocked by the home owner. Also, control your keys. Keys should never be "hidden" outside the home (we all know where you hide them), and never loan your keys to casual acquaintances. Locks should be changed when keys are lost or when moving into a previously occupied home. Alarm systems can be valuable deterrents.
- ✓ **Mark your property and secure your valuables.** Burglars steal items that can be sold for cash or traded. All "high theft" items (T.V., VCR, stereo, etc) should be permanently marked with your driver's license number. An engraving tool is recommended and the location of the mark should be non-removable.

Donna Breneman leaves the Clinic to pursue missionary work in Africa

By Tracy Dugan

If you recently received a letter in the mail informing you that you should pick a new primary health care provider, it's because Nurse Practitioner Donna Breneman has left the Tribal Clinic to pursue her dream of working as a missionary for her church. Last fall Donna had the opportunity to travel to Kenya, Africa on behalf of her church, and stay for three weeks. She loved it so much, she now wants to make a commitment to go back for three years, and that of course will mean leaving the Tribe.

While visiting Kenya, Donna said that she could see many of the people were badly in need of health care, and she believes her background in medicine could benefit the Kenyan peoples.

"The diseases there are things we in America don't think about like Typhoid and Malaria," she said. The water is just not safe to drink without boiling it first, but many of the people don't do that."

Donna said that there are very few physicians and hospitals, and most people don't go to the doctor anyway.

"We are so spoiled here. We go to the doctor to get medicine for a cold, and these people have to stay at home even when a life-threatening illness occurs," she said.

Donna said she found the people of Kenya to be warm and generous, and also very proud. She visited with folks from the cities as well as the villages, and was greeted with good food and conversation by those who welcomed her into their homes.



The Tribe and the Health and Human Services Division gave Donna a Pendleton blanket in appreciation of the health care she provided to tribal members during the past couple of years.

HELPFUL JOB HINTS

WORKFORCE FACTS

- Oregon bucks the national trend with continued manufacturing growth. High technology industries are leading the way.
- Most new jobs between now and 2005 will be in the service producing sector.
- Professional/technical and service occupations will add the most jobs.
- Blue collar jobs in construction, transportation, and production are also growing.
- The fastest growing occupation in the state is semiconductor processor.

HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER

- **APTITUDES AND ABILITIES** are things that you naturally do well. People who work in a job where they have the necessary aptitudes and abilities will usually enjoy their work and advance in the career field.
- **VALUES AND ATTITUDES** are formed early in life. If you value a paycheck you must also have a positive attitude about showing up on time for work and being productive. Bad attitudes are one of the major reasons people get fired from jobs.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Every job requires specific skills and/or education to accomplish the required tasks. In addition to skills and education there are certain physical requirements for each job.

If you would like more information on obtaining a job in your area or choosing a career contact:
SHEILA ELLIOTT — Employment and Training Counselor/JOB program — 879-2024 or 1-800-242-8196
CONNIE HOLMES — Employment Coordinator — 879-2267 or 1-800-422-0232.

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Enjoy working with people?
Like to Smile?
Have good customer service skills?
Want to earn an income?
Know why the coyote is jumping
over the mountain?

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