

State Police plan safety belt drive

The Oregon State Police St. Helens Office will participate in the 3 Flags Safety Belt Blitz, May 19 through June 1. During the Blitz, members of the St. Helens office will be emphasizing safety belt compliance by watching closely for violations and taking enforcement action.

Federal overtime funds for safety belt enforcement will be used for saturation patrols during the Blitz period.

Recent Nationwide Crash Data determined that the use of driver restraints is the strongest predictor of child restraint use. When a driver is buckled, restraint use for children (birth to 15) is 87 percent. When a driver is unbuckled, restraint use for children is 24 percent. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 4 to 14, and more than

half of children who die in crashes are unbelted.

The driver of a motor vehicle is responsible for ensuring that all passengers under the age of 16 years are properly secured with a child safety system, safety belt or safety harness.

Children under four years of age and weighing 40 pounds or less must be secured with a child safety system. Children between four and six years of age weighing between 40 and 60 pounds must be properly secured with a child safety system that elevates the child so that the safety belt or harness fits properly. Children over six years of age and weighing 60 pounds or more must be properly secured with a safety belt or safety harness.

For more information, visit <www.osp.state.or.us>.

Vernonia Police Department

Abbreviations: MIP, Minor In Possession of Intoxicants; DUII, Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; PCS, Possession of Controlled Substance; UUMV, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident; CCSO, Columbia County Sheriff's Office; OSP, Oregon State Police; WCSO, Washington County Sheriff's Office; P & P, Probation & Parole; SCF, Services to Children & Families.

April 25 - 1:30 a.m. responded to verbal dispute at River & 1st Ave. Drug-related.

- 3:15 a.m. officer solved hit & run @ Napa Store from 2 weeks ago. Napa truck driver hit Coke machine and did not feel it collide. Police matched damage and broken lens to trailer. Driver information given to Coca Cola Company.

- 9-1-1 Board Meeting at VRF-PD.

- Tagged abandoned vehicle near entrance to Anderson Park.

- Tayna Davis, 34, Vernonia, warrant arrest. Released to Tillamook County Deputy.

- Responded to residential alarm on Louisiana Ave. Found to be false alarm.

April 28 - Criminal Mischief report from Vernonia School District. Someone drove through school lawn behind grade school and partially dismantled one of the pillars at the entrance.

May 1 - Traffic stop for window stickers on rear window.

- Traffic stop for unsecured dog

in bed of pick-up.

- Meeting with Curl Transportation supervisor.

- Criminal Mischief to a pickup truck at High School ball fields.

- 10:45 a.m. responded to MIP call of an 8th grader. Removed from school, notified parents and Juvenile Dept.

- Responded to dog fight on N. Mist Drive. Both dogs unleashed.

May 2 - Local youth and VPD Staff did yard work for local disabled woman at State and A St.

May 3 - Attempt to locate missing black lab.

- Attempt to locate two missing Rotweilers.

May 4 - Delivered emergency message to resident on Maple St.

May 6 - Responded to Vernonia Sentry Market and investigated Forgery and Theft involving the cashing of a check.

- Mark A. Washam, 37, Vernonia, warrant arrest; taken to CCSO jail.

- Joshua Elliott, 30, Vancouver, Wash., warrant arrest; taken to CCSO jail.

- Advised Vernonia resident not to dial 9-1-1 for traffic complaints after resident placed several non-emergency calls to 9-1-1.

- Responded to missing child report; child had been at school and then went home.

May 8 - Assisted CCSO with warrant arrest.

May 9 - Responded to citizen concerned that her rental property might be damaged.

May 10 - Responded to harass-

ment complaint at Vernonia Airport.

- Responded to traffic accident at Mini-Mart parking lot.

- Responded to domestic disturbance at 2331 N. Mist Drive.

- Responded to MIP alcohol/Harassment during school dance.

May 11 - Lydia Issacson, 17, Vernonia, cited for driving without a licensed driver; has driver permit only.

May 12 - Assisted CCSO in the arrest and transport of a burglary suspect to CCSO jail.

- Mark Williams, 32, Tillamook, warrant arrest, also cited for DWS and driving without insurance.

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April 9 - Garrett L. Abney, Adams Road, Vernonia, reported wheels and tires stolen off his Ford Ranger pickup.

May 2 - Richard A. Runion, 47, Banks, found slumped over the wheel of his semi-truck, partially blocking Hwy 30 near MP 25. Arrested and taken to CCSO jail where alcohol and drug tests were clear. Apparently impaired by lack of sleep and failure to take his diabetes medication.

May 3 - Cari J. Levenseller reported a burglary in her garage on Pebble Creek Road.

May 8 - Gregory A. Reynolds, 23, Vernonia, arrested for violation of no contact order; taken to CCSO jail.

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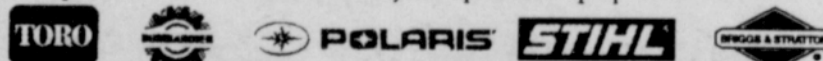
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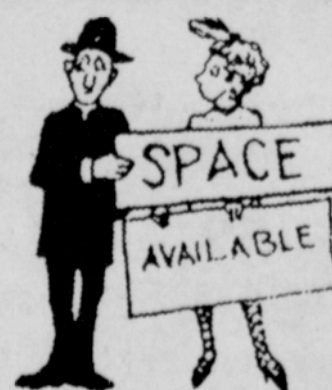
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