

Vernon County Sheriff's Report, 7/2 - 7/8

On Sunday, July 2, horses were out on County Road T, in the town of Franklin. Upon arrival, the owner was out looking for the horses. The owner was able to locate the horses and put them back in their pen.

Also on Sunday, July 2, Lynn Simmons of Bradenton, Florida, was traveling westbound on US Highway 14, in the town of Viroqua, when she struck a deer. Simmons did not report any injuries. Her vehicle was towed but not due to disabling damage.

On Monday, July 3, license plates were stolen off a vehicle at a residence in the village of Readstown. A deputy responded and located the license plates on a different vehicle at another address in the village of Readstown. The license plates were returned to the owner/victim.

On Tuesday, July 4, a mailbox was damaged along Hinkst Hollow Road, in the town of Franklin. No other mailboxes appeared to be damaged along the road.

On Thursday, July 6, Jennifer Clark of La Crosse was driving on Barstad Road, in the town of Viroqua, and missed the stop sign at the intersection with East Smith Road. Robert Call of Viroqua was traveling on East Smith Road. Call attempted to stop but was unable to and struck Clark's vehicle. Neither driver reported any injuries. Clark's vehicle received functional damage and was not towed. Call's vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

Also on Thursday, July 6, Judith Crasper of Viroqua struck a deer while driving eastbound on US Highway 14, in the town of Viroqua. Crasper had no apparent injury, and her vehicle received minor damage.

Additionally on Thursday, July 6, Zack Salmon of Westby was traveling westbound on State Highway 56, in the village of Viola, when he served to miss a deer and went into the ditch. Salmon did not report any injuries. The vehi-

cle received minor damage.

Also on Thursday, July 6, Dianna Berg of De Soto struck a deer while traveling westbound on State Highway 56, in the town of Jefferson. Berg had no apparent injury. Her vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

In the past week, the Vernon County Sheriff's Office has handled 560 calls for service and seen 12 admissions into the county jail. The Sheriff's Office would also like to remind the community that if you have information on the events listed in this report, or on any crimes, to call Crime Stoppers at (608) 637-8477 or at 1-800-657-6868.



Though much of the estimated \$11,000 in stolen property has been recovered, the investigation remains ongoing. Vernon County Sheriff Roy Torgerson (pictured) ended last week's press conference encouraging the public to contact law enforcement if they have any information regarding the case. Sheriff Torgerson is pictured holding photos taken of the suspects' vehicle, identified as a Chevrolet Aveo. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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along Edgewood Avenue in Tomah, and the vehicle was impounded. Some of the stolen property was also recovered, and the search resulted in the arrest of 30-year-old Blaze Wesley Rouse of Tomah on possession of stolen property.

ARRESTS

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Further investigation into the tip and Rouse yielded an additional charge of burglary. The impounded vehicle was towed to the Vernon County Sheriff's Office vehicle impound facility. Over the course of the investigation, the Milwaukee-brand tools were located and recovered.

On Tuesday, July 4, a search warrant was executed on a Tomah residence with assistance from the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit. Two additional arrests were made as a result of the search: 39-year-old Joseph Daniel Trumble and 33-year-old Dustin Allen Lee Sprague, both of Tomah. Both were booked at the Vernon County Detention Center on charges of burglary.

A bail hearing was held on Wednesday, July 5, resulting in Trumble's release on a \$3,000 signature bond. Both Rouse and Sprague were held on \$5,000 cash bonds. All three are due back in Vernon County Circuit Court on August 2.

Continued investigation and cooperation between the Vernon County criminal investigator and the Tomah Police Department resulted in the recovery of all eight stolen firearms by 4:30P.M. on July 5. In total, roughly \$11,000 in property was stolen, and as of Thursday, July 6, most of the stolen items have been recovered.

Sheriff Torgerson held a

press conference regarding the investigation in front of the Hillsboro Police Department on Thursday, July 6. He informed those in attendance that the remaining missing items are comprised primarily of the several thousand rounds of ammunition. There is no predominant type of ammunition, with the stolen goods reported as being more of a "mixed bag."

According to Sheriff Torgerson, the burglary investigation has resulted in the opening of three new drug trafficking cases in the city of Tomah.

The motivations for three Tomah area men selecting a property near Hillsboro remain unclear, though Sheriff Torgerson commented that thefts such as these are often used to fund drug habits.

Formal charges against the three with regards to the burglaries will be sought through the Vernon County District Attorney's Office. Any further charges may be sought through the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, pending further investigation.

Sheriff Torgerson has stated that the case remains open and the investigation remains ongoing. He thanked the public for their support and the information provided that enabled investigators to track down and recover the majority of the stolen items.

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CROSSWORDS no. 183

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ACROSS

- 1. Uninteresting
- 5. Observe Lent
- 9. Solemn promise
- 12. Corporate symbol
- 13. Clarinet's relative
- 14. Pasture mother
- 15. Frosting user
- 16. Colonize again
- 18. Pea holders
- 19. Amount
- 20. Coop item
- 23. Lucid
- 27. Rushed
- 30. Altitude
- 34. Expert
- 35. Flat
- 36. Vroom

- 37. Lookout's platform: hyph.
- 39. Tricky
- 40. Game of chance
- 41. Nursery item
- 43. Pledge
- 47. Tale opener
- 51. Steed
- 55. Give (out)
- 56. Each
- 57. Bullets and bombs
- 58. Wickedness
- 59. Gab
- 60. Pit
- 61. Folds over

DOWN

- 1. Radar dot
- 2. Crazy
- 3. Grew older
- 4. Cowboy's transportation
- 5. Because
- 6. Snoozing
- 7. Fair: hyph.
- 8. Popular shirts
- 9. Dog's doc
- 10. Hooter
- 11. Very small
- 17. "___ Pilot"
- 21. Hardens
- 22. Narrow valley
- 24. Ventilates
- 25. Yuletide word
- 26. Green with ___
- 27. Framework

- 28. Tract unit
- 29. Broadway blinker
- 31. Eden inhabitant
- 32. Sleeveless jacket
- 33. ___ saxophone
- 38. Yarn variety
- 42. Mountain call
- 44. Mournful word
- 45. 12:00, e.g.
- 46. Abode
- 48. Bossa ___
- 49. Crop
- 50. Slippery swimmers
- 51. Watch secretly
- 52. Afternoon meal
- 53. Floating zoo
- 54. Motion agreement

Sudoku

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PUZZLE NO. 923

HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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PLAY

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to the Baker's Field playground included: the Wonewoc Fire Department, Tony Kurtz, Roehling Trucking, Inc., Wonewoc businesses, Hillsboro Equipment, LaValle Quick Stop and Deer Processing, Rooster's Car Club, Driftless Terrain and the Everything's Possible Foundation.

A celebration and dedication, including a ribbon

cutting and speakers, is being planned for Saturday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. Ott said they will be giving away free brats and hot dogs in appreciation of the community.

"Hopefully it will be a time for everybody to get together and relax and enjoy the new facility," she said.

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