

Bob's Corner

I've made a few messes in my time, sometimes because of being stupid.

Jan still remembers a time in Poway, Calif. when a wasp or some other vicious insect landed on a small table on our patio. Being the hunter that I am, I took careful aim and slammed a broom onto the table top. I missed. The insect flew away, unharmed, but the glass-top table went to pieces.

Probably the "best of the best" of my bonehead extravaganzas involved a 240Z we had when we lived in Escondido, Calif. Jan kept telling me that the engine sounded funny, and I kept telling her that it was fine. Until the engine seized due to a severe lack of oil. Yep, that was from the Bonehead Olympics.

One really stupid action I took occurred in Gold Beach on the Oregon coast, when I was covering a trial of a man accused of murdering a U.S. Coast Guardsman and his girlfriend near Brookings.

As the suspect was led in handcuffs from the courtroom to the Curry County Jail sally port (from the Spanish salir puerta), this unthinking journalist with a camera leaped in front of the entourage of suspect, defense attorney and armed deputies, and ducked under the rising door. I didn't get the photo, but I did get a severe tongue-lashing for breaching the sanctity of jail security.

It's embarrassing even now, some 24 years later.

What's perhaps next on the list of absurd happenings occurred just this week. One of us, who live together in wedded bliss, forgot that they had put dishwashing soap in a couple of containers. They then placed said containers inside our atomic-powered, automated dishwashing device; added dishwasher soap; and turned on the machine.

Only a few minutes later, one of us entered the kitchen and marveled at the beautiful soap suds. Unfortunately they were billowing out the dishwasher door, and all over the floor. We had enough soap suds to wash a couple of horses if we had wanted.

But we don't have even one horse, and had to clean the cleaning overflow. Took a while. It's hard to believe the volume of suds that can emanate from a dishwasher. Thank goodness some friends have a little sucker, which we used to dry the floor.

At least it wasn't as expensive as a new engine.

Letter to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication. Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.)

'Save the Trees' From Paul Weller Cave Junction

Lorna Byrne Middle School is scheduled for demolition within days, but to my dismay I'm told the six beautiful, big and healthy sycamore trees in front are going too; to make way for a parking lot.

Kerby-Jefferson capital?

Self-described "tourism activist" Jack Heald wants to give a gigantic boost to Illinois Valley's tourism business by making Kerby the capital of the State of Jefferson.

Heald, a longtime valley resident, addressed the I.V. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors during its meeting on Thursday, June 19 in Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. in Cave Junction.

A veteran booster for valley tourism, Heald noted that he's been a tourism activist for the past 14 years. He noted that the chamber meeting he attended marked the 279th gathering he has either attended or participated in for furthering the visitor industry.

Heald said that Kerby - with attractions including It's A Burl, Kerbyville Museum, Stoneyfront Tavern, Kerbyville Acres, the Cron Farm, and two historic buildings, one used by Kauffman Wood Products -- would be right as capital of the somewhat legendary State of Jefferson.

In addition, he noted that because Kerby once was the county seat of Josephine County -- and because there are plans for an historic-type craft and commercial development on the former Cabax Mill site in Kerby -- the town is appropriate.

In addition, the Kalmiopsis Wilderness and Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside, although not in Kerby, are in the valley neighborhood. Heald said that ecotourism

The school district hired an architect to design the new school, but it seems to me a high-powered professional designer from the "big city" should have enough imagination to design a parking lot and bus loading area around these magnificent landmarks. There is lots of room between them for vehicles and access.

I understand Lorna Byrne personally helped plant them, and they could make a impressive entrance to the new school, as well as welcome shade. Or, we could have another scorching sea of asphalt baking in the sun and a few little 6-foot seedlings.

Please, phone the school district or board members and ask them to save LBMS' sycamore trees.

is a fast-growing business and that the valley has a great opportunity because of it. He said that ecotourism involves "pristine and primitive places" sought by many, and that Illinois Valley fills the bill.

The State of Jefferson, which has two Web sites, is the brainchild of residents in the S.W. Oregon and Northern California locales. S.W. Oregon residents tend to feel that the Willamette Valley gets the lion's share of attention and funding from the state; while N. California residents generally feel that the Sacramento and San Francisco areas get the most attention.

Generally, the State of Jefferson would take in an area including the N. California areas of Weed, Mt. Shasta, Crescent City, Yreka and Happy Camp. Beaver State areas generally would encompass S.W. Oregon from Bandon, Myrtle Creek and Crater Lake, and obviously including Illinois Valley.

For those who would scoff at his idea, Heald noted that his other suggestions, initially regarded as foolish, impossible or stupid, have come to pass. They include the rock sculptures around the valley; and the "Welcome" rock structure.

He said that he also-suggested the valley postcards and a map of the area, both of which have come to pass.

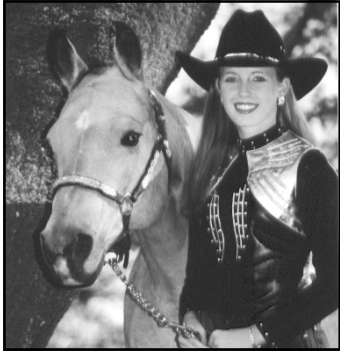
With regard to Kerby as the State of Jefferson capitol, Heald said, tongue-in-cheek, "It's just another of my stupid tourism ideas."

Calhoun gallops away with gold

In the recent Oregon High School Equestrian State Championship (OHSET), Chelsea Calhoun from Fort Hay Ranch in Selma topped the 950 athletes from 103 Oregon and Washington schools to capture the Hi-point performance Award.

In addition to her gold medal performance in Trail, Calhoun took the bronze in Reining and Silver in Stock Seat Equitation. Garnering points in Driving and Working Rancher pushed her scores to an unbeatable level for the Hi-Point Blanket awarded on the last day of the meet.

This was the last competition for Calhoun, who graduated from Illinois Valley High School on June 4, and her equine partner 'Fawn' in this var-



Chelsea Calhoun

sity sport. Calhoun also received the OHSET Scholarship for the Southern District as the outstanding Southern Oregon athlete and student.

She will attend the University of Findlay in Ohio in the fall and will study business management and equine orthopedics. She has received an athletic scholarship for her horsemanship along with an educational grant from Findlay. In addition, Calhoun was just named the recipient of the Ford Motor Company scholarship for the area.

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During the summer business hours at most RCC sites will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

The closures are part of the college's efforts to make up a projected \$2.86 millions budget shortfall over the next two years.

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