

Bob's Corner

My beloved wife was reading in bed the other night and laughing out loud.

"Hey," said I, "it's great that you're rereading some of my old columns. Pretty funny stuff, huh!?"

Jan stopped chuckling and guffawing; wiped the laugh tears from her eyes and notified me that no, she was not rereading "Blob's Corner." Instead (gulp) she was reading one of the books written by Patrick F. McManus.

I have to admit, he is a humorous guy. Probably makes a bundle with his goofy stories, too. Me? I'm happy as long as no one smacks me on the head with a rolled-up copy of the "Noose" and shouts, "You stink!"

After Jan nearly rolled off the bed laughing at the McManus concoctions, she urged me to read the story she had just finished. It related the intriguing tale of how fishermen handle getting hooked by their fellow anglers, and the pains, so to speak, that are taken to remove such airborne barbed gifts.

So I read the story. Yeah, I got a couple of chuckles out of it, but it really didn't strike me as all that amusing. Jan was surprised, but not too much. "You're not a fisherman," she said, which is something I already knew. However, as a child she was taken fishing and so could visualize the jolly time enjoyed by fishermen getting hooked, and what their brain-dead buddies do to get the dang things out of their bodies.

Anyway, it was a bit tough for the ol' editor to realize that McManus writes like a champ, able to hit the funny bone in a single bound. El Jefe has to struggle just to get a giggle, and even then I'm not sure it's just a courtesy laugh.

Man, I'll tell you, Humble Pie is not my dish, as I prefer low-fat peach or apple with non-fat frozen vanilla yogurt. But maybe if I keep trying I can tickle someone's laugh button.

Either that or learn how to enjoy Humble Pie. With or without vanilla yogurt. And definitely without a fish hook in one ear or the other. Or some other bodily appendage.

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'No fireworks' From Dorothea Hover-Kramer Cave Junction

I was pleased to see your reporting of the last meeting of the Illinois Valley Fire District Board and the concerns of President Joel Downing and Fire Marshal Jerry Schaeffer for the public safety regarding fireworks.

As a newcomer to this area at the time of the Daisy Hill Fire, I was shocked to hear so many firecrackers -- all potentials for another fire disaster. The public interest is definitely not served by the release of unsupervised, private fireworks in an area with such high forest fire danger.

In addition, firecrackers pose a serious threat to health of inexperienced persons and children. As a nurse I have seen devastating burns and injuries from these explosives.

I encourage all who value the beauty of this valley to support the proposal to limit fireworks to supervised activities by professionals. I appreciate your reporting of this concern. I for one look forward to celebrating July 4 in other, less dangerous, ways -- independence means the right to choose what is wise and best for all.

'KBCC support' From Pastor Charles Bridges, Bridgeview Community Church Cave Junction

We appreciate everyone for their gracious support regarding the equipment needed for EAS (Emergency Alert System). The FCC gave all ra-

dio stations until Oct. 26 to be ready, and the gifts have allowed us to be compliant. We have ordered the equipment, and we will have it installed in the next two weeks.

Here are two short testimonies of the station:

One woman stood in church and told how the music and encouraging words have helped her through the day.

One man in a local restaurant said he appreciated our coverage of a fire this past spring.

All the community support is appreciated.

'Successful sale' From Stephanie Friedman Cave Junction

Every year the I.V. Friends of the Library puts on a book sale, which is organized by a few core members of our group. These same folks move thousands of the books and put in many hours of work to make the sale happen.

This year I was happily surprised when many new volunteers helped to unload and organize books, baked treats and cashiered.

This year's sale was better than those in the past four years that I have been involved. I say it was better, not in terms of how much money was made (which was also great), but in terms of how many more community members came together to make it happen.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Friday evening members' presale and steady traffic throughout the day on Saturday.

Those who chose to use their time and energy to make it a success are appreciated. It is a good day when the community members of the valley can come together, work hard, and enrich our own and our neighbors' lives.

If you would like to become more involved in the I.V. Friends of the Library, come to our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 3 p.m. at the I.V. Branch Library, 209 W. Palmer St.

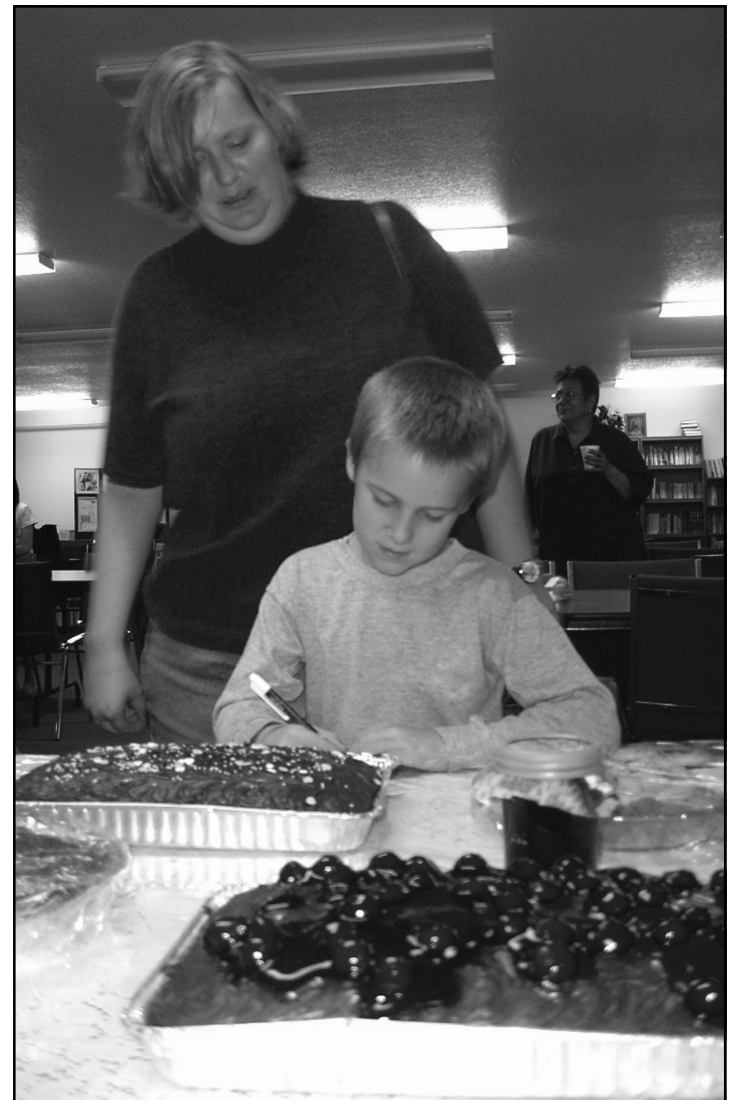
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THURSDAY, OCT. 9
 *Frosh/Soph football at Henley - 4:30 p.m.
 *JV/Varsity volleyball At Lakeview 5:15/6:30 p.m.
 *Twin Day
 *Pep Assembly end of day
FRIDAY, OCT. 10
 *Statewide In Service Day - No classes
 *Girls soccer at Hidden Valley - 10 a.m.
SATURDAY, OCT 11
 *Varsity football vs. Henley - here - 1 p.m.
 *Boys soccer vs. Rogue River - here - 10 a.m.
 *Homecoming Dance 8 p.m. to midnight
 *Cross country at Rogue River - to be announced
TUESDAY, OCT 14
 *JV/Varsity volleyball at North Valley 5:15/6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15
 *School board meeting at Fruitdale - 7 p.m.



PASTRY PARTY -- Apple pies, fruitcake, homemade jam and cherry-topped cakes were just a few of the items up for bid during a fund-raiser for Living Alternatives on Sunday, Oct. 5. (Related photo on page 4)

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