West Nile ...

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convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis.

These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

At this time, there is no human vaccine available to protect against West Nile Virus. However, CDC recommends several precautions that can be taken to prevent infection including:

*When outdoors, use insect repellants containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-meta-toluamide).

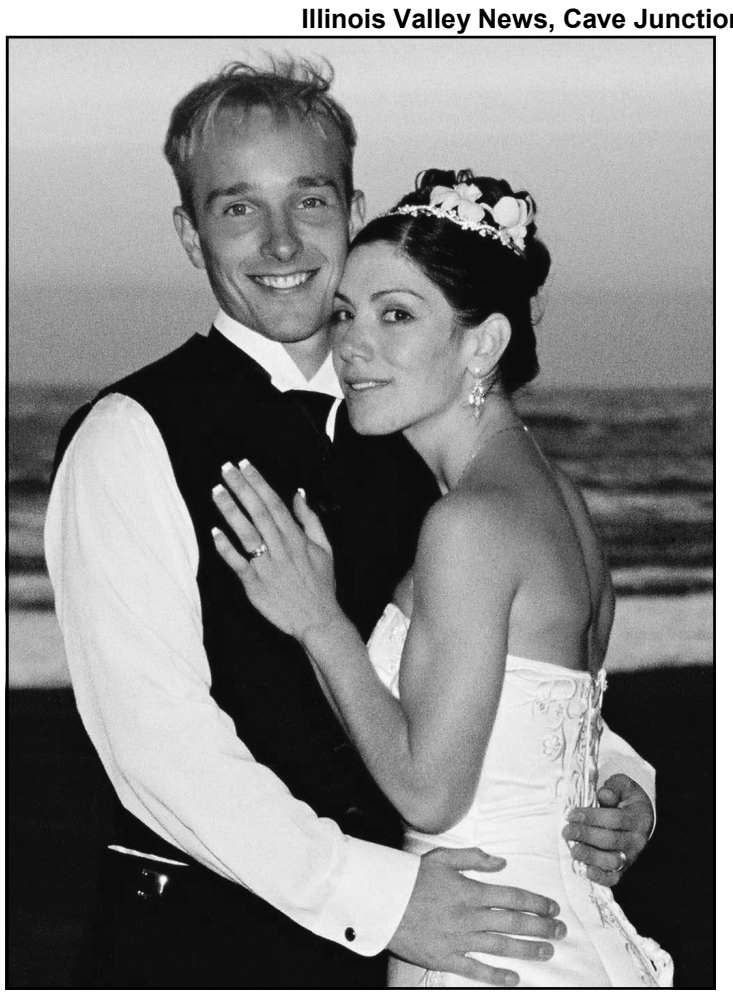
*Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Consider staying indoors during these times or use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants. Light-colored clothing can help you see mosquitoes that land on you.

*Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

*Eliminate mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill drainage holes in tire swings. Keep wading pools empty and on their sides when not in use.

CDC is working with state and local health departments, the Food and Drug Administration and other government agencies, as well as private industry, to prepare for and prevent new cases of the virus.

For more information, visit CDC online at www.cdc.gov/westnile, or contact the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675.



Jody & Tita Martin (Photo provided)

Herman and Martin wed

Former Illinois Valley residents Tita Herman and Jody Martin were wed by the Rev. Robin of Bandon, Saturday, July 31 at a residence in Gold Beach, Ore.

Tita is the daughter of Jan Herman of Grants Pass and Larry Herman of Cave Junction. She graduated from Illinois Valley High School (IVHS) in 1998 and went on to receive a Master's degree in biology from Oregon State University (OSU) in 2002. She is now a 7th-grade science teacher.

Jody is the son of Ken and Lynn Martin of Grants Pass. He is a 1998 graduate of IVHS and received a Master's degree in engineering from OSU in 2003. He is a doctoral student studying biomedical engineering and regeneration of the heart at University of California-San Diego.

A reception was held in Gold Beach following the ceremony, during which the couple danced the Tango for their guests under a blue moon which shone over the ocean.

The newlyweds returned to their home in San Diego after a honeymoon in Costa Rica.

City water relocation ...

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for extra compensation inflicted upon ODOT from a utility's lack of response shall be paid by the responsible utility.

"In the past, these costs have been financially substantial in size," Symons states.

Accordingly, the CJ City Council, which heard the matter in its Monday night, Aug. 23 meeting in City Hall, is preparing to have a pair of engineering firms look at the project, as well as coordinate a workshop with the residents and affected parties to discuss costs and schedules.

The water line itself will have to be relocated during bridge construction. With coordinated engineering, the water line will run through the new bridge when it's completed.

City Public Works Supervisor, Gary Biggs, estimates the cost to the city will run between $60- and $70,000.

Toxic algae closes Lake Selmac ...

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Although officials said there is no known risk to residents living near the lake, Barbara Carlson, a resident who lives on the lake with her husband and son, said, "My family and I have been sick for nearly a month now. It started with a sore throat and turned into bad diarrhea. I'm just not sure if the water is a problem."

Sylvia Mireles, environmental health manager for the Josephine County Public Health Dept. said, "There shouldn't be a problem with (residential) drinking water, because it is not from the lake.

Bartow added, "I have a map of the property owners within a half mile of the lake. We have an information sheet from Public Health… and will be contacting folks around the area to give them the information and include that they might want to keep their animals out of the lake until the bloom is over.

"We (also) work off a reservation system, so we've contacted campers who have reservations. Anyone who has reserved day-use areas for this weekend and next weekend may have to cancel," said Bartow.

On Monday, Sept. 13, Cycle Oregon is scheduled to use the park as an overnight resting point for more than 2,000 cyclists involved in its seven-day tour which starts and stops in Canyonville, Ore.

"(Cave Junction Mayor Ed Faircloth) and (city public works supervisor) Gary Biggs have discussed offering rental of Jubilee park to Cycle Oregon (if Lake Selmac is still closed to day-use and camping)," said Bartow.

Although county facilities at the lake are temporarily closed, the Lake Selmac Resort is still open.

"We have had several cancellations since the warning was issued," said Becky Schwarzott, resort co-owner, "but there is still lots for people to do here. Since we are connected to a private well and water source, our campground will remain open and has 30 sites available for use."

Information about blue-green algae can be found online at www.dhs.state.or.us/publichealth/esc/docs/maadvisories.cfm. Local information can be obtained by contacting the Josephine County Health Dept. at (541) 474-5325 or Parks Dept. at (541) 474-5285.

Remains of missing G.P. man ID'd

The remains of Michael Lane Woods, 34, of Grants Pass, have been positively identified.

According to a report by Josephine County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), Woods was reported missing on Aug. 8, 2002. His last known location was in the area of Miami Bar in the Kalmiopsis wilderness.

Friends of Woods said they dropped him off near Miami Bar on July 8, 2002. He was to be gone two weeks to a month.

Search efforts were hampered by the Biscuit Fire. However, on Nov. 2, 2002, human remains were found near Salmon Creek, approximately three miles from Miami Bar, said JCSO.

On Wednesday, July 14, anthologists with the Oregon State Medical Examiner identified the remains as those of Woods. "The delay in identification came largely as a result of our efforts in securing dental records from Mr. Woods' military service records," said JCSO.

The State Medical Examiner ruled the cause of death a gunshot wound to his head and the manner of death is listed as suicide.

Burglaries

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"The majority of the burglaries occurred in the middle of the night, when staffing didn't allow the sheriff's office to assign a deputy to the valley," Auborn said.

"The people who are committing these crimes know when there are deputies in town, and when there is (sic) not," he said.

In the report, Auborn also commended the sheriff's office Reserves, who volunteered to be present during evening concerts in Jubilee Park, contributing to a marked decrease in transients disrupting such activities.

"These deputies are a tremendous resource to the community, and with luck they will be able to assist the city with other...functions," Auborn said.

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