

Club News

Illinois Valley Garden Club

What are the best ways to control garden pests without using all forms of pesticides?

Find out Friday, Feb. 18 when "Natural Prevention & Controls" will be addressed by Nancy Hinds, a club member and graduate of the OSU Extension Master Gardener program.

The club meets on third Fridays at Immanuel United Methodist Church on Watkins Street, across from Shop Smart Food Warehouse. Coffee time begins at 12:30 p.m., with meetings at 1 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

For the show-and-tell horticulture table, the theme is "Earliest Blooms" and seed catalog exchange.

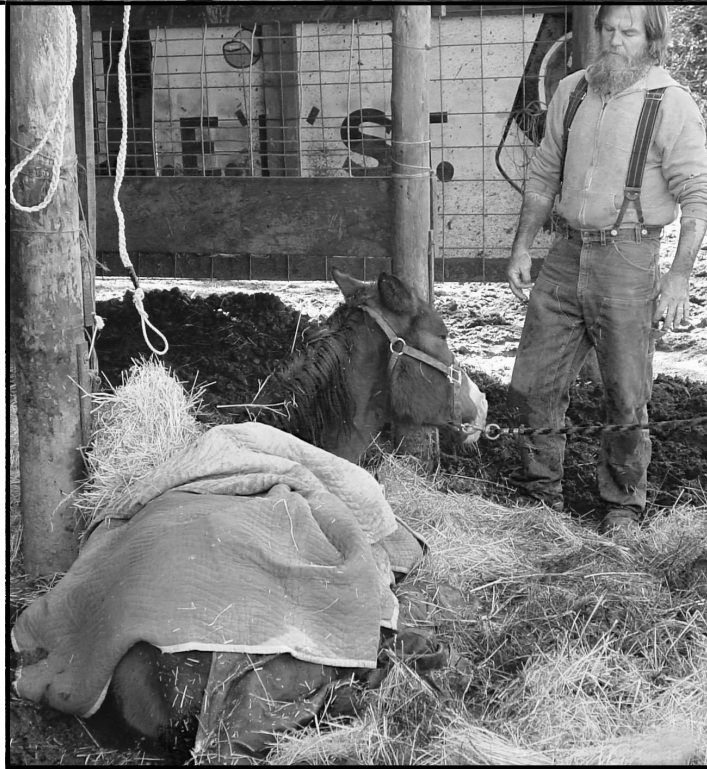
Co-hostesses will be Linda Naydol, Jean Shubert and Donnelle Kemmer. For more information telephone 592-2941 or 592-4257.

**Winter is on my head,
but eternal spring is
in my heart.**

- Victor Hugo -



LUCK IN MUCK - Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) firefighters helped Dane and Sally Marsh, of 2750 Caves Hwy., rescue their horse, 'Sophia Royale,' which was trapped in mud Thursday, Feb. 11. Firefighter De Spellman (top) was among persons assisting, as well as David Mahoney (right). The 24-month-old mare became trapped because of mud buildup caused by recent intense rain. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD photographers)



Campus Achiever



DAKOTA FRISK

Kerby Belt Lodge AF&AM has selected Illinois Valley High School senior Dakota Frisk as its February Student of the Month.

Frisk has maintained a grade-point average of 3.8, and is the son of Coleen Francis.

Frisk is a member of the Drama Club, Cougar Pals, The Thespians competition team, yearbook staff, Bible Club and the IVHS Chapter Honor Society.

He has attained the IVHS Honor Roll, and is listed with "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He has held the office of Junior Class representative, and Associated Student Body publicity chairman.

Frisk also has received a Perfect Attendance award.

Following graduation, Frisk plans to attend a four-year college in Oregon, and is hoping for Lewis And Clark College in Portland. He will major in theater arts, focusing on performance; and minor in psychology.

After college graduation, he plans to attend an acting school in Los Angeles, as he would like to pursue acting in movies, television shows or stage plays.

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The Andrades, Dohertys and Pfohls

Obituaries

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Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 in Portland.

A graveside service was held Monday, Feb. 14 at Eagle Point National Cemetery with Don Michaels officiating.

Mr. Ridgley was born on Feb. 25, 1954 in Dallas, Ore.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Ridgley; two daughters, Nadja Ridgley and Mary Alcorn; a son, Scott Ridgley; three stepchildren, Taliah Bordoff, Bradley Flint and Phillip Ridgley; his parents, Robert and Delpha Ridgley; two brothers, Carl Ridgley and

Dale Ridgley; a sister, Marilyn Conner; and a granddaughter.

A brother, Kenneth Ridgley, preceded him in death.

Hull & Hull was in charge of arrangements.

Joseph A. Monier III

A memorial gathering for former Illinois Valley High School teacher and coach, Joseph A. Monier III, 70, of Medford, who died at home Feb. 4, 2005, was held Thursday, Feb. 10.

For the memorial at Perl Funeral Home in Medford, the officiant was the Rev. Jim Clifford, of Shepherd of

the Valley Catholic Church.

Mr. Monier taught English at I.V. High School and coached the baseball team in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He retired as an educator after 30 years.

Previously, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 12 years. He enjoyed poker, even playing with President Kennedy on one occasion. And he liked horse racing.

Mr. Monier is survived by a son, Joseph A. Monier IV; a brother, Kenneth Monier, of Tennessee; a sister, Diane Gutting, of Illinois; and a grandson. He also leaves behind his companion of 12 years, Flora

Freeman.

Memorial contributions can be made to Providence Hospice, or Southern Oregon Humane Society.

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Tax News

Check out the tax breaks for supporting older relatives.

If you helped support your parents or other adult relatives during 2004, check out the tax breaks that could lower your taxes. Possible benefits include claiming your relative as a dependent, generating extra medical deductions, and being taxed at lower rates.

First, determine if the relative qualifies as your dependent. An adult dependent's gross income must be less than the exemption amount for 2004 (\$3,100), but some income - such as Social Security - isn't counted for this purpose.

You also must contribute more than half of your relative's support. Social Security does count as support for this test. However, if you and others together provide more than half of a person's support, you can claim the exemption if the others are willing to sign a document called a "multiple support agreement."

If a relative could be your dependent except for having too much income, you still might be able to deduct any medical expenses you paid for him or her during 2004. To do so, you must pay the bills directly as part of the individual's support, and your total unreimbursed medical expenses must exceed 7.5% of your adjusted gross income.

If you're single and helping to support a parent, you may be able to file as head of household. Head-of-household tax rates are lower than those for single people, although higher than those for married couples filing jointly. To qualify, you must maintain your parent's principal home, and your parent must be your dependent. The parent need not live with you, although adult dependents other than parents would have to live with you for head-of-household status to be available.

Qualifying for these tax breaks can be tricky. Contact us for details or to find out what tax rules apply in your own situation.

Federal, Oregon, California, and other state tax returns.

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