

Pacific Power crew repairs downed line

A temporary equipment problem caused a power outage affecting areas of Cave Junction and Kerby beginning Thursday morning, Nov. 30.

Residents in the E. River Street area east of Old Stage Road reported hearing a loud noise at approximately 7:57 a.m.

Power was out on the north side of E. River and into Kerby. Also affected were some customers in the Takilma Road, Caves Highway and Hummingbird Lane areas.

A “sleeve” connecting two power lines became disconnected, affecting approximately 2,291 customers, according to Pacific Power spokesman Bekki Witt. Power was restored by 12:24 p.m.

The disconnection resulted in dangling power lines and a small fire. No injuries were reported.

“It wasn’t any kind or weather incident,” Witt said. “Sometimes, being exposed to the elements, equipment wears out or gets damaged over time. That seems to be what happened in this case.”

Illinois Valley Fire District responded initially and stood by until a Pacific Power crew was able to reach the problem site.

The superior man is modest in his speech, but exceeds in his actions.

- Confucius -



RICK & SHARON NELSON (Photo by Scott Jorgensen, IVN Staff Writer)

Inexpensive beds, mattresses, furniture offered at The Bed Store in Grants Pass

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
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As the proud new owners of The Bed Store, located at 337 Union Ave. in Grants Pass, Sharon and Rick Nelson enjoy going the extra mile to help their customers get a good night’s sleep.

The Nelsons took over the business in late September, buying it from the previous owner. They had considered opening such a business for a couple of years, but waited for the perfect opportunity to come up.

“We decided Grants Pass would be a good spot,” Rick said.

Entering the business world is a new experience for both the Nelsons. Rick, a fourth-generation Rogue Valley resident, had spent most of his career fixing power lines for Central Oregon Logging, and Sharon had worked for a local

medical supply company.

“We could have retired, but decided not to,” Sharon Nelson said.

Rick said the business emphasizes quality service, a variety of brands and affordability.

“We’re here for people that don’t have too much money,” Rick said. “A lot of people can’t afford new mattresses.”

As such, the store sells beds and mattresses for \$50 and up, and carries new and used merchandise.

“We try to keep more inexpensive stuff in, even if it is new,” said Rick.

The Nelsons happily offer delivery for their customers, which even extends to the Cave Junction area.

“We’ve had quite a few sales in Cave Junction,” Rick said.

Aside from beds and mattresses, the store also has bookshelves, coffee tables

and other items.

“We carry miscellaneous furniture,” Rick said.

According to the Nelsons, business has been good so far, with many customers making repeated trips to the store.

“We’ve met a lot of really nice people,” Sharon said. “They usually have a smile on their face when they leave.”

Over the long term, the Nelsons would like to expand their inventory and carry more new beds. Doing so may require a bigger location, but for now, they’re maximizing the business’ existing space.

“We keep quite a bit of stock here,” Sharon said.

The Bed Store is open Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Sundays.

The telephone number is 474-2939.

Holiday ‘Hoop-lah’ at IVHS scheduled Friday, Saturday

The Illinois Valley High School annual Holiday Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9 at the IVHS gym.

There will be trophies for the first-place boys and first-place girls teams. Medallions will be given to five boys and five girls selected as All-Stars by the coaches and officials of the tournament.

There will be an admission charge for adults and students. Children 6 and younger, accompanied by an adult, will be admitted free.

The bracketing and time schedule:

Friday: Game 1, 2 p.m. Cascade Christian boys vs. Brookings boys.

Game 2: 4 p.m., Cascade Christian girls vs. Ashland girls.

Game 3: 6 p.m., Brookings girls vs. Illinois Valley girls.

Game 4: 7:30 p.m. Ashland boys vs. Illinois Valley boys.

Saturday: Consolation Game 1, 2 p.m., loser Game 1 vs. loser Game 4 (boys).

Game 2, 4 p.m., loser Game 2 vs. loser Game 3 (girls).

Finals, Game 3, 6 p.m. winner Game 1 vs. winner Game 4 (boys).

Game 4, 7:30 p.m. winner Game 2 vs. winner Game 3 (girls).

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Cougar swim team members stroke to many victories

By CYNTHIA HOBBS
IVHS Swim Coach

Illinois Valley High School’s swim team competed in its first meet of the winter season against Hidden Valley and North Valley.

IVHS results:

Women’s 100-yard Freestyle; 1st, Emily Harris; 4th, Victoria Prince.

Women’s 100-yard Breast Stroke; 2nd, Emily Harris; 3rd, Victoria Prince.

Men’s 200-yard Medley Relay; 2nd, Nick Greener, Pedro Costa, Ian Barker-Cortrecht, Taylor Harris.

Men’s 200-yard IM; 2nd, Ian Barker-Cortrecht.

Men’s 50-yard Freestyle; 4th, Ian Barker-Cortrecht; 5th, Tony Derda.

Men’s 100-yard Freestyle; 1st, Nick Greener; 3rd, Taylor Harris; 4th, Tony Derda.

Men’s 200-yard Freestyle Relay; 2nd, Ian Barker-Cortrecht, Tony Derda, Taylor Harris, Nick Greener.

Men’s 100-yard Backstroke; 1st, Nick Greener.

Men’s 100-yard Breaststroke; 2nd, Pedro Castro.

The next meet will be held at North Bend Saturday, Dec. 9.

Illinois Valley High School established its first swim team during fall 2005. Emily Harris, a junior at the time, wanted to swim for her high school since her freshman year in fall 2003.

She was told that there was no way. Emily tried to find if she could work out with other teams and then compete for her school. She looked into other options, swimming for other teams since IVHS didn’t offer swim team, and still she was told it could not be done.

During summer 2005, Emily and several of her friends from high school worked as certified lifeguards for the Cave Junction Swimming Pool. This elite group became interested in competitive swimming.

These swimmers made a huge commitment to start the first IVHS swim team. Spearheaded by Emily, they found a coach, talked to the other teams in their district, arranged pool time at Grants Pass YMCA and started a team. IVHS had a small competitive team of four their first season, two girls and two boys.

IVHS first swim team were surprisingly competitive as individual swimmers

within their district.

This year, our second season, the original four swimmers have continued to swim for IVHS. All four of these swimmers are seniors, Emily Harris (team captain), Victoria Prince, Nick Greener, Ian Barker-Cortrecht. The team has added three additional swimmers, Tony Derda (12), Pedro Costa (11) an IVHS exchange student from Brazil, and Taylor Harris LBMS (8).

These Scholar Athletes have made the huge commitment to travel nearly 80 miles round-trip to work out in Grants Pass because we do not have an open community pool. They have set high standards as role models for future swimmers.

As a coach, my philosophy is, “The team belongs to the swimmers.” It is up to the individual swimmer to gain knowledge, achieve their goals, and make the team a positive healthy experience.

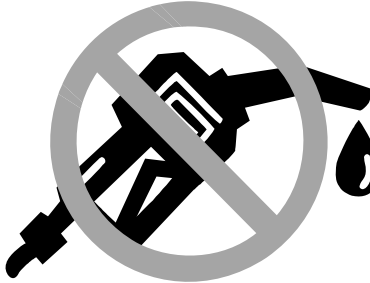
“I am only a tool in achieving these goals and will do what I can to help the dedicated swimmers meet their personal goals, which will enhance our team in all.

“I would like to encourage students, parents and community members to come out and support these fine athletes. Swimming is a lifetime sport promoting good health. We, the team, have been told multiple times that swimming is not a real sport.

“Swimming is a recognized OSAA sport, a professional sport and Olympic sport. We challenge you to try swimming with us to see how athletic swimming is.”

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