

Here, There, & Everywhere

HORSEY HELPS - *Acupuncture & First Aid for Horses, On or Off the Trail* is the title of a free presentation by Dr. Beth Kraft, a veterinarian. The talk, sponsored by Back Country Horsemen Sourdough Chapter, will be held Saturday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthias Episcopal Church at the north end of Cave Junction near Z Coffee. Phone 596-2488 for more information.

WELSH WISHES - The sixth annual Welsh dinner is set for Selma Community Center on Saturday, March 21. On the menu: carrot-and-apple soup, Welsh lamb stew, Anglesey eggs, roasted veggies, and Mum's fruit trifle. Tickets are available at the center office from 1 to 4 p.m. weekdays, or phone 415-1000.

YOUNG MOTORISTS - Driver education will be offered this spring at Illinois Valley High School through Rogue Community College. Classroom sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 7 through May 26 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. On-the-road instruction will be scheduled with the instructor. Students must register by April 1. Registration forms are available at IVHS, or contact Jennifer Marsden, 592-2116, for more information.

RAFFLE ROUND-UP - Some two-dozen Cave Junction and Grants Pass businesses have donated items for a fund-raising raffle for the 2009 IVHS girls softball team. Proceeds will go toward purchasing equipment. Contact coach Kenny Hix at 659-2009 for information.

GREEN SCENE - St. Patrick of the Forest Catholic Church, at 407 W. River St. in Cave Junction, will serve a corned beef-and-cabbage Irish dinner on Sunday, March 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. There also will be a raffle.

CALLING ALL CARS - Vendors are sought for the Cave Junction Lions Club annual Classic & Antique Car Show to be held Saturday, June 27 in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. For an application or more information contact Cori Allen at (541) 226-6570.

NOTEPAD - **Illinois Valley** Community Development Organization will hold its annual membership meeting at the new Business Entrepreneurial Center (RCC/Belt Bldg.) in Kerby on Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Plans for community events to celebrate Oregon Caves Chateau's 75th anniversary will be discussed. See the ad on page 2 ... **All-congregational** meetings for Illinois Valley churches this year will be held quarterly. The first is set for April 5 at Takilma Bible Church... **County sheriffs** in Oregon are lobbying through the association to which they belong for more money. Several sheriff's met recently with Attorney General John Kroger regarding the matter ... **T-shirts:** *Camping is intents. *Mexican basketball annual Juan on Juan Tournament. *When work feels overwhelming, remember that you are going to die ... **Bumper stickers:** *Shh! I'm listening to a book. *My life is based on a true story. *I had a life, but my job ate it.

LAST WORDS - I have always argued that change becomes stressful and overwhelming only when you've lost any sense of the constancy of your life. You need firm ground to stand on. From there, you can deal with that change. (Richard Nelson Bolles)

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congressmen and senators to demand that they vote "No" on every attempt to pass this bill. Don't know who your representatives are? They are easily available on the Internet. Don't care enough to phone them and get involved? You don't deserve the freedoms and liberty that our forefathers sacrificed so much to guarantee for us.

Any of our representatives who support this bill should turn in their passport and exile themselves to Haiti, never to set foot on this great land again. Tune in next week, and I'll tell you how I really feel.

Social disorder From David Winchester Cave Junction

Linda Schluter Tedder's letter to the editor in the March 4, 2009 edition of *Illinois Valley News* reports a young woman and child jay-walking across Hwy. 199 during what seemed to be a period of heavy traffic.

Tedder is rightly concerned for the safety of mother and child. She also rightly draws attention to the mother's dismissive attitude and the child's copying of that attitude.

Tedder alludes to, but does not emphasize, the insidious danger that is far greater than that of physical safety. That problem is the growing disregard for the fabric of social order -- respect for others and respect for the law. The mother's dismissal of the law (and the child's repeating of the dismissal) is one more example of the corrosion of our social fabric.

If we do not agree together to respect one another and to respect the law, the inevitable result is the destruction of society. Anarchy cannot exist for long. A stronger force -- internal or external -- will impose its will and enforce order.

Mother and child are merely examples of the larger problem. I, too, fear for their safety. My greater fear is for our culture.

Questions KWD plans From Chris Courville Kerby

I have some areas of concern with the Kerby Water District's plans.

First, pump stations ability to supply water in a state of emergency, elevation of pump station or design of station to be operational should it be flooded, or loss of power to the area occurs, reference of back-up power supply, aka genera-

tion plant.

Second, bank reinforcement at all creeks, and water way crossings in path of water lines to avoid wash-outs of Redwood Hwy. Third, residential water meter sealing type, to avoid surface water contamination into our residential water lines. Next, size and location consideration of underground utility vaults for our water meters, to avoid flooding or major excavation to remove mud and sediment from around meters.

Finally, the most important. Size of flood gates and design of fresh water make-up system for supplying water during the dry seasons.

The pump station: Have the designs included plans for this unit to be able to work should flooding occur? In most natural disasters fires do tend to occur. Also, if the electrical power should be knocked out by the event, is there a back-up power supply to keep this system operational?

Has the design of the installation of the back-up power supply been checked for location and containment of fuel source to avoid being contaminated by the flood waters and has it also been designed to prevent spilling into the run off water?

Bank reinforcement: This system crosses many small streams and creeks. Has something been designed to prevent water from undermining the soil from around the piping to prevent these bodies of water, should they exceed their banks, from washing out Redwood Hwy.?

Residential water meter type: Every resident on this system is being charged for a water meter upon the installation of this system. Are the meters designed to be under water and not allow surface water contamination to seep into our residential supply? Are the meters the gas pressurized double-sealed meters?

Underground utility vault: Have the vaults for the meters been sized to allow clean-out should the flooding occur? Will each vault be located in a location so the reader can access them or be able to properly clean out around the meter should soil fill the vault, or will an estimation of cubic units of water be estimated for charging of customers till excavation equipment can be brought in to dig up the vault so accurate readings can resume?

Fresh water make-up reservoir: Has it been designed with flood gates? Has the over-

flow been routed back into the river in a way to prevent the river from eroding its banks on the opposite side?

I have been unable to find any information regarding the reservoir or its location as to draw water from the river during peak flows, its size to supply water during August, September, and early October until our rainfall returns -- since the approved city housing that has not been occupied and the Kerby water demand leave a major water shortfall that I found to be missing when I visited the river at the city's draw point last summer.

Nurses needed From Steve Mozena Carson, Calif.

"Through the curtain of my hospital room, I hear a patient snoring in the bed next to me.

"My grandchildren call me 'Grandma.' In my younger days, I was a ball of fire, and even now the flame is hard to douse. But I wish my grandchildren were here with their smiling faces. It's lonely. My husband passed away not long ago. Here, nobody hears me or helps me.

"It's dark and cold, and these hospital blankets are too thin. It's about 3 a.m. I'm here due to a heart condition.

"I need to go to the bathroom, but I'm all wired up, and there is no bedpan is sight. I use the nurse-call remote. Buzz, buzz. Nobody comes.

"I hear all the different bells and buzzers echoing through the hallway. I hope for a response, but all I hear is the murmuring of voices echoing in the hallway.

"I buzz repeatedly. I look around desperately, hoping to reach anything I can go to the bathroom in. I can't hold it anymore. When I was young I could hold it for hours.

"The pee begins to flow, and I poop in my own bed as if I were an infant. I must now lie in the mess. I don't want my children, and especially my grandchildren, to see me now."

The preceding is a fictional account, but something like it likely is going on in hospitals around the country more often than anyone cares to think. We have a chronic nursing shortage. According to the American Hospital Association 8.1 percent of vacancies for RNs cannot be filled.

It's ironic that in this economic crisis, all the talk is about unemployment and job creation. Here are jobs available but no one is available to fill them.

It's easy for people to talk about the nursing shortage without bringing to mind the cost in lives and human dignity. But we must put our attention on it nationally. As the Baby Boomers age and need more and more medical care, the problem is only going to worsen unless we create a solution.

According to a recent report, the United States could be short 500,000 nurses by 2025. The need for nurses is growing at the rate of 2 to 3 percent every year. Yet despite this shortfall, nursing schools are turning away qualified applicants.

Many nursing programs in colleges are affected in this way. There are too many applicants for the spaces available. This includes Californian institutions such as UCLA and CSU at Long Beach in Southern California.

During 2007, U.S. nursing schools turned away more than 40,000 qualified applicants from nursing programs due to insufficient faculty, clinical sites, classroom space, clinical preceptors, and budget problems.

The problem can be solved in the short-term by opening the national door wide and inviting the best qualified nurses from not only the United States, but from countries around the world such as Ireland and the Philippines. These countries have many bright, well-trained people who want to care for others in a professional capacity.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 11

Sunny

High--55 Low--24

Thursday, March 12

Sunshine

High--59 Low--27

Friday, March 13

Sunny & pleasant

High--63 Low--29

Saturday, March 14

Cooler, some sun

High--56 Low--29

Sunday, March 15

Sunshine

High--59 Low--29

Monday, March 16

Sunny

High--63 Low--42

Tuesday, March 17

A full day of sun

High--70 Low--43

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri., Feb. 27	52	33	.00
*Sat., Feb. 28	54	34	.00
*Sun., March 1	53	46	.83
*Mon., March 2	55	42	1.02
*Tue., March 3	42	36	.98
*Wed., March 4	51	32	.09
*Thu., March 5	48	33	.09

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Illinois River Farm in Cave Junction:

*Fri., Feb. 27	53	33	.00
*Sat., Feb. 28	57	33	.05
*Sun., March 1	52	45	.57
*Mon., March 2	59	41	.85
*Tue., March 3	42	36	1.03
*Wed., March 4	48	32	.10
*Thu., March 5	48	33	.04

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Organization News

Laureate Beta Beta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi

The chapter recently was hosted by a sister chapter in Grants Pass. The Year of the Ox was celebrated with a Chinese dinner and entertainment.

Besides two monthly meetings, members have had several other social events. And they have raffle tickets to raise money for the chapter's annual Illinois Valley High School scholarship award.

Raffle prizes include an overnight stay with dinner at Seven Feathers; and \$50 gift certificates from Taylor's Sausage, Dillon's Nursery & Garden Center, Shop Smart Food Warehouse, Oregon Caves Chevron, and Treehouse Florist & Gifts.

For ticket information phone Virginia Gilliam at 592-2293, or Dorothy Stohlman at 592-4893.

Soup & Pie Lunch

with mini Bazaar
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