

Bob's Corner

Ah, sunny San Diego, where it never rains. Um, wait. Why was I dripping wet while visiting family in Carlsbad in San Diego County?

Maybe because it rained like a son-of-a ... er, it rained a lot. Worse than a Hollywood storm. The rain and wind were like a monsoon. Not that I've ever been in a monsoon, but I bet the weather during our visit last week was similar to one.

There was flooding. Some homes were damaged due to strong wind. Some areas were without electricity for a time because of downed power lines. It was a mess in some areas.

For my birthday one day last week, our daughter, Vicki, took us to a Mexican restaurant in nearby Encinitas. At one point there was a tremendous racket on the roof. Turned out to be hail. Actual hail stones the size of candy corn hammered the café roof. And this happened a stone's throw from the Pacific Ocean. In "sunny" San Diego County.

The restaurant people brought candles to all the tables. Just in case. The storm continued unabated, but the electricity stayed on. The weather down south was most unusual. At least, for San Diego. There were stories in the newspapers about disgruntled visitors from other states. They were unhappy about getting wet while trying to visit the many area attractions.

As for our family, we managed to deal with the rain and wind. In fact, thanks to our daughter, we were able to squeeze in a trip to Disneyland. Wow, that was a trip; not only the drive up and back, but you might not believe the effect the intense wind and rain caused.

I have never seen so many people in rain gear rushing for the exits. I don't want to say that there was a lot of rain at Disneyland, but I saw several families swimming toward the parking lot. As for us, we were on the train that circumnavigates the park when the worst of the storm hit.

We were a wee bit drenched in our open car. Wind-blown rain made staying dry impossible. Not to worry though. I turned to my wife and said, "The rain will stop in 10 minutes, and the sun will come out." She and Vicki looked at me as though I had three heads.

Ten minutes later, the rain stopped, and the sun came out. I refrained from snidely remarking, "See, I told you so!" But it wasn't easy.

Sometimes it's tough to be right.



Soar Like An Eagle

with Bob Quinn

Have you ever thought what it would be like to soar like an eagle, or skim across the treetops with the wind beneath your wings? ... Or maybe you're just a "Snow Bird" that leaves town whenever it starts getting dark at 5 p.m.

If you are any of these, then here is some food for thought about your well water system. The morning that you are ready to leave, turn off the breakers to your well pump and water heater, hook a hose to your pressure tank, and drain out ALL the water. Open a couple cold water faucets inside the house and leave them open while you're gone.

Although no method is 100%, this tip should eliminate almost all the risk of frozen pipes or water damage while you're gone. Upon returning,

simply turn the breaker for the well pump back on. The pressure tank will fill, pushing the air out through the open faucets in the house. Slowly close the faucets until full water pressure returns, and then turn the breaker back on for your water heater.

P.S. If you miss me, send me a post card!



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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact, are strictly those of the letter-writers.)

Typed, double-spaced letters are considered for publication. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered. "Thank you" submissions are not accepted as letters.

Museum milestone From Dennis Strayer Kerbyville Museum Board president and volunteer

2010 marks a milestone for the Kerbyville Museum – it is 51-years old.

Like many other small museums, the Kerbyville Museum is facing declining donations, the loss of volunteers and lack of matching funds to qualify for major program-funding grants and/or maintenance.

The museum has a long, historic tie to Illinois Valley. In 1958, the Illinois Valley Federated Women's Club purchased the 1.94 acres of land in Kerby that included the 1880 William & Nannie Naucke House. The club's intent was to start a history museum to celebrate Oregon's Centennial Statehood in 1959 and to serve as an official host site.

Women's Club President Doris Boyd served as the Museum's first curator.

A new main museum was built in the early 1960s to house many items that have been donated. The collection ranges from historic mining and logging items to U.S. military items, a mock General Store and old post office.

The management of the museum has gone from Josephine County, which leased the museum from the Women's Club until 1998 when it returned the museum and property to the club, as the county wanted to get out of the museum operating business due to declining O&C funds.

Today, the museum is down to literally a handful of volunteers trying to maintain the historic buildings, keep the museum open and staffed

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* **After Hours** - 21st Century: homework help, poetry writing, speed training @ 3:30 p.m.
* Wrestling vs. Hidden Valley @ 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

* Basketball vs. Hidden Valley JV boys @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity boys @ 7 p.m.
* Basketball at Hidden Valley JV girls @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity girls @ 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 30

* Wrestling at Cottage Grove @ TBA

MONDAY, FEB. 1

* **After Hours** - 21st Century: homework help, orchestra, weight training, college prep / ASPIRE @ 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 2

* **After Hours** - 21st Century: homework help, speed training, martial arts / tai yuan tao, @ 3:30 p.m.
yoga @ 4 p.m.

* Basketball vs. North Valley JV boys @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity boys @ 7 p.m.

* Basketball at North Valley JV girls @ 5:30 p.m.
Varsity girls @ 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

* **After Hours** - 21st Century: homework help, scrapbooking, orchestra, weight training, IVHS annual, SMILE / science & math club @ 3:30 p.m.

(All 21st Century events are free, open to students, homeschoolers, staff and parents/guardians of students at any I.V. school.)

five to six days a week.

While the museum is an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, we do not receive any discount on any of our utility bills, and we pay the same rates as any other business. In order for us to keep the doors open and the lights and heat on, we need to take in between \$15 and \$20 per day.

Recently, the museum received three grants, but these are tied to specific projects: our annual Heritage Day for the area fourth-grade students, and two restoration projects for the historic Naucke House.

Grants do not pay for operating expenses, including utility bills. Given the recent declines in the stock market, many grantors do not have the funds that they once had, so competition has made it harder for small museums like the Kerbyville Museum to qualify.

It is a simple fact that our museum admission fees have not kept pace with ever-increasing operating expenses. This past year, the museum had to pay almost \$5,000 to make needed repairs to a leaking roof on the main museum and repair frozen water pipes and damaged plumbing.

In order for our all-volunteer group to keep the museum open to the community, we simply need assistance. There are several ways that people in our community can help:

1. Become a museum member. Your museum membership fees entitle you to four quarterly museum bulletins, free (unlimited) visits to the museum throughout the year, and a 10 percent discount on local and area history books sold at the museum.

2. Make a tax deductible donation to the Kerbyville Museum. All donations go to our grants account and are used directly for grant projects like the "Historic Naucke House Window Restoration Project."

3. Purchase tickets for the "Historic Naucke House Doll House." All proceeds go toward a grant match to help restore the house. Tickets can be purchased at the museum; soon at three Cave Junction banks (on a rotating basis).

4. Become a board member and/or volunteer. The museum provides a New Volunteer Orientation Program, and we ask that you commit to at least one day a week. Various jobs are available from yard work and cleaning to writing text for exhibits and developing educational programs with our local

schools.

So take a few minutes to fill out the Museum Membership form below or phone 541-592-5252 and leave a message. I will return your call as soon as possible.

The museum will be open this winter on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Again, the modest admission is well worth a visit – we have had people visit the museum for three or four hours and return again to see more.

All contributions go directly to help the Kerbyville Museum in its preservation of our valley's rich heritage.

Crosswalk concerns From Lloyd Franklin Cave Junction

I have several points to emphasize.

I know I mentioned that I'm 66, live at the "Hopeful Rancho" and come in Mondays and work at the Senior Center Thrift Shop.

Because of my eyesight and balance while walking, I need help to cross the street. Many drivers stop at the crosswalk when people cross, and it's appreciated. But there are still some who buzz right by without stopping.

For those who agree with me about having a caution light and drainage system put in, write a note to Michelle Binker, *I.V. News* editor, so she can forward the letters. It takes more than one person to make a complaint to do anything.

Let's get on the ball and do something before it's too late for everyone.

Emphasize that we need a caution light and drain by the curb by I.V. Senior Center Thrift Shop.

Proud of her efforts From Judy Hoyle Cave Junction

I wondered why a man who lives north of Grants Pass would be reading the *I.V. News* and, frankly, hurt that this stranger would write a letter to the editor attacking

me (*Illinois Valley News*, Jan. 13, 2010).

He evidently thinks he's my superior because his ancestors fought in the Revolutionary War. Isn't this the sort of elitism and oppression folks moved to America to escape?

Until now, I couldn't imagine how anyone could misinterpret the words "social" (like Social Security) or "justice," but he did a bang-up job. For the record, Social Justice Alliance works to defend the Bill of Rights; and my war veteran husband and I own property and guns.

This guy states that he's against clean air and clean water, which made me wonder why he lives here and not someplace like Texas where the predatory capitalism he favors has pretty much destroyed the environment upon which humans, plants and animals rely.

Since we have socialism for the rich in this country and capitalism for us taxpayers; he must think it's great that Republicans deregulated Wall Street to the point where Goldman Sachs made more than \$12 billion this year. Their employees averaged half a million dollars in bonuses. This, after the president has us taxpayers bail them out. Surely he doesn't think Dr. Ron Paul favors this sort of greed -- which will destroy us all in the end.

Then I realized that this writer must belong to that cabal of right-wing nuts who conspire to take over our county government by adding Jack Brown's incompetence to Sandi Cassanelli's ignorance. Brown has run for various offices for years, but never gets elected. You'd think he'd take the hint.

Well, we all work to bring about our own ideas of Heaven-on-Earth. I'm proud of my volunteer efforts to build our community and have served on seven non-profit boards devoted to improving life in the Illinois (**Continued on page 3**)

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