



Life in the Valley of Riches

By DAN MANCUSO, Publisher

Some people have mentioned that they miss Bob's columns about cats.

Well, let's see: I don't have any cats, or a dog for that matter. It's not that I don't like dogs or cats. I just don't have any.

Letters to the Editor

Illinois Valley News welcomes Letters to the Editor. Please e-mail them to dan@illinois-valley-news.com

POLICY ON LETTERS: 'Illinois Valley News' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The "News" reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.

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

Dear Editor

I have to question the respect and love that Perpetua professes for its community and the earth beneath its "feet" when I hear of its determination to spray herbicides very near Lake Selmac.

According to the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, one of the herbicides Perpetua is going to spray, Atrazine, has been banned in Europe, Canada and other countries. Why? Because it has been shown to cause breast and prostate cancer, it disrupts the hormone system, it causes babies to be born underweight

I do have some fish that I haven't seen in a few weeks. I don't know if they are hibernating or worse — a meaningful meal for one of the local cats I see roaming around some days.

March brings two of my favorite things, NASCAR and March Madness. However, I don't have satellite service, so I only get one and sometimes two channels on my digital rabbit ears. This has forced me to spend a lot of time reading, which is always a good thing.

Generally I read one to two books a week. This past weekend I was lucky enough to read an entire book. There are certainly things I miss on TV — like NASCAR, football and soccer. But over the past two years I have gone without TV service and it seems I continue to flip-flop on the issue. In the end, I will probably still end up without a television.

As I drove to work Tuesday morning, I couldn't help but notice the beautiful snow capped mountains glistening in the sun and I asked myself, "Who in their right mind would want to look at a television when we have all this

and with birth defects, it delays puberty, and causes genetic / chromosomal damage that can be passed to three generations.

Triclopyr can cause breast cancer and genetic damage called dominant lethal mutations, it damages the kidneys, it's highly toxic to fish, it decreases the survival of bird nestlings, it inhibits the growth of mycorrhizal fungi — the very fungi vital to the growth of plants and replanted trees, it's mobile in the soil and contaminates wells, streams, rivers, and yes, lakes.

These are just two of the planned herbicides. No one wants to talk about

any combinations of these chemicals. The EPA and ODF won't protect us. They're waiting for the bodies to stack up first, whereas Europe and Canada take the precautionary approach by erring on the side of safety of their people, children, pets and wildlife.

What's wrong with us to allow this assault and what's wrong with Perpetua to ignore the science, side with the corporations and hurt all of us? Stop this madness.

Elaine Wood
Selma

beauty in our back yard?" putting an end to the debate, at least for now.

The fund-raiser for the Lorna Byrne volleyball uniforms is in full swing. Many people have committed to making a donation, but at this time only retired LBMS educator Donald Preston has sent in a check. Please consider this worthy cause. No amount is too small or too large.

Lastly, Frank Buckles, the last living U.S. World War I veteran, died Feb. 27. This truly marks the end of an era.

Thank you for picking up this weeks issue, Enjoy!

— djm

In the Service



Basic military training has been completed by U.S. Navy Seaman Harold R. Wilson III at Great Lakes Naval Base in Illinois. Wilson is the son of proud father Harold R. Wilson Jr. of Cave Junction, Oregon. He is a 2002 graduate of Illinois Valley High School.

He now leaves for San Diego to take his place among the ranks of heroes aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Carl Vinson.

Here, There & Everywhere

Third Friday

Illinois Valley Garden Club meets every third Friday of the month at the Belt Building in Kerby. We feature guest speakers at each meeting as well as a Horticulture Table/ Show & Tell. Coffee Hour at 12:30pm and meeting at 1:00pm.

Every Wednesday

Wild River Pizza — Open Mic. 6-8pm
Contact Todd Kaberline or Jim Nolan 54-646-0975 or 541-660-8572

Offseason Girl's Basketball

"The Mid-Valley Monarchs" girls' basketball program will be holding try-outs/sign-ups for spring & summer teams. The program is designed to help players who wish to pursue more advanced basketball during their off season.

Try-outs/Sign-ups are:
• Sunday, Feb. 27: 3:30 — 5:00 PM for current 6th-8th graders and 5:30 — 7:00 PM for current 9th and above
• Sunday, Mar. 13: 3:30 — 5:00 PM for current 6th - 8th graders and

5:30 - 7:00 PM for current 9th and above
• Tuesday, Mar. 15: 5:30-7:00 PM for current 6th - 8th graders and 7:00 -8:30 PM for current 9th and above.

All try-outs/sign-ups will be held at the gym at Corban University in Salem, 5000 Deer Park Drive SE. Try-out, team & travel fees will apply. Please visit www.midvalleymonarchs.com or contact Ron Hittner at 503-580-5722, rhittner@corban.edu, or Terry Williams at 503-871-6551, twilliams@corban.edu if you have questions."

March 3

Evergreen Elementary Presents Multi-Cultural Celebration Night. Food, Activities & Live Entertainment. In the gym at Evergreen, free for all to attend. Food served from 5:00 to 6:30pm with activity centers open from 5:00 to 7:00pm

March 12

An annual benefit for the Dome School — A Women's Café will include singing, dancing, poetry, writers, artists, healers & musicians.

Please join us for the Women's Art Exhibit at 5:00pm and Performances at 6:30pm. We will be serving Quiche, salads, sweets & beverages. Everyone is welcome (please no young children). For more info call 541-592-2866.

March 19

Siskiyou Field Institute volunteer/clean-up day. From 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

March 19

The Spiral Living Center and the Selma Center will present the fourth annual free Selma Skill Share at the Selma Center, 18255 Redwood Highway (Highway 199), in Selma, from 10AM to 4:30PM on Saturday, March 19. An addition to the event this year is the inclusion of a Garden/Craft faire with booths from local producers and non-profits will be held in the Community Center's 'gym'. Locally made articles for sale at the Faire will include mohair yarn, Alpaca products, local homemade bread and other items.

March 26

"A Night at the Casbah" featuring Mediterranean cuisine and dancing to Oregon Little Big Band will take place 5:30 to 9:30 pm, Saturday, March 26th at the I.V. Senior Center, 520 E. River Street. Live entertainment will include belly dancing by "Raqs Ahroosh," a semi-professional troupe from Grants Pass, as well as "Wild Azaleas" and "Tashkent" performing traditional ethnic dances. Raffles, live and silent auctions will benefit IRVAC's two major programs: Second Friday ArtWalk and Learning Through Art. \$20 Advance tickets are now on sale at Evergreen Federal Bank in Cave Junction. Admission \$25 at the door subject to availability. Visit www.irvac.com or call 541-592-4444 for information.

May 7

The Annual Spring Plant Sale will be held May 7 from 9:00am to ?? in front of the County Building on Redwood Hwy in Cave Junction. Look for more details about this sale event right here in the Illinois Valley News' Here, There & Everywhere section soon!

AUTO BODY & PAINT

27 Years Experience ~ All Makes and Models
155 Kerby Mainline in Kerby
Nik 541-415-1501

Bake Sale
Nifty & Gifty Thrift
Saturday, Mar. 5
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Immanuel United Methodist Church
200 W. Watkins, Cave Junction

Starting or Growing a Business in Illinois Valley?
Need money?
Micro Business Loan Funding Always Available!
*Start-up, existing, home-based or other business enterprises
*\$200 minimum to \$25,000 maximum
*Apply at the IVCO office - 201 Caves Hwy.
*Questions? Phone 541-592-4440

Attention I.V.
Illinois Valley Building Supply is your local feed store! They carry all types of animal feed - both for pets and stock!
ILLINOIS VALLEY BUILDING SUPPLY
434 Caves Hwy., CJ, 541-592-3540
Mon.-Fri. 7am-5pm, Sat 8am-5pm

Forest Edge Farm
Find Us at
The Guild Gallery
IV Visitor's Center
Forest Edge Farm
More weather to come
Time to buy your new
HAND-FELTED LLAMA WOOL HAT

Elementary School Lunch Menu Sponsored by HOMETOWN INTERIORS 541-592-2413

THURSDAY, March 3 Hearty garden salad, totally turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, RibBQ sandwich, chicken fajita w/ fresh vegetables, baked potato bar w/ assorted toppings	TUESDAY, March 8 Chicken fajita salad, tuna torpedo sandwich, brunch for lunch, French toast stick w/ sausage, RibBQ sandwich, fi-esta beans & cheese over corn tortilla triangles	FRIDAY, March 4 Citrus salad w/ yogurt dressing, super submarine sandwich, baked 3-cheese ziti, chicken teriyaki w/ carrots over yaki soba noodles, hamburger on a multigrain bun
MONDAY, March 7 NO SCHOOL TODAY Clerical Day	WEDNESDAY, March 9 Citrus spinach salad w/ yogurt dressing, very veggie wrap, Texas chicken nuggets, freshly baked cheese or pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat bread	

Illinois Valley News

POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to P.O. Box 1370, Cave Junction OR 97523

Illinois Valley News is published at 321 S. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction, OR 97523
Telephone (541) 592-2541
FAX (541) 592-4330

Since 1937 periodicals postage paid at Cave Junction OR 97523
P.O. Box 1370 USPS 258-820

SUBSCRIPTION RATES
One year in Josephine County - \$24.50
One year in Jackson and Douglas counties - \$28.00
One year in all other Oregon counties and out-of-state - \$39.00

CONTACT US:
News - Darcy Wallace darcy@illinois-valley-news.com
Circulation - Zina Booth zbooth@illinois-valley-news.com
Advertising - Dan Mancuso dan@illinois-valley-news.com
Composition - Stacy Byrne stacy@illinois-valley-news.com
Mailroom - Millie Watkins

DEADLINES:
News, Classified and Display Ads, Announcements and Letters
5 P.M. FRIDAYS
(Classified ads and display ads may be accepted until noon Mondays with an additional charge.)

POLICY ON LETTERS:
'Illinois Valley News' encourages letters to the editor provided they are legible and not libelous or scurrilous. All letters must be signed, including name, address and telephone number. The latter need not be published, but will be used to verify authenticity. The 'News' reserves the right to edit letters. Letters are used at the discretion of the publisher.