

Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

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Illinois Valley News

Dutch Lady at the Laundromat

Many of our brightest moments are made possible by contact with someone with whom we discover we have something in common.

When a number of people forgather in a place of public service, they all have something in common, namely, the desire to make use of the services dispensed by the place that has attracted them. If the service is a leisurely one, one that entails intervals of relaxation between the several necessary periods of activity, inevitably the social contact and realization that all are laboring in a common cause, leads to tentative rapprochement and finally, to friendly conversation.

The other day down in the laundromat (laundromats are, among other things, the surefire meeting places of the very nicest people) I met a very nice lady. This wasn't the first nice lady I've met while doing my weekly stint at the laundromat,

but her conversation was so different and so interesting that it left a special impression on me.

The lady (she told me her name, but it escapes me) came from a country that has intrigued me since early school days, when I read about the famous dikes and canals and saw depicted the many strange features of that picture-book land that was so different from all others; the many windmills with their immense vanes, inspiring such legends as that of the wacky Don Quixote doing battle with one with his—was it a sword or a lance?

And the quaint attire that has always been symbolic of the Dutch: the boat-shaped wooden shoes, or sabots; the blooming, peg-topped pants, short coats and cloth caps of the men; the colorful, full skirts, laced bodices and quaint headdresses of the women—all of this remains in my mind as typical of that old, appealing strange country.

But, as the lady pointed out to me, the picture in Holland has, as in most other countries, greatly changed. The dikes, canals and much of the old architectures remain; but

national dress, customs and way of life in general have been "modernized" to conform with those of other countries whose present-day affairs are so closely entwined with those of Holland's.

In the Holland of today are modern great office buildings, modern transportation and other transfiguring advances, and, I suppose, modern intrigue, gangsterism, up-to-date muggings, vandalism and most, if not all, of the other social diseases that torment our modern world.

But we—the Holland-born American lady and I—prefer to think of the story-book land of her birth as she personally knew it many years ago, and as I learned of it from the schoolbooks of my youth, and will always remember it.

Interested in all outdoor activities, she told me with nostalgic enthusiasm how she and her friends used to snowshoe in Holland, and of the joy of skating on the mirror-smooth ice of the innumerable winding canals of that unbelievable "under-the-sea" land of her birth.

Thoroughly content with her adopted America, that

has been her own land now for many years, she has no desire to return to her native Holland, knowing that the environment of her youth there no longer exists to return to, and that, on the whole, what she would find there may be found right here at home and in all other countries of the western world—yes, and even in the far east.

My lady of the laundromat and I agree that what we have here in our own little earth-spot comes pretty close to being perfect—if we don't try scratching too far below the surface.

Of course other far-off places have their appeal too, and eternally beckon. Some of these it would be nice to go to—for a temporary visit. Some of them I would like to see.

The Highlands of Scotland and the canals of Holland will be the first to be included in my wide-ranging tours—when my treasure-laden ship comes sailing round the headland.

PATROL

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*A .22-caliber rifle was found in a bag outside Illinois Valley High School at 12:57 p.m. The JC Higgins with a silver frame and black grip seemed to match a firearm that was reported as stolen from Maricopa County.

*A motorist in a silver-colored Nissan Murano was warned for failure to have current tags at 3:53 p.m. in the 25800 block of Redwood Hwy.

*Two skateboarders were trespassing inside the old Subway building in the 200 block of S. Redwood Hwy. at 4:28 p.m. One wore a red hooded and gray baseball cap, while the other had a camo jacket and a black hooded. The rodents gained access through a hole in the back of the business.

*A resident in the 700 block of Hummingbird Road was frightened after receiving harassing texts at 4:44 p.m. The

messenger claimed that he was parked outside and wanted his belongings. A restraining order will be sought.

Outside the Valley
*Nine listings.

Saturday, March 4
*Josephine County Animal Control was notified of an aggressive dog near 469 Lone Mountain Road at 11:43 a.m.

*Glass beer bottles tumbled from a white Toyota pickup truck at 11:46 a.m., and shattered in the driveway of a gas station at 112 S. Redwood Hwy.

*The driver of a white Toyota was cited for no operator's license and speeding 76 in a 55-mph zone on Redwood Hwy. near W. O'Brien Street at 12:29 p.m.

*A lead-foot in a silver-colored BMW was cited for speeding 90 in a 55-mph zone in the 33000 block of Redwood Hwy. at 12:51 p.m. He was also warned for reckless driving.

*Law enforcement checked on a camp near Eight Dollar Bridge River Access on the west side at 1:28 p.m.

Outside the Valley
*Fourteen items

ROGUE VALLEY



COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Food & Friends Menu

FRIDAY - MAR 10

WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

MONDAY - MAR 13

TURKEY LOAF W/ GRAVY

WEDNESDAY - MAR 15

CHICKEN ALFREDO
BAKE

If you need meals delivered or want to volunteer please call 541-955-8839.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

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DRY SKIN REMEDIES

If you're anything like me, this time of year your skin itches like crazy and the insides of your pants legs look like a snowstorm hit!

Dry skin is the most common cause of itching in older adults. Some hints offered by the *Mayo Clinic Health Letter* (July, 2013) might help.

*Minimize hot showers and baths- Take warm, not hot baths and showers, because hot water can deplete natural oils in your skin. Keep the time spent bathing to less than 10 minutes.

*Wash gently- If possible, limit soap use to the face, underarms, genital areas, hands and feet. Use mild cleansers and avoid antibacterial, perfumed and deodorant soaps, since these can be harsh on skin.

*Pat the skin dry- After bathing, leave your skin moist by gently patting or blotting it with a towel.

Avoid rubbing or wiping your dry skin.

*Moisturizing after bathing- After bathing, immediately apply a moisturizing lotion to trap moisture in your skin. For extra dry skin, a product in which petrolatum is one of the top three ingredients is likely to be best. Products containing glycerin, lactic acid or urea may provide an extra boost.

*Use a humidifier- Use a humidifier when the air is dry, such as in the winter months in cold climates.

*Protect yourself from the elements- Sun exposure and cold winds can dry out your skin. Cover exposed skin in the winter with a hat, scarf and gloves.

These simple hints may prevent friends from calling you flaky! I know, it was a bad joke.

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SENIOR BULLETIN

HOME SAFETY EVALUATIONS

If you are in need of a home safety evaluation with a registered nurse please call I.V. Wellness Resources for an appointment. We have flexible hours to meet your needs. Call 541-592-9781.

FREE ADS

If you are a senior and want to place a FREE AD for a living or health care need call Laura Mancuso at 541-592-2541 or email laura@illinois-valley-news.com.

DEPRESSION & ANXIETY RECOVERY PROGRAM

Call Kathy at 541-291-7016 to save your place in the 8 week class starting March 13 @ 5:30 p.m.

AARP TAX-AIDE PROGRAM

Providing free tax assistance for middle & low incomes. Tax counselors are IRS-certified. Call 541-592-6139 for a Wednesday appointment in Cave Junction.



WANTED

ILLINOIS VALLEY WELLNESS RESOURCES SEEKING SERVICES

Valley seniors are looking for transportation, caregivers, firewood, handymen, computer skills, housekeepers and yard work.

If you would like to provide one of these services and will complete a background check and have references, please contact Laura Mancuso at 541-592-9781.

CAREGIVERS AVAILABLE

If you are a senior or disabled resident and are looking for a caregiver please call Illinois Valley Wellness Resources at 541-592-9781.



Illinois Valley Little League

Chili Feed & Cook-Off

Friday, March 11, 2017

County Building Downtown CJ

5:30-8:00 p.m.

Entertainment by The Holland Loopers

(Jay Barley, John Nolan, and Dave Smith)

- Silent Auction
- Live Dessert Auction



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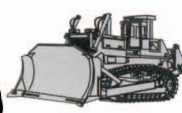
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