

# Physician pressures patient to have vaccine

To the Editor:  
I was recently in the office of a northwest Kansas physician to accompany one of my daughters for a routine exam.

During the visit, the physician brought up the topic of Gardasil, the drug for cervical cancer which vaccinates against human papilloma virus types 6, 11, 16 and 18. I indicated that we were not interested in the vaccine.

The doctor continued, and I simply said that I was aware of all the facts presented, but I had philosophical issues with the drug and I reiterated that we were not interested.

From that moment on, the minutes in the office were a series of relentless measures from the doctor to pressure me into consenting to get my daughter vaccinated.

My protests regarding the unde-

niable fact that the most common genesis of cervical cancer in teens is a result of multiple sex partners fell on the deaf ears of the physician. I finally decided that the best course of action was to smile sweetly and get out of the office as quickly as possible.

Judicial Watch recently released documents from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration detailing 1,637 reports of adverse reactions to Gardasil, including three deaths which occurred shortly after administration of the vaccine.

The side effects published by the manufacturer, Merck & Co., include potential pain, fever, nausea, dizziness and itching. The less-pub-

licized side effects reported include paralysis, Bell's palsy, Guillain-Barré syndrome, and seizures. The May 10 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* outlines Gardasil's history.

This drug is intended to combat the result of our sexually incontinent society.

The ostensible need for Gardasil is the logical result of sex education. The advent of this drug is proof positive that we have done an admirable job of teaching teens how to have sex.

However, the bigger picture and the interminable price that may be paid by some women are addressed neither in the literature nor in the

doctor's office.

I would adjure all parents to do some research before they allow this drug to be administered to their daughters. Do not succumb to pressure from the medical community, physicians and nurses alike.

The physician we saw would not let me leave the office without a prescription for the drug, a flyer from Merck & Co. touting Gardasil's merits, and instructions on how to get to the county public health department.

Needless to say, we will never visit that physician again.

Alberta Stephens,  
registered nurse  
Grinnell

## Letters to the Editor

# Are we making many things much too difficult?

To the Editor:  
Why do we make things so difficult?

The Iraq war: Tell the Iraq people they need to come together as a nation to rule and protect their own country. Give them 6 months and we go home.

Illegal immigration: Enforce the 1986 and prior laws. Put the National Guard on the borders and give them whatever equipment they need to stop illegal immigration and drug travel.

Bad products from Red China: Ban anything that is bad for our human life and our pets.

With all our wars and terrorist threats: We need to come up with some form of a draft.

Close Guantanamo Bay: Give all prisoners a fair trial and if found guilty, execute, and if found innocent, send back to their country of origin.

Sexual predators of children: Castrate, and if any further problems, execute. No more kid gloves tactics.

Politicians: Hold them accountable. If they don't do the job they are paid to do, we need to recall and impeach. They are supposed to represent us, not corporate America and big money.

Veterans: There is a major problem with the care they are getting. It would appear as though the closing of several of the medical facilities is not the answer.

We need to call or e-mail our supposed representatives and make known our feelings. Give all of our

veterans the care that they so deserve.

The 46 million uninsured Americans: It appears that insurance companies are not the answer. Answers need to be brought to the forefront and dealt with. Let's tell our politicians enough hot air, get something done and soon.

Are we still a "can do" country? We need elected people to represent us, "we the people."

Jack D. Roberts  
Longmont, Colo.

# Deep subsoiling gets more water in reservoirs

To the Editor:

The following definitions are from a Webster's dictionary: pond — a body of water, usually smaller than a lake; lake — a considerable inland body of standing water; reservoir — a place where water is collected and kept for use when wanted.

The best reservoir is underground and we do not have to build it. It is already there. All we have to do is fill it up. We can do that if we make

the soil absorb more rainfall and get more water below the evaporation point. Deep subsoiling is the most effective way to do that. It is difficult to overstate how much the whole state will benefit if we make the soil absorb more rainfall.

We should also build reservoirs above ground, starting at the top of the watershed. More people will benefit if we start at the top because we can always let water run down-

stream.

The state should set a long-term goal of preventing water leaving from the state. We can do that by a large-scale deep subsoiling program and by building reservoirs. The whole state is a watershed, and due to unpredictable weather patterns, any part of the state may receive excessive rain or snow. We should be prepared to collect runoff wherever and whenever it occurs.

We need to plan ahead and be prepared for both dry and wet years. If we store plenty of water underground, it will help us get through the dry years. If we build enough reservoirs on all watersheds and build them large enough, it will prevent any major flooding during the wet years. The reservoirs will also collect water for use when wanted.

Lloyd D. Wiersma  
Wamego

# Free assistance with automotive lockout offered

To the Editor:

While I firmly believe that one should carry a second set of keys, and I know how much you have relied on our fine police officers in the past, it is sad that I have heard the police department can no longer assist you with auto lockouts.

(I have the utmost respect for our police, by the way. They haven't caught me speeding yet, anyway, though sometimes Bus 22 gets in a hurry on Wednesdays. By the way, do they take the paper?)

I wish to inform you, the citizens of Oberlin, that effective immediately I am offering simple automotive lockout service to our community at no charge for our residents. My "Slim Jim" paid for itself in 1980.

I do this as a community service as I build my lock shop here in town, where professional locksmith service shall be available for all of your lock and security needs. However, simple automotive lockouts will be done as a community service by

myself until further notice.

This is my way of showing Oberlin that I like it here, by letting you feel like it is still OK to lock your keys in your car and feel goofy — I promise not to laugh, but I may smile — and not have to call dispatch for help.

I ask you to bear with me while I

build a full-line shop, but in the meantime if you have any questions at all or you're locked out, simply give me a call. I am listed under services in *The Oberlin Herald*.

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Must have current licensure and be CPR certified

Email resumes to:

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Porkburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, and the fixin's



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## Public Notice

to Residents of Oberlin

**The City Water Department will be Flushing City Water Mains September 27 and 28 at approximately 10 p.m.**

Please be aware that certain amounts of discoloration may appear in your domestic water supply.

Thank you for your cooperation  
Gary Shike, City Administrator