

Bob's Corner

Here are some Thanksgiving leftovers, courtesy of a friend of mine, Roan McClure.

*What did the mama turkey say to her naughty son? "If your papa could see you now, he'd turn over in his grave!"

*Asked to write a composition titled, "What I'm thankful for on Thanksgiving," one little boy wrote, "I am thankful that I'm not a turkey."

*What was Tom the Turkey's excuse for not coming over for Thanksgiving dinner? "I'm already stuffed."

*A woman was picking through the frozen turkeys at a grocery store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock clerk, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock clerk answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

*A son-in-law wanted to play a joke on his mother-in-law, so he took a small Cornish game hen and put it inside the Thanksgiving turkey before they roasted it. When they served the bird, he stuck the fork inside and pulled out the fully cooked Cornish game hen. When his mother-in-law saw it, she cried out, "Oh no, you cooked a pregnant turkey," and fainted.

Jefferson Baroque Orchestra & Chorus
Margret Gries, harpsichord & director

George Frederick Handel
"Messiah" (Christmas section)

Detrich Buxtehude
Christmas Cantata

Saturday, December 1st, 8 p.m.
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Weather Watch
Cave Junction

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Nastiness later- snow, sleet & freezing rain
High-50 Low-27

Thursday, Nov. 29
Clouds during the day
High-46 Low-25

Friday, Nov. 30
Morning clouds and wind then cold
High-42 Low-22

Saturday, Dec. 1
More sun and rather frosty
High-39 Low-22

Sunday, Dec. 2
Increasing clouds and continued chilly
High-40 Low-26

Monday, Dec. 3
Overcast with showers anon
High-49 Low-42

Tuesday, Dec. 4
Increasing rain
High-47 Low-36

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Fri., Nov. 16	57 - 51	0.83
*Sat., Nov. 17	58 - 54	1.18
*Sun., Nov. 18	59 - 47	1.06
*Mon., Nov. 19	49 - 33	0.47
*Tue., Nov. 20	45 - 33	
*Wed., Nov. 21	49 - 29	
*Thurs., Nov. 22	44 - 27	

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Builders Coop.

*Fri., Nov. 16	54 - 50	0.66
*Sat., Nov. 17	57 - 52	1.01
*Sun., Nov. 18	59 - 45	1.02
*Mon., Nov. 19	51 - 32	0.44
*Tue., Nov. 20	46 - 32	0.01
*Wed., Nov. 21	52 - 27	
*Thurs., Nov. 22	52 - 27	0.01

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Letters to the Editor

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

Typed, double-spaced letters written solely to this newspaper 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.

'Not so funny,' he says
From James Guthrie
Cave Junction

This letter is for Illinois Valley High School administrators, IVHS staff, IVHS students, parents, law officials, friends and family.

I am writing this to say, "I am sorry."

I know now that a bomb threat is not a joke. I didn't do it as a threat.

On Nov. 15, when I had written, "There is a bomb" on that envelope, I was goofing off with my friends. I never meant for it to go any further than that. But it did, and I am very sorry.

I am not responsible for any of the other "threats."

Measure 49 disappointment
From Tim Norman
Cave Junction

I've got to say that I'm a little disappointed. With all the "No on 49" signs posted around the valley, you would think I would've gotten a response from my letter I wrote prior to the Nov. 6 election.

Either no one reads these anymore. Or, is it possible no one had a decent rebuttal? That seems funny since so many people felt so strongly about this issue. Could it be that the misinformation was exposed, and therefore these supporters have no foundation?

It's all moot now since the measure passed. This is due mostly to our fellow Oregonians to the north, but the fact remains, it is now law. Those who opposed the measure can take heart. Land developers have tons of money. They already have lawyers working on it as I write this.

A loop hole will be exposed eventually. It is only a matter of time. There will be subdivisions and strip malls. I only ask developers to take this "lull" and reflect on what is being accomplished by letting our small rural towns become suburbs and eventually cities.

First, people should ask why they came here in the first place. Then, why did they leave wherever it was they came from? Was the purpose of coming here only about making money? The reason I came here was documented in my previous letter, but I'll summarize by saying that I wanted to live a simple life.

At one time, everyone here did. I'm appealing to the people who came here with their only intention to try to make their fortune. I'd like to beg them to let us have this place. We were happy here, once. We were poor, but OK with it.

There are things way more important than money. People here realized that once. Those who have to chase the almighty dollar should go to Idaho. Or Nevada. Those people would embrace them. They are screaming for development.

Those who have been here and want all this devel-

opment should realize that there is a whole big world out there. Heck, they can get what they're looking for only 23 miles north of here.

I want our little town left alone.

'WOPR, taxes not the issues'
From Kelpie Wilson
Cave Junction

The Oregon Taxpayers Association, a pro-corporate group based in Tigard, has accused Josephine County Commissioner Dave Toler of being "pro-tax" because he opposes the preferred alternative of BLM's Western Forest Plan Revision (WOPR).

This alternative would nearly triple logging levels and remove protections for old-growth forests and streams.

Commissioner Jim Raffenburg also accuses Toler of being "pro-tax," warning that without the logging increase, "...your taxes will go up or you will have no public services."

BLM undertook the WOPR in response to a timber industry complaint that the agency was not offering the timber sale volumes projected under the Northwest Forest Plan. It was implemented in response to a judge's legal ruling that excessive logging was driving forest-dependent species like the spotted owl to extinction. The legal ruling still stands, and the courts are unlikely to allow BLM's WOPR to go forward.

Toler has pointed this out to his fellow commissioners and called for Oregon counties to stop looking backward to the days of unsustainable high-volume logging and flush county timber receipts - days that can never come again. But instead of facing reality, and working for crea-

tive solutions to the county's fiscal woes, the Oregon Taxpayers Association and its local allies prefer to shoot the messenger.

Sadly, reality today indicates that protecting old-growth forests is more important than ever. When the Northwest Forest Plan was crafted in the early 1990s, the big environmental concerns were the loss of species like the spotted owl, the degradation of salmon spawning streams and the effects on municipal drinking water sources.

Now, in 2007, we have new worries: fire and global warming.

Biologist Pepper Trail has closely examined the fire analysis section of the 1,600-page WOPR planning document, and he has discovered that BLM's preferred management alternatives would push thousands of acres of forest into a "high-fire severity" category.

Because Preferred Alternative Two relies on clear-cutting and re-growth in even-aged plantations, it also would transfer thousands of acres into a "low-fire resiliency" category. Unlike old, wet forests with thick-barked trees, young plantations have zero resistance to fire.

All that Raffenburg and his allies can think about is the money that cutting those old-growth trees would bring. They are not thinking about the cost to defend homes now surrounded by highly flammable tree plantations.

Residents of Oregon forest-dependent counties also should consider this: global warming means that our local forests now have greater value as carbon storehouses than as sources of timber.

Approximately a fifth of greenhouse gas emissions

worldwide come from land clearing and deforestation -- more than from the entire transportation sector.

Even in forests that have been only selectively logged rather than clear-cut, it can take decades before new growth attains the same carbon-absorbing ability as the forest it replaced. And it is not just the trunks and branches. Much of the carbon storage is in the complex forest soils that are disturbed by logging.

Federal action on global warming is inevitable. If it is done right, we will build a new green economy with jobs in renewable energy, energy-efficiency retrofiting, land restoration and forest fire prevention. As a forest-dependent community, our Josephine County commissioners should be leading the way to this bright green future.

'War and Rumors of War'
From Jim Finley
Grants Pass

Fifty-eight thousand gave their all/Only to have their names etched on a wall.

While politicians spoke of the fall of a domino/Many objected and chanted, "Hell no, we won't go."

The elite deferred and found refuge in the Guard/But the lowly had no out and simply burned their card.

How can we ever justify thousands to die?/Based completely on a political lie.

Will we ever do this again?/If we do, it will surely be a sin.

History does repeat, we cannot deny/Again the politicians deceived us and dispatched thousands more to die.

We destroyed a nation and the world knew we were wrong/Yet our politicians

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Recreation Facility Analysis - The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is inviting you to attend the Recreation Open House to learn more about the Forest's recreation niche and to give feedback on its proposed management of 208 developed recreation sites. Managers will present a Draft Five Year Program of Recreation Work that outlines management at campgrounds, day use areas, trailheads and cabin rentals. We encourage you to look at the following web site for more information:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue-siskiyou/recreation/rfa/index.shtml>

Open House Dates and Locations		
Grants Pass	November 26, 2007 (Monday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Grants Pass Interagency Office Wild Rivers Ranger District (Wild Rivers Ranger District) 2164 N.E. Spalding Avenue Grants Pass, OR
Cave Junction	November 29, 2007 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce (Wild Rivers Ranger District) 201 Caves Highway Cave Junction, Oregon
Gold Beach	December 3, 2007 (Monday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Gold Beach City Council Chamber (Gold Beach Ranger District) 29592 Ellensburg Avenue (Hwy 101) Gold Beach, Oregon
Myrtle Point	December 4, 2007 (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	OSU Extension Service Coos County (Powers Ranger District) 631 Alder St. Myrtle Point, Oregon
Brookings	December 5, 2007 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Chetco Community Public Library (Gold Beach Ranger District) 405 Alder Brookings, Oregon
Prospect	December 6, 2007 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	High Cascades Ranger District, Prospect Ranger Station (High Cascades Ranger District) 47201 Highway 62 Prospect, Oregon
Medford	December 11, 2007 (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Rogue Regency Inn & Suites (Siskiyou Mountains & High Cascades Ranger Districts) 2300 Biddle Road Medford, Oregon

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