

Bob's Corner

OK, so now we have five house cats, two outside cats, an old dog in the backyard, an occasional skunk, and a periodic family of raccoons. The bandits and the skunk are not especially welcome, but when we forget to bring in the bowls of cat food, they show up.

And if we're not paying attention, we get a squad-ron of Jays, who enjoy free kitty food.

How did we get our fur snakes? Here goes: *Bubba Big Foot*, aka *Sumo Bubba*, was born in one of our closets after Jan res-cued his quite-pregnant Siamese mother (whom we named *Maui* and who is one of our outside kitties) during the 2002 Biscuit Fire. *Flint Eastwood*, aka *Flinty*, was obtained from some folks on Cascade Drive. *Jellirabbit*, aka *Jelli*, was another give-away cat, one we acquired during the Illi-nois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival a couple of years ago. Let's see, how many is that?

All right, we also have *Scrappy*, aka "Stop that!" who was brought to us around three months ago by neighborhood children; and we have *Deckster*. He lived under our front deck for some time before we brought him inside; then we gave him to a family on Holland Loop, as they needed a barn cat. He was adopted and gone for several months. But then he came on deck again a couple of weeks ago.

Seems as though his adoptive family began feeding a second feline, and apparently *Deckster* didn't like that. So he "came home." From what we can tell, it took him a few weeks to make the trip, as he can't read and did not follow the direct route.

Besides *Maui*, our other outside pointy-eared buddy is a guest we originally called *Gray Kitty*. But lately we've been calling him by what could be a really appro-priate name: *Scrappy Daddy*. Actually, I wanted to name him *Scrappy Pappy*, but was overruled.

And then there's *Bingo*, our mixed Australian Shep-herd/Terrier doggie buddy for approximately 14 years. The old guy is doing OK, but he's getting kind of creaky. (Aren't we all?) He's been helped by aspirin and MSM, which we stick inside hunks of hot dog, so he's getting around a lot better than before.

We're also keeping in touch with *Charlie*, our former Jellicle cat, who now lives with our daughter, Vicki, and her family in Carlsbad in San Diego County. *Charlie* showed up on Halloween night some three years ago. Jan opened the front door for two trick-or-treaters, and he walked in like he owned the place; made himself at home. Only thing, he's a hunter and an escape artist, so



Scrappy gets him a mouse

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

*Fri., Oct. 24	66	34	.00
*Sat., Oct. 25	70	40	.00
*Sun., Oct. 26	69	40	.00
*Mon., Oct. 27	68	40	.00
*Tue., Oct. 28	68	39	.00
*Wed., Oct. 29	68	35	.00
*Thu., Oct. 30	63	43	.00

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall, recorded in Cave Junction at Illinois River Farm:

*Fri., Oct. 24	72	29	.00
*Sat., Oct. 25	75	34	.00
*Sun., Oct. 26	77	34	.00
*Mon., Oct. 27	74	36	.00
*Tue., Oct. 28	75	35	.01
*Wed., Oct. 29	72	29	.00
*Thu., Oct. 30	58	41	.07

Election results from Nov. 4 balloting

(Editor's Note: Final statewide and Josephine County results, including statewide ballot measures, will be in next week's issue. The results below, from the Josephine County Clerk's Office, listing only Josephine County tallies, are incomplete and not final, but as of shortly prior to midnight on Tuesday, Nov. 4, with nearly all bal-lots counted, voting showed the following.)

Josephine County Board of Commissioners Position 2
Sandi Cassanelli 17,093
Harry Mackin 15,938

Position 3
Dwight Ellis (incumbent) 17,042
Jack Brown 15,861

Josephine County Clerk & Recorder

Art Harvey 24,872

Mayor, City of Cave Junction
Don Moore 443
Write-ins 88

Josephine County Treasurer
John Harelson (incumbent) 18,535
Dale Matthews 12,310

State Representative 3rd District
Ron Maurer (Republican incumbent) 16,416
Julie Rubenstein (Democrat) 10,243

State Senator 2nd District
Jason Atkinson (Republican incumbent) 23,918
Richard Koopmans (Democrat) 11,200

Congressional Representative 2nd District

Greg Walden (Republican incumbent) 18,338
Noah Lemas (Democrat) 6,052
Richard Hake (Constitution) 572
Tristin Mock (Pacific Green) 690

Congressional Representative 4th District
Peter DeFazio (Democrat incumbent) 7,996
Jaynee Germond (Constitution) 2,693
Mike Beilstein (Pacific Green) 745

U.S. President
John McCain/Sarah Palin (Republicans) 22,124
Barack Obama/Joe Biden (Democrats) 16,697
Nationally, voters were favoring Obama over McCain; and Obama had 338 electoral votes to McCain's 141 (270 are needed for the presidency).

Measure 17.21 Five-Year Local Option Levy for I.V. Fire District
(A tax rate of \$1.68 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for five years, beginning July 1, 2009, would provide funds for paid firefighters and emer-

gency medical services per-sonnel).
No 2,982
Yes 1,253

Measure 17-25 Countywide Law Enforcement District 1
(A permanent tax rate of 99-cent per \$1,000 assessed valuation, beginning July 1, 2009, would fund personnel and functions comprising adult jail operations, civil process service, court secu-rity, concealed weapons per-mits, emergency services/SAR, law enforcement re-cords division, dispatch divi-sion, and law enforcement administration.)
No 21,659
Yes 14,191

Measure 17-26 Countywide Law Enforcement District 2
(A permanent tax rate of \$1.09 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, beginning July 1, 2009, would form a rural law law enforcement district for patrol and 911 responses, plus major crimes, evidence and narcotics units; business/crime analysis, and law en-forcement administration).
No 15,444
Yes 7,950

Letter to the Editor

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

Typed, double-spaced let-ters are considered for publica-tion. Hand-written letters that are double-spaced and legible also can be considered. "Thank you" submissions are not ac-cepted as letters

Take care of our own From Fred Krauss Selma

I think everyone should get on their hands and knees every night and thank God that they are U.S. citizens. However, I need to gripe every now and then. We can

spend \$2 billion every month in Iraq, but we can't take care of our own people.

On the news it is said that 1/4 of all bankruptcies are medically related. A newspaper story tells of a 46-year-old man who died of a heart attack in bed because he could not afford to go to a doctor when he had chest pains.

I know a family that had a child needing a kidney transplant. The procedure would have cost \$150,000 which the family did not have. Six months later the child died.

Let's take care of our own.

Prison forecast sees increases

The Office of Economic Analysis has released the Ore-gon Corrections Population Forecast showing the inmate population to be approxi-mately 13,600, or half a per-cent higher than a year ago.

Analysts anticipate that the population will reach 15,800 by 2018. Projections show an annual growth rate of 2 to 3 percent in the near term, followed by approxi-mately 1 percent long-term growth. The short-term growth is driven primarily by recent increases in the aver-age length of sentences. The long-term growth reflects trends in criminal justice practices, demographics, and other factors.

The Office of Economic Analysis produces the semi-annual Corrections Popula-

tion Forecast, which provides projections of the offender populations supervised by the Dept. of Corrections (DOC). The forecast estimates the number of inmates in the state prison system, offenders on probation, parole, and post-prison supervision, and fel-ony offenders serving sen-tences of 12 or fewer months in county jails.

The forecast, which pro-jects monthly populations during a 10-year period, is due April 1 and Oct. 1 of each year. State agencies, in particular DOC and the Ore-gon Criminal Justice Com-mission, use the forecast for budgeting and policy devel-opment.

The advisory committee is comprised of citizens with knowledge of the criminal justice system. It meets sev-eral times before each fore-cast to discuss issues related to the inmate population.

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Jack R. Loewen of Oregon Builders Inc. will soon be host-ing the morning weather on Takilma FM (streaming at Takilma.com) from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Fri-day.

Loewen's extensive knowl-edge of weather has been a life long passion. In the late 70's Jack had his own radio weather show for 10 years starting at U.C. Davis and later growing to over 40 stations.

Since living in the Illinois Valley, his on-line weather sta-tion has been providing world-wide access to Cave Junction stats including channel 5 morn-ing news. The one hour show will include the outlook for the coming week and beyond. Jack's entertaining commen-tary includes his positive take on the state of the world and

anecdotes from a life full of ad-venture travel. Now he is happy to be settled in our beau-tiful valley and part of the community-oriented Oregon Builders Guild and Good Neighbors Fence Company.

Loewen's other specialty is water purification systems, **H2O Solutions**, helping to im-prove quality of life one well at a time. City water systems are also available.

Jack says to be on the look out for our new web site, OregonBuildersInc.com, which will have a direct link to his lo-cal weather station and show-case all the great products and services of our local craftsmen. For free consultations about water systems, the weather, or building almost anything, call our main office at **592-6014**.
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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, Nov. 5
Rain
High--50 Low--35



Thursday, Nov. 6
Cloudy
High--61 Low--33



Friday, Nov. 7
Sun hidden by clouds
High--61 Low--35



Saturday, Nov. 8
Rain
High--59 Low--33



Sunday, Nov. 9
Cloudy
High--54 Low--33



Monday, Nov. 10
Cloudy & chilly
High--52 Low--38



Tuesday, Nov. 11
Rain
High--47 Low--41



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USDA Housing Workshop

Friday, November 21 1:30-4 p.m. Cave Junction City Hall Council Chamber

THURSDAY, NOV. 6
Pasta with Alfredo sauce, bean & cheese burrito, chicken bur-ger, cheeseburger, barbeque chicken pizza, supreme pizza, Italian sandwich, turkey & cheese sandwich; chef, anti-pasto, fruit & veggie, or garden salad.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7
Enchiladas, Wiener wrap, corn dog, spicy chicken bur-ger, hamburger; pepperoni, cheese, supreme or taco pizza; ham & cheese sand-wich, turkey & cheese sand-wich, spicy chicken wrap; chef, garden, fruit & veggie, or Mandarin chicken salad.

MONDAY, NOV. 10
Staff Development Day
No Classes

TUESDAY, NOV. 11
Veterans Day
No Classes

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12
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