

Letters to the Editor



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**Just because everything is different
doesn't mean anything has changed.**

~ Irene Peter ~

A cure for bullies
From Ellyn Coley
Cave Junction

I am disturbed by the fact that bullying takes place in our schools, and the teachers do nothing about it.

Certain children tease or taunt younger or smaller ones until they are in tears. The teachers just say "Words won't hurt." We all know that words do hurt, and that hurt can last a lifetime.

A little girl is told that she is ugly, a boy that he is stupid, and they believe it, and are damaged by it, forever.

The law recognizes self defense. So do most major

Pvt. Joshua J. Taylor
U.S. Army Pvt. Joshua J. Taylor has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.
He is the son of Jeff & Leslie Taylor of June Drive in Cave Junction. The private is a 2004 graduate of Illinois Valley High School.
During his nine weeks of training, Taylor studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in numerous subjects.

Dennis E. Franklin
Dennis E. Franklin, son of Rochelle D. King, of Grants Pass, and Duane E. Franklin, of Cave Junction, recently enlisted in the U.S. Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District, Portland.
The program allows recruits to enter the Navy and take up to one year to complete prior commitments such as high school.

Weather Watch
Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 18
 Cloudy with sun
 High--62 Low--31 

Thursday, March 19
 Sun and clouds
 High--63 Low--36 

Friday, March 20
 Cloudy
 High--60 Low--34 

Saturday, March 21
 Rain and drizzle
 High--54 Low--31 

Sunday, March 22
 Cloudy with showers
 High--53 Low--28 

Monday, March 23
 Showers
 High--56 Low--34 

Tuesday, March 24
 Sun hidden by clouds
 High--62 Low--36 

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

*Fri.,	March 6	51	32	.00
*Sat.,	March 7	56	28	.00
*Sun.,	March 8	44	31	.00
*Mon.,	March 9	45	25	.00
*Tue.,	March 10	51	30	.00
*Wed.,	March 11	56	25	.00
*Thu.,	March 12	64	27	.00

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

*Fri.,	March 6	55	30	.01
*Sat.,	March 7	60	28	.01
*Sun.,	March 8	45	30	.00
*Mon.,	March 9	50	25	.01
*Tue.,	March 10	53	29	.00
*Wed.,	March 11	60	24	.00
*Thu.,	March 12	67	26	.00

I would like to acknowledge an information error about Rogue Advocates in a recent article by Scott Jorgensen ("17-year land-use struggle continues for Merlin resident," *Illinois Valley News*, Feb. 18, 2009).

In that article he wrote that Rogue Advocates is partnered with three organizations: 1000 Friends of Oregon, Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center, and Siskiyou Field Institute. This was accurate reporting on Jorgensen's part since this information

A recent *Illinois Valley News* article concerning a land-use issue in another part of Josephine County discussed the role of a group called Rogue Advocates. Included was a mention that, on its Website, Rogue Advocates included the Siskiyou Field Institute as one of its partners.

The Siskiyou Field Institute has not been involved with Rogue Advocates in any way. In fact, most of the staff and board had never heard of

the group before the article appeared. After an inquiry, a spokesman for Rogue Advocates apologized and acknowledged that the Website reference was in error and has since removed the Siskiyou Field Institute from its site.

The Siskiyou Field Institute does not get involved in land-use issues, or, for that matter, any type of advocacy. Rather, it promotes education, research, tourism, and appreciation for the wonders of the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion in which we are so fortunate to reside. The SFI mission statement is to deepen people's understanding and intimate connection to the Klamath Siskiyou bioregion by providing educational programs and dynamic outdoor experiences to a broad spectrum of the public.

A better appreciation for what the institute does can be found in the 2009 catalog, now available in a number of locations around Illinois Valley, or at www.thesfi.org.

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