

Bob's Corner

"There's no such thing as a free lunch." That is a bit of advice given me by my late father, and I've found it to be true. Oh, I've gotten free lunches, even some dinners and breakfasts. But there's always been a snare of shorts ... er, I mean, a snare of shorts.

For example, people used to invite me to functions where food would be served. They'd say, "Come and eat. We'd love to see you. Oh, and bring your camera." See what I mean? I could eat, but it was a sort of force-feeding because I also was expected to produce photos.

Dad also was fond of telling me that if I were given a job, a task, a chore or whatever, that if it was worth doing, it was worth doing to the best of my abilities. I've tried to follow that rule. Although I still laugh when I recall the time I tried to weasel out of sweeping our garage one time.

Ol' dad (who died on Feb. 16, 2002 at the age of 88) was a bear about keeping the garage clean. But one time, when I was feeling feisty due to having graduated from eighth-grade, I said, "Why sweep it; it'll just get dirty again." Wow. Not the appropriate words to use. Reason I laughed then and now is that mi padre's response had to do with the possibility of throwing a bucket of something nasty on that floor, and would I ignore that.

So we went around a few times, when I got rebellious. Maybe I thought I was James Dean. I don't know. Another saying he had, one I always found annoying, was, "I told you so." Reason it was annoying, I can say in retrospect, is that he was correct because he would have advised me against taking an action, and when it blew up in my face, I was not likely to appreciate fatherly advice.

Dad was shorter than my mom; in fact, if one looks closely at their wedding photo, it's plain to see that he's standing on an altar step with my mom on the one below so that he appears taller. OK, he was not tall that way, but he was tall in the manner he provided for us. He did the best he could raising my brother and me, given his background, and I will always love him for that.

He also gave me a strong work ethic. Not sure I appreciate that, but it seems to be working (no pun intended.)

Another bit of advice my dad gave me was that sometimes I'd find myself a day late and a dollar short. So that's why this column is in the issue after the observance of Father's Day 2010. A day late, a dollar short, and I told you so.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 23

Cloudy
High--80 Low--49



Thursday, June 24

Cool clouds
High--60 Low--50



Friday, June 25

Sun and clouds
High--61 Low--49



Saturday, June 26

Sunny
High--62 Low--46



Sunday, June 27

Sunshine
High--59 Low--47



Monday, June 28

Cloudy sunshine
High--81 Low--43



Tuesday, June 29

Warmer
High--85 Low--45



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

*Fri.,	June 11	73	47	.02
*Sat.,	June 12	86	46	.00
*Sun.,	June 13	89	59	.00
*Mon.,	June 14	79	57	.00
*Tue.,	June 15	71	49	.00
*Wed.,	June 16	74	40	.00
*Thu.,	June 17	74	48	.00

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

*Fri.,	June 11	72	48	.00
*Sat.,	June 12	83	46	.00
*Sun.,	June 13	86	46	.00
*Mon.,	June 14	77	57	.00
*Tue.,	June 15	71	49	.00
*Wed.,	June 16	69	40	.00
*Thu.,	June 17	71	50	.00

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Author blasts environmental movement

By **SCOTT JORGENSEN**
IVN Staff Writer

Author Holly Swanson insists that government ownership of major industries is well under way, and that public schools are being used to indoctrinate children into supporting radical environmentalism.

Additionally, she advocates that grass-roots action must be taken immediately to stop the indoctrination.

Swanson was guest speaker during a forum Wednesday evening, June 16 at the Guild Bldg. in Grants Pass. Approximately 30 people attended the event, sponsored by Southern Oregon Resource Alliance, a non-profit organization founded in 1976 by former Josephine County Commissioner Anne G. Basker, and devoted to natural resource utilization.

For the past 20 years, Swanson said that she has been closely watching what she characterized as the "green movement." Her watch began when she attended an environmental conference in the late '80s, and was "shocked" by what she heard from presenters.

"At that conference, my

life changed," Swanson said.

Prior to then, she said that she had never heard of the Pacific Green Party. She added that upon further examination, she found similarities between that party's goals and those of communism.

After attending more environmental conferences, Swanson said that she visited the capitol in Washington D.C. to inform political leaders about what she had learned. Discouraged by that trip, she penned the book, "Set Up and Sold Out: Find out What Green Really Means."

Its first edition was printed in 1995, she said, with the second in 1998, and the third edition out now.

Since then, Swanson has formed Operation Greenout!, a group dedicated to addressing what she calls the "critical situation in America's schools" surrounding the introduction of sustainability-based curriculum to children as young as kindergarteners.

Swanson said that the American public needs to make the distinction between taking sound steps toward improving the environment and being "coerced" and

"manipulated" into supporting a political agenda.

Karl Marx summed up communism as the abolition of private property, Swanson said, and "that's what this is all about." She cited a report by the World Wildlife Federation that stated that the only "sustainable" country in the world is Cuba, which has been under Communist control since the 1960s.

Capitalism involves individual-centered production and distribution, she said, whereas socialism is public control of those economic aspects, and communism is government control of them.

"Green" goals listed in 1990 also include government ownership of the health-care, automotive, banking, insurance and energy industries, Swanson said. And she noted that most of those objectives have been achieved during the past couple of years.

Also noted by Swanson was the Oregon Sustainability Initiative, spearheaded by Gov. Kulongoski. Swanson said that the goal of such programs is to use public education to "transform society" by designing school curriculum to indoctrinate children into

adopting "green" policies.

"Is that what education is for?" Swanson said.

She said that school districts throughout the state and Southern Oregon have adopted some of those programs, which is being done "beneath the radar."

"This is happening here in our backyard," she said.

Another plank of the Green Party platform is adoption of the Earth Charter, Swanson said. That document, which she described as "very radical," was authored by Mikhail Gorbachev. He is the former general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and has been actively involved in international environmental issues since that nation's 1991 collapse.

Swanson said that for some groups, protecting the environment is simply a means to an end.

"It's all about power and control," Swanson said. "That's the bottom line."

But by being organized, Swanson said that opponents of these goals and policies can counteract their influence.

"We have power," she said. "We just have to use it."

Academic Achiever

Kamela Ryan Culver

Kamela Culver, daughter of Steve and Suzie Culver of O'Brien, OR, graduated from the University of Oregon on Monday, June 14, 2010. She graduated with a double major in history and sociology.

In college Kamela was an active volunteer. Kamela mentored and counseled young girls while she extended her services as a support group facilitator for a local organization. She worked at the University Crisis Hotline for two years as a counselor and was also the coordinator for the organization's Crisis Intervention Conference of 2010. Kamela also worked as a resident assistant and held an internship at the Oregon Research Institute.

Kamela started her education at the Community Christian Academy. She entered public school at Evergreen Elementary in the fourth grade and graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 2006.

Kamela has spent one term on a teaching internship in Guadalajara, Mexico, where she intends to return for a full-time teaching position.

Letter 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 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.

Community appreciated From Vicki J. Snitzler Superintendent, Oregon Caves National Monument (and I.V. Rotarian)

I want to take a moment to recognize the residents of

Illinois Valley for their response to the Oregon Caves National Monument Community Day on May 8, 2010.

As part of the event we asked that folks attending one of the free cave tours make a donation to Rotary First Harvest. I am pleased to report that the response to this request was tremendous. We collected more than 150 pounds of food and slightly more than \$100.

These donations were taken to our area food banks for distribution.

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