

# Weather Watch

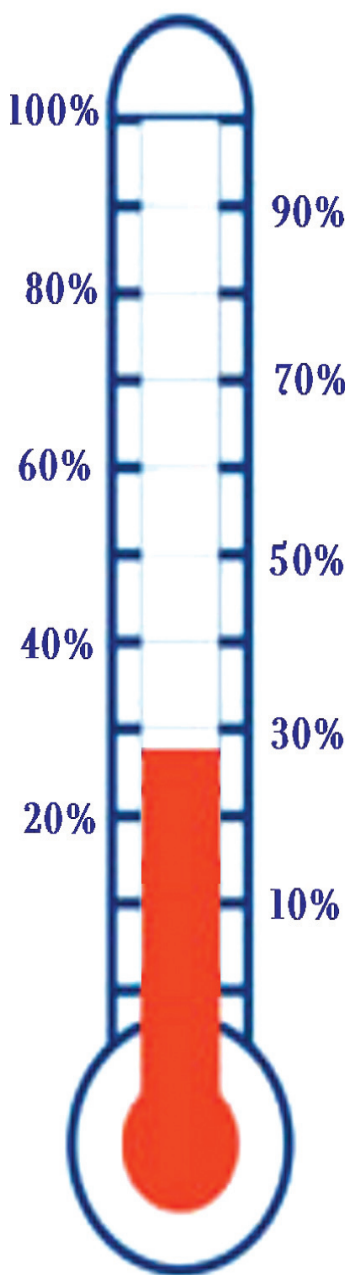
Cave Junction

	<b>Thursday, April 28</b> Rain & Drizzle High -- 56 Low -- 35
	<b>Friday, April 29</b> Partly Sunny High -- 61 Low -- 35
	<b>Saturday, April 30</b> Mostly Sunny High -- 64 Low -- 37
	<b>Sunday, May 1</b> Mostly Sunny High -- 72 Low -- 44
	<b>Monday, May 2</b> Sunny & Not as Warm High -- 66 Low -- 45
	<b>Tuesday, May 3</b> Sunny High -- 74 Low -- 47
	<b>Wednesday, May 4</b> Warmer w/ Rain High -- 79 Low -- 47

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

April	High	Low	Rain
15	55.6	42.3	1.45
16	61.9	49.8	0.41
17	57.9	44.4	0.20
18	59.9	33.3	0.08
19	65.7	28.0	
20	58.3	39.2	0.09
21	60.1	33.1	0.05

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# Alien or Hoax?



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, April 19 a glowing light was noticed in the woods. The following morning a resident on Fernwood Dr. found close to a dozen tracks on the heavy rocky soil. The above track is approximately 7" long.

# Airport board meets

Members of the Illinois Valley Airport Board met Monday, April 25 for its regular monthly meeting at the I.V. Airport cafeteria.

Recurring concerns about the noxious weed Alyssum, the need for a Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) light and the airport layout plan continues to dominate much of the conversation, according to meeting notes from board member Roger Brandt.

Dave Basset read a report from Airport Manager

Alex Grossi saying the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) was being submitted for a 90-day comment period, and that the runway would need to be closed for one day for a runway crack grinding and sealing project.

In earlier meetings, board members said the previous VASI light broke about 20 years ago, but had never been repaired. Others commented on an accident four years ago where a pilot crashed, possibly due to lack of visibility. Grants

Pass resident Dale Matthews said commissioners believed a VASI light would not have made a difference.

In the past few months, some residents have said they are still finding patches of Alyssum in scattered areas of the Illinois Valley. Alyssum was introduced in the late 1990s with the hopes of extracting nickel from the ground, but these efforts were found mostly unsuccessful.

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# Summer jobs offered at Caves

The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) has three open spots for youth aged 15 to 18 looking for a summer job at the Oregon Caves National Monument.

Though they might not get the best summer tan, the three youths that are selected will help maintain and upkeep park grounds and do inventory, equipment maintenance and other clerical tasks at the park library.

According to a National Park Service (NPS) news release, successful candidates will work at Oregon minimum wage of \$8.50 per hour, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. five days a week between June 13 and August 5, 2011 except federal holidays.

"The [YCC] is a summer employment program for young men and women...who work and learn together by participating in conservation work on public lands," the news release states.

Candidates should be in good shape as much of the work involves bending, lifting, digging and other physical movement in controlling non-native plant species on park grounds.

The news release says applicants must be willing to learn how to safely navigate steep slopes, cave safety and protecting themselves from bug bites, poison oak and dehydration that can come from working outside in the summer.

Those selected will also receive 40 hours of conservation education programs about the diversity and responsibilities of national parks, often including field trips to other park areas.

According to the news release, those interested should call Ms. Pat Fine at (541) 592-2100 ex. 2224 and leave a detailed message with name and address to receive an information packet and application. Those who apply will also be interviewed by phone with parents and/or guardians and will reportedly be notified by Wednesday, June 1. Applications must be received by Saturday, May 28.

## A dozen things parents can do to prevent school violence

- 1 - Recognize that keeping firearms in your home may put you at legal risk as well as expose you and your family to physical risk. In many states, parents can be held liable for their children's actions, including inappropriate use of firearms. If you do choose to keep firearms at home, ensure that they are securely locked, that ammunition is locked and stored separately, and that children know weapons are never to be touched without your express permission and supervision.
- 2 - Take an active role in your children's schools. Talk regularly with teachers and staff. Volunteer in the classroom or library, or in after-school activities. Work with parent-teacher-student organizations.
- 3 - Act as role models. Settle your own conflicts peaceably and manage anger without violence.
- 4 - Listen to and talk with your children regularly. Find out what they're thinking on all kinds of topics. Create an opportunity for two-way conversation, which may mean forgoing judgments or pronouncements. This kind of communication should be a daily habit, not a reaction to crisis.
- 5 - Set clear limits on behaviors in advance. Discuss punishments and rewards in advance, too. Disciplining with framework and consistency helps teach self-discipline, a skill your children can use for the rest of their lives.
- 6 - Communicate clearly on the violence issue. Explain that you don't accept and won't tolerate violent behavior. Discuss what violence is and is not. Answer questions thoughtfully. Listen to children's ideas and concerns. They may bring up small problems that can easily be solved now, problems that could become worse if allowed to fester.
- 7 - Help your children learn how to examine and find solutions to problems. Kids who know how to approach a problem and resolve it effectively are less likely to be angry, frustrated, or violent. Take advantage of "teachable moments" to help your child understand and apply these and other skills.
- 8 - Discourage name-calling and teasing. These behaviors often escalate into fist fights (or worse). Whether the teaser is violent or not, the victim may see violence as the only way to stop it.
- 9 - Insist on knowing your children's friends, whereabouts, and activities. It's your right. Make your home an inviting and pleasant place for your children and their friends; it's easier to know what they're up to when they're around. Know how to spot signs of troubling behavior in kids—yours and others.
- 10 - Work with other parents to develop standards for school related events, acceptable out-of-school activities and places, and required adult supervision. Support each other in enforcing these standards.
- 11 - Make it clear that you support school policies and rules that help create and sustain a safe place for all students to learn. If your child feels a rule is wrong, discuss his or her reasons and what rule might work better.
- 12 - Join up with other parents, through school and neighborhood associations, religious organizations, civic groups, and youth activity groups. Talk with each other about violence problems, concerns about youth in the community, sources of help to strengthen and sharpen parenting skills, and similar issues.

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