

# Weather Watch

## Cave Junction

	<b>Thursday, May 19</b> Pleasant & Warmer High -- 76 Low -- 48
	<b>Friday, May 20</b> Rain High -- 76 Low -- 49
	<b>Saturday, May 21</b> Mostly Cloudy High -- 82 Low -- 54
	<b>Sunday, May 22</b> Rain High -- 81 Low -- 53
	<b>Monday, May 23</b> Very Warm & Cloudy High -- 84 Low -- 53
	<b>Tuesday, May 24</b> Warm & Cloudy High -- 85 Low -- 49
	<b>Wednesday, May 25</b> <b>SUNSHINE!!</b> High -- 78 Low -- 48

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

Date:	High:	Low:	Rain:
5/06	75.7	39.0	.00
5/07	61.9	43.3	.00
5/08	65.5	40.5	.00
5/09	66.7	38.5	.02
5/10	80.6	32.0	.00
5/11	63.0	47.3	.14
5/12	65.8	40.3	.00

# Evergreen SMILE students get peek at college life

By Darcy Wallace  
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Evergreen Elementary students got a glimpse of science and math programs at the college level in a daylong field trip to Southern Oregon University Saturday, May 7.

Instructors Carlie Wiley-Wolter and Rhonda Pugsley took 15 fourth- and fifth-grade students to SOU where they learned about symmetry, 3D structures, tessellations, sound waves, electro-magnetism and more.

But the underlying message, according to Wiley-Wolter, was "planting the seed" of awareness and interest in attending college, taking Evergreen students on a tour through SOU to see what college students are up to.

"We're just getting students to start thinking about [college]," Wiley-Wolter said. "The [SMILE] program targets low-income and minority students who normally would not have access to this infor-

mation. They're often the first generation in their families to go to college."

SMILE, or Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences Program, partners Oregon State University with several rural school districts in Oregon to increase interest in math and the sciences.

Wiley-Wolter said several Evergreen students already had big dreams about what they might study in higher education, such as marine biology, oceanography or criminal justice.

Wiley-Wolter herself said she was the first in her family to go to college. She said 20 total students at Evergreen participate in SMILE, with two instructors present. She hopes more community members will volunteer to get involved.

"I would love to have more volunteers and reach out," Wiley-Wolter said. "I think there's more happening in our community than we even know."



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

# Hicks takes your questions at Taylor's

By Darcy Wallace  
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New House representative Wally Hicks (R-Grants Pass, District 3) came to Taylor's Country Store from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, for what he said would be monthly sessions to meet with local residents and hear their questions and concerns.

Formerly a Josephine County Deputy District Attorney, Hicks was elected November 2010 to a bipartisan legislature with nearly equal numbers of Democrats and Republicans.

On Saturday, medical marijuana, healthcare and budget woes were at the forefront of those

who spoke with Hicks.

One person, who declined to make his name public, said medical marijuana helped him relax and relieve pain without the negative side effects of prescription medications. Though he said he understood medical marijuana could sometimes be abused, he questioned the legality of cigarettes, alcohol and prescription drugs that can be highly addictive.

"There are some who abuse the system," he said. "But I'm an active member of this community. [My use] isn't harming anyone."

Hicks has recently supported restrictions on the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, such as preventing minors under age 18 from obtaining cards and dropping the individual

medical marijuana limit to one ounce.

Other residents brought up concerns with Frontier Communications and land use issues. With a bipartisan legislature, Hicks said coming to agreement on healthcare would not be an easy task.

"We are working on healthcare transformation," Hicks said. "The system is broken and unsustainable. Something needs to be done, but nobody knows exactly what."

Hicks said state spending would drop from about \$60 billion last year to \$55 billion for the next biennium, the first state budget cut since 1981. According to Hicks, the question now is where to make the cuts, which he anticipates could be in welfare, healthcare and

possibly public safety. But along with decrease in revenue, he said he supported in tax cuts of about \$93 million for businesses.

On May 7, Hicks mentioned he had not anticipated the level of reaction to medical marijuana in the community, but still maintained the public "was not ready" for full legalization.

"The thing is, [medical marijuana] is difficult to accommodate," Hicks said. "People have a legitimate need, but the system is abused. It has become a draw for criminals."

Hicks is again scheduled to meet at Taylor's for public comment at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June, the first Saturday of the month.



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

Dirk Brown, Ken LeGaux, Will Riviere, Mr. Smith, Shooter Ron, Robert Noon and Mac McAnally in their pre-initiation for upcoming "Clamper doings" As part of the initiation into E Clampus Vitus prospective members have to endure plenty of public humiliation.

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