

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Thursday, Aug 29

Partly Cloudy

High -- 81 Low -- 50

Friday, Aug 30

Partly Cloudy

High -- 82 Low -- 48

Saturday, Aug 31

Partly Cloudy

High -- 79 Low -- 48

Sunday, Sept 1

Chance of Rain

High -- 79 Low -- 46

Monday, Sept 2

Clear

High -- 81 Low -- 48

Tuesday, Sept 3

Clear

High -- 88 Low -- 50

Wednesday, Sept 4

Clear

High -- 88 Low -- 52

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

Aug	High	Low	Rain
16	86.2	55.9	
17	91.5	51.8	
18	95.0	55.6	
19	95.4	57.9	
20	93.2	63.5	
21	97.2	59.4	
21	73.0	55.8	.16

Aug Rain: 0.39" YTD Rain: 61.77"

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By-The-Slice

TODAY

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MONDAY & FRIDAY

AT CHEVRON IN CJ

11 AM - 7 PM

SATURDAYS

AT GRANTS PASS

GROWERS MARKET

View-Master event gives a different view

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Around 40 people journeyed to the Chateau at the Oregon Caves on August 24 to hear the story of the View-Master, which came into being as a result of a chance meeting at the national monument.

Gretchen Gruber Harmon and Carl Gruber shared stories of their father, William Gruber, who designed the popular toy.

William Gruber's story is a classic rags-to-riches tale. As a child growing up in Bavaria, he'd belonged to the Munich Camera Club and won prizes for his photography. Later, he trained as a professional piano tuner before immigrating to the United States.

When he arrived in Portland, he only had five cents in his pocket, but was able to find work immediately. He met his bride, a tall blonde, at the Collins and Irwin Piano store, where she worked selling sheet music. Although she had many suitors, he persuaded her to marry him despite being nearly two feet shorter and 13 years older.

On their honeymoon, he fell ill, went into a coma and was hospitalized. While he was unconscious, the answer to a design he'd been thinking about appeared. When he recovered, the avid photographer quickly assembled the two-camera set-up to create three-dimensional photographs, and began using it.

Gruber was such a renowned piano tuner that he traveled all over the West Coast to do this work, often taking his wife along. He was working in Medford in August of 1938 when the couple decided to drive to the Oregon Caves for a second honeymoon that weekend.

At the end of the cave tour, the guide pointed out a boulder and invited those on the tour to rub it for luck. Gruber scoffed at the idea, but his wife rubbed it and wished that Gruber could sell his invention.

A few minutes later, the Grubers met Harold Graves, president of Sawyers, Inc., a Portland postcard manufacturing company. Graves was intrigued with Gruber's camera rig and the two discussed how to create the updated stereopticon.

Gruber would have happily sold his invention for a few thousand dollars, but Graves didn't have the money available, so Gruber accepted royalties for the next 20 years, making him a wealthy man.

Gruber was a true scientist and wanted the View-Master to be a teaching tool. A self-taught botanist, he photographed several series including mushrooms and alpine flowers of the Western United States. He collected Oriental porcelains and photographed a series on the topic;

developing a friendship with Sir Harry Garner, whose collection is now on display in the British Museum.

Gruber wanted to help improve medicine, and worked with Dr. David Bassett for 11 years to create the "Stereoscopic Atlas of Human Anatomy." The series, consisting of 221 View-Master reels with 1,554 color views of dissections of all body regions, is still in use to this day.

Following their presentation at the Chateau on Saturday, Gruber's children were presented with a pair of cakes decorated with various View-Master models made of sugar fondant. The cakes, one chocolate and one white, were created by Christy Paulson Lansdown.

Event organizer Roger Brandt is currently working with Oregon Travel Experience to install an Oregon Historic Marker at the monument next spring to commemorate the "birth" of the View-Master.

Carl Gruber holds a photo of his inventor father, William Gruber, while OCNM Supervisor Vicki Snitzler takes the cake.

ALL REPAIRS DONE ON SITE!

TUES - FRI 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SAT 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SUN & MON CLOSED

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No matter if you are young or old, short or tall, still active or recently discharged or have been out 50 years, disabled or not, I am interested in making contact with you, just one vet to another. No hidden motives or selling anything, just would like to hear your military story. Maybe get involved with up coming Labor Day Parade if you are interested Monday Sept. 2. Either way e-mail me Larry at LGB@Cavenet.com

God bless you, welcome home and thank you for your time and service you were willing to complete.

Rain in Southwest Oregon Lowers Fire Restrictions

The Industrial Fire Precaution Level on Oregon Department of Forestry-protected lands in Jackson and Josephine counties dropped to a 'Level II' this week, due to light rain across the region. The Fire Danger Level for the general public will remain at "Extreme" however chain

saws, power mowers, brush cutters, and other equipment employing internal combustion engines may now be used until 11:00 a.m. and again after 8:00 p.m. Since Aug. 2, power equipment had to be shut down completely due to abnormally dry and hot weather. The rain has low-

ered fire prevention measures on industrial operations, such as logging sites and other commercial operations. Industrial Fire Precaution Level II (two) takes effect at Sunday, August 25, and includes the following restrictions:

The use of fire in any form will be prohibited.

The use of power saws will be prohibited, except at loading sites, between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The use of cable yarders will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Blasting will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Welding or cutting

of metal will be prohibited between 1:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Information about fire season restrictions on ODF-protected lands is available online at www.swofire.oregon.gov and at ODF Southwest Oregon District unit offices:

Lillian Grace Yanase comes to town

Lillian Grace Yanase, born Aug. 8, 2013 at 2 a.m., 6 lbs., 7 ounces. Lillian is the child of the proud parents Michael and Holly Yanase.

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