

Hoskins keep Radio Shack ownership local

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Will and Stacey Hoskins took over ownership of the Cave Junction Radio Shack on June 16 this year.

They purchased the business from Bill and Chris Coultas who started it. Bill, Chris, and Will all grew up here in the Valley, and Stacey and Chris became good friends when they met in high school.

When the Coultas decided to sell the business, it was important to them that ownership stay in local hands and not be sold to a corporation. At the same time, the doctor Stacey had been working for retired, leaving her open for a new opportunity. She and her husband decided that it was the right time to buy their own business.

The new owners had not had the business very long, though, before trouble struck. They had a “rock vs window” incident recently, and the police were called and responded the next day. Fortunately, the culprits were caught the following night in Grants Pass. The

Hoskins have also had a lot of things stolen from the store.

The couple is still busy getting settled in and learning the business.

“Our future lies with the future of the community,” said Will. “They need us here. We provide services that otherwise would require a trip to Grants Pass.”

Will feels it is important to keep the store’s ownership local and to provide employment for the residents here.

“There is a diverse assortment of people here in the Valley who have a wide variety of needs to be met, so we need to figure out what best meets the needs of the most people,” said Will.

“We work hard to keep our prices competitive with Walmart,” said Stacey.

As one example of a service for the community the new owners are offering is recycling ink cartridges free of charge.

The Hoskins have been married almost 21 years and have been together for 24 years. Stacey and her family first moved here when she was almost 15 years old. After graduating, Stacey moved back to California, returning about 24 years ago. Will was born and raised in the Illinois Valley. His family

owns Treehouse Florist and Gifts and have a long and rich history here.

Stacey had worked for Radio Shack before the business moved to its current location several years ago, so she was already somewhat familiar with how the business works. She runs the store while Will works in construction elsewhere.

“I think that all the business owners should all work together to find better ways to service the Valley and to band together to keep the thievery down,” said Will. “So far the support from the community has been fantastic.”

Stacey and Will are open to new ideas and want everyone to know that they would appreciate suggestions to better serve the Valley. They would also like to give a big thank you to the Coultas for all their help and support with this endeavor. They also want the community to know that due to changes in the ordering system with the parent company of Radio Shack, back orders are very slow to be filled. They are doing their best to get everything working smoothly again as quickly as possible.



(Photo by Cilicia Philemon, *Illinois Valley News*)
Stacey (left) and Will Hoskins

Just ask Jenna: by Jenna Larkin

Growing up is not an easy thing. There is always something new and exciting to learn about and kids are always full of those searching “Why” questions. Beginning this month, those questions will be answered. Each month, a child’s question will be featured along with an answer. The questions will come from children in kindergarten through third grade.

This week’s featured child is third-grader Daniel Polk. His question is:

“Why does the moon shine?”

When the sun goes down, the moon comes up and spreads a soft glow across the night sky. Or does it? The light coming from the moon is really an illusion, a trick of the eye. When the sun goes down and night falls, the moon acts sort of like a mirror and reflects light from the sun. This is known as earthshine.

Another phenomenon that is in play is called the opposition effect. The surface of the moon is actually a dark grey color and has a bumpy rough surface, making it hard for almost any light to be reflected. According to the education.com website: “When light hits the rough soil of the moon directly, and the person watching the moon from Earth is in a line with the sunlight, then the shadows of the moon’s soil seem to disappear, making the moon

look brighter.”

In fact, according to the universitytoday.com, the moon only reflects about 12 percent of light that hits it.

The moon orbits around the sun once every 29.5 days and also spins at the same rate, allowing one side of the moon to be visible to earth. The rotation creates phases that cast different amounts of light that can be seen from earth. Those phases include the first quarter, full moon, third quarter and new moon. According to the livescience.com, when the moon is in the first and third quarter, the moon is only reflecting about eight percent of light and appears only half illuminated. During a full moon the moon is so bright that it masks fainter objects that can be normally seen in the night sky. A full moon can also be so bright that it can sometimes be seen during daytime. A new moon is not even visible from earth’s vantage point. This is due to the fact that the moon is between the sun and earth. So, the effect is that the side of the moon that is visible that normally reflects light is facing away from earth.

So, the next time you gaze up at the night sky and see the glow of the moon, know that your eyes and the moon’s surface are playing tricks on you.

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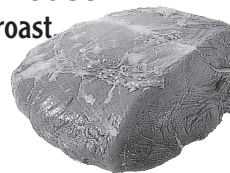
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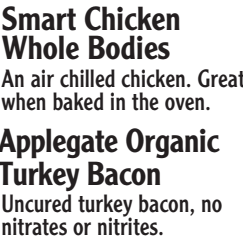
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