

# Weather Watch

## Cave Junction

	<b>Thursday, Feb 22</b> AM Showers High -- 44 Low -- 24
	<b>Friday, Feb 23</b> Mostly Sunny High -- 49 Low -- 32
	<b>Saturday, Feb 24</b> Rain High -- 44 Low -- 34
	<b>Sunday, Feb 25</b> Rain/Snow Showers High -- 43 Low -- 34
	<b>Monday, Feb 26</b> Rain/Snow High -- 44 Low -- 33
	<b>Tuesday, Feb 27</b> PM Showers High -- 44 Low -- 30
	<b>Wednesday, Feb 28</b> Partly Cloudy High -- 44 Low -- 31

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

Feb	High	Low	Rain
9	58.3	35.0	
10	53.0	29.6	0.01
11	48.2	27.9	0.04
12	47.5	32.0	
13	53.0	25.9	0.01
14	47.9	29.6	0.03
15	54.4	27.0	

Feb Rain: 0.11" YTD Rain: 35.10"

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## Crawlies with Cri: by Christy Pitto

With spring approaching, many of us are hitting the nurseries and buying blooms to attract the pretty pollinators to our yards. However, if you love butterflies (and who doesn't?) there is a better attraction than posies and it's called a "puddling place."

If you have ever strolled by a stream, pond or any damp place on a warm spring or summer day, you may have seen many butterflies congregating; that's puddling. Most of those butterflies are males and what they are after are minerals. Nectar is sweet, but male butterflies need lots of minerals to get themselves in shape for mating. It has been hypothesized that the males pass these nutrients to the females when mating, ensuring a strong next generation.

In addition to streamside puddling, butterflies also flock to mud, blood and yep – urine for minerals. Now that's dedication to reproduction.

Do you want to make a butterfly-puddling pond for your yard (come on, you know you do)? It's easy to do. First, you find any shallow container, pie plate, birdbath topper or bottom dish for a flowerpot – you get the idea. Next, fill it with sand or gravel then fill it with water, after that – and this is key – add minerals. One way to do it is to sprinkle salt over it and then add overripe fruit, stale beer and/or leaf manure compost.

It's best to keep your puddle in a sunny spot and necessary to keep it damp. Be sure to change out your mineral source every few days and then sit back and enjoy the pretty flitters.

## Siskiyou Field Institute opens 20th season of education

Siskiyou Field Institute (SFI) in Selma will launch its 20th year as an educational organization with a free program this Saturday, Feb. 24. Whitebark pine populations in Crater Lake and Lassen Volcanic National Parks are the subject. The pines are considered to be a significant natural resource in both national parks because of their importance as foundation species supporting many birds and mammals. Sean Smith, a botanist with the Klamath Inventory and Monitoring Network, will talk about field research and restoration hopes for the blighted pines, which are dying from a combination of disease (white pine blister rust), pine bark beetle infestations and climate-related habitat changes. The SFI program runs 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free and free refreshments will be available.

Dedicated to providing education

about the Klamath-Siskiyou region, SFI will also offer over 40 adult education courses in various natural history subjects this year. Early season courses include a trip to observe raptors and waterbirds in the Klamath Basin March 4 and a course on meteorology, "Weather Watching," March 17 at SFI's Deer Creek Center headquarters.

Special SFI courses on four of our local rivers (Illinois, Klamath/Trinity and Rogue) highlight the 50th year of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Additional field courses, "The Art of Lichen Dyeing" and "Salmon Biology," are based on two of SFI's very first educational workshops offered in 1998.

SFI's Youth Education Programs will begin in March. This year SFI introduces its first full year of Outdoor School for middle schoolers. Interested teachers should contact youthprograms@

thesfi.org for more information. About 76 percent of Oregon's middle school-age students will attend some form of outdoor school this year. Students at Lorna Byrne Middle School in Cave Junction are scheduled to visit SFI for Outdoor School programs.

Three community events round out the SFI season. Bands and Brews will feature locally crafted microbrews and live music Saturday, June 23. A Family Camp offers nature-based fun and education for area families Friday, July 6 to Sunday, July 8. A fall fundraiser, Wine in the Willows, is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7.

For information on these programs and all that Siskiyou Field Institute has to offer in 2018, including scholarships for local residents, visit [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org) or email [institute@thesfi.org](mailto:institute@thesfi.org).

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## PARVO ...

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"When infected dogs are having diarrhea, they're shedding that virus out into the environment," she said. "And even six weeks after the animal finally recovers and passes solid stool, they are still contagious. Bleach is the only thing that kills the virus." Hoelzle added, "The virus is ubiquitous, can be found almost anywhere, and can survive in the environment for up to several years, depending on the environment."

Unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months old are the most at risk to contract parvo, which is why unprotected puppies should never be taken into public areas where they can be exposed.

"Vaccinating pups increases their immune response - so when they're

exposed to the diseases they have been vaccinated for, their immune system kicks in to fight it, thus lessening the likelihood of them contracting the disease," Boie explained.

There are no available drugs that can kill parvovirus in infected dogs - so treatment is designed to support vital body systems to give the animal's immune system the best chance to fight it off. Treatment should be started immediately and generally consists of intensive care efforts to combat dehydration by replacing electrolyte, protein and fluid losses, controlling vomiting and diarrhea, and preventing secondary infections. Sick dogs should be kept warm and receive good nursing care.

The AVMF says that even with aggressive treatment, the dog may die - thus early recognition and aggressive treatment are very important to boost the chances of survival.

But again, prevention works best, so get your vaccinations! And if money is an issue, call Dr. Joe's to learn about vaccination clinics that discount the cost of vaccines. Also, potential financial aid to help cover costs of vaccines is available from regional animal advocacy organizations that you can learn about from the staff at Dr. Joe's.

Some people buy vaccinations for parvo, distemper and other pet diseases from farm and feed stores, but professionals caution against this practice. Only from a licensed veterinarian can customers be sure the medicine has been properly refrigerated from manufacturer to clinic.

Technicians used to giving shots will do a better job delivering the shot as well. Sometimes a dog jumps when it gets stuck, which means more vaccine ends up on the fur than in the dog. Or, by the

time you get it home, it may have warmed up too much. Plus, another reason to get your pet's shots from your vet is because they'll also do a health check and notice if your buddy is already sick.

Dr. Joe's technicians say the main vaccination recommended for this area is the "5-in-1," which protects dogs from distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, parainfluenza and leptospirosis. Also, dogs should receive rabies shots. And it's recommended to get your dog vaccinated against Lyme disease if tick exposure occurs, and finally, a bordetella shot is often required if you are boarding your dog, and some recommend it if dogs are around a lot of other dogs.

Veterinary care is also provided to Valley residents by Dr. Zach Robinson. Reach his office at 541-592-2338. Call Dr. Joe's at 541-592-4589.

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