

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

	Thursday, Mar 22 Rain High -- 44 Low -- 34
	Friday, Mar 23 Rain/Snow High -- 41 Low -- 33
	Saturday, Mar 24 Rain/Snow High -- 42 Low -- 32
	Sunday, Mar 25 Showers High -- 46 Low -- 34
	Monday, Mar 26 PM Showers High -- 51 Low -- 36
	Tuesday, Mar 27 AM Showers High -- 55 Low -- 38
	Wednesday, Mar 28 Mostly Sunny High -- 59 Low -- 39

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

Mar	High	Low	Rain
9	57.1	37.2	0.35
10	51.8	35.9	0.08
11	58.4	40.9	0.02
12	63.0	35.0	0.01
13	54.1	39.6	1.18
14	53.9	35.6	0.01
15	39.1	33.4	1.56
Mar Rain: 6.99"			
YTD Rain: 41.93			

Organic Products Made Fresh Daily!
Breakfast Sandwiches
Served with choice of Bagel or Specialty Roll extra

Bagels
Plain, Sesame, Poppy, Everything, Sprouted Wheat, Sprouted Wheat Everything, Onion, Garlic Herb, Garlic Herb Provolone, Sundried Tomato Herb, Jalapeno, Cheddar Jalapeno, Cinnamon Raisin or Cranberry Walnut

Ask about Daily Specials
Lunch Sandwiches and Melts
Served with choice of Bagel or Specialty Roll extra

Rotating Selection of Scones and Turnovers
Focaccia Fridays
Open 9-3
Monday to Friday
Sat & Sun 10-3
To-Go Orders
541-415-5937
For large carryout orders contact Kevin Gillette Catering at 541-415-5937

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Crawlies with Cri: by Cri Solo

This week's Crawly is 'otterly' irresistible and 'otter' be at least somewhat familiar to most folks. Meet the North American river otter (*Lontra canadensis*). River otters can be found in much of Canada and the United States, however in Oregon they are only occasionally found east of the Cascades. Luckily, seeing them, west of the Cascades is not uncommon.

River otters are very sensitive to pollution and will quickly abandon polluted waterways. So, Oregonians are very lucky that their corner of the state has so many clean rivers, creeks, ponds, marshes and lakes.

While most active at dawn, dusk and even at night, when undisturbed river otters will be quite active in the daytime, giving us a chance to watch the antics of these adorable Mustelids. "Muste-what-now?" River otters are in the Mustelid family, which includes marten, fishers, weasels, mink, wolverine, badgers and even skunks.

River otters grow to an average of three and a half feet, including their tail, which is one-third of their body length. They use that tapered tail, along with their webbed hind feet to power through the water and make quick fish-catching maneuvers. Their swimming is so slick that their name in Old English is "burna

snaca" or "water snake."

That swift swimming is good for catching foods other than fish as well. River otters have a very high metabolism and must eat frequently. While fish are favored, they also eat crayfish, crabs, amphibians and even small rodents. They can hold their breath up to six minutes for their underwater foraging forays. In addition, they grow two types of fur: a lighter-colored, softer undercoat and a darker-guard hair on top, which keep the undercoat dry. They can also close-up their ears and noses underwater.

River otters will patrol up to 40 miles of a waterway, depending on food availability. They will also truck overland between bodies of water. They can run up to 15 miles per hour and their eyesight is equally good in and out of water.

When river otters are not foraging for food, they do frolic and play a lot. With their skill at sliding over snow and down riverbanks, they could form their own bobsled team. If you are lucky enough to see a group of river otters at play, it is likely the group is a mother and her pups. Pups stay with females for almost a year and sometimes one female from the previous year's litter will stick around to help mum with kid duty. Generally, adult male river otters lead a solitary life, but groups of all sexes and

ages will sometimes get together to hunt or play.

All that hunting and play leave little time for den building, otters prefer to use dens abandoned by beaver or muskrat with their handy, secret underwater entrances.

River otters are active year-round, but keep an eye out on warm spring days, like the rest of us they like to get out and enjoy our rare sunshine and now is a good time to see them out of their typical semi-dark hunting hours.



(Photo by Christy Solo, for the Illinois Valley News.)

North American river otter



SPORTSMAN TAVERN

- 2 Pool Tables & Shuffleboard •
- Friday Night Karaoke •
- Saturday Night Pool Tournaments •
- Bloody Mary Sundays 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. •
- NFL Special Events •

Rotary Club of Illinois Valley SALUTES LORNA BYRNE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(Photo courtesy of Tabatha Siemer for the Illinois Valley News)

January Students of the Month

Fifth grade - Christina Courville and Ezra Murphy; sixth grade - Mariah Hoffman and Zoey Tucker; seventh grade - Anna Coy and Tobias Giroux; and eighth grade - Luis Hernandez and Destiny Johnson, pictured with Vice Principal Darrell Erb.

BY THE YARD:

- DG & Sand
- Granite, River & Shale
- Bark-O-Mulch
- Pumice (2 sizes)
- Washed Steer Manure
- OMRI Compost
- Compost'N Pumice
- Compost Chicken & Pumice
- 50/50 Mix (Chicken & Steer)
- Oregon Mix
- Coco Peat (fluffed)
- WSDA Composted Chicken Manure
- OMRI ROCK'N SOIL POTTING SOIL
- OMRI 1 LOVE POTTING SOIL



BY THE BAG/TOTE:

- 1 Yard Tote
- Perlite (4CF)
- Perlite (60CF)
- Peat Moss (3.8 CF)
- Peat Moss (55 CF)
- Premium Worm Castings

BY THE BLOCK:

- Coco Peat Blocks

BY THE PALLET:

- Peat Moss
- Coco Peat Blocks

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