

In the Service

Dana D. Taylor

Air Force Airman 1st Class Dana D. Taylor has graduated from the First Term Airman Center at Elmendorf AFB, Anchorage, Alaska. The center assists first term, first-duty station airmen to transition from the controlled environment of basic military training and technical school to a self-disciplined, mission-oriented environment.

The center provides a streamlined process to help airmen understand how they fit in their duty station. For 30 days, they are mentored and supervised by staff leaders who help them with schedules, in-processing appointments, and ensure attendance to all mission-oriented briefings, meetings, training and tours. Staff leaders also advise on military protocol, personnel and professional matters and provide counseling when disciplinary action is warranted.

The airmen also spend five to seven days conducting work details. After 30 days, they receive a certificate of accomplishment and report to their duty section for training in their job specialty.

Taylor, the daughter of Randi D. Lunzman of Banks, and Don L. Jackson of North Plains, is a 2003 graduate of Banks High School.

Join Earth Day project to help restore Killin Wetlands

Tualatin Riverkeepers have invited the Banks community to participate in upcoming activities to explore and restore Killin Wetlands, which is also known as Cedar Canyon Marsh.

Farm and Cedar Canyon – flow through the wetland, creating 2.5 miles of habitat for native Steelhead and Cutthroat trout. The gravel beds in the upper reaches of these creeks

by Metro Parks in Greenspaces in 1995, with funds from a bond measure passed by the public.

Wetlands are an important part of a healthy river system. The absorbent soils hold water and provide “storage” for rivers and creeks, preventing flooding and ensuring summer flow by releasing water into rivers and creeks slowly in warm summer months. Wetland plants have the important job of filtering pollutants, providing cleaner water for drinking and for use for industry, farms and ranches.

Earth Day Event

Volunteers are invited to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, by joining with Tualatin Riverkeepers to help improve water quality and wildlife habitat at Killin Wetlands in Banks by planting native trees, including the rare Geyer willow and Douglas spirea.

Contact volunteer coordinator Monica Smiley at 503-590-5813 or <monica@tualatinriverkeepers.org> to sign up.

The Earth Day event is coordinated with SOLV. To learn more about SOLV visit their website at <www.solv.org>.

Breeding Birds Guided Hike
Local birding expert Dennis Manzer will lead a FREE guid-

ed hike at Killin Wetlands on Saturday, May 7. Participants will see tree and violet green swallows, chickadees, nuthatches, American bitterns and coots. For more information or to sign up, contact office manager Margot Fervia-Neamtzu at 503-590-5813 or <margot@tualatinriverkeepers.org>.

The Tualatin Riverkeepers is a non-profit organization working to protect and restore the Tualatin River system. Tualatin Riverkeepers aids watershed stewardship through public education, access to nature, citizen involvement and advocacy.



Wetlands restoration obviously is fun to these volunteers!

Killin Wetlands is about 300 acres of publicly owned natural area that was once part of a 10,000 acre habitat-type defined by its rare labish soils and Geyer willow trees, a species of willow found in only a few places in the Willamette Valley.

Three creeks — Sadd, Park

are trout spawning habitat.

The wetlands are also home to a wide variety of wildlife including the American bittern and the Pacific salamander. Killin Wetlands was acquired

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