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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

- Thursday, May 22**
Partly Cloudy
High -- 86 Low -- 53
- Friday, May 23**
Partly Cloudy
High -- 81 Low -- 47
- Saturday, May 24**
Clear
High -- 79 Low -- 46
- Sunday, May 25**
Partly Cloudy
High -- 80 Low -- 46
- Monday, May 26**
Partly Cloudy
High -- 76 Low -- 44
- Tuesday, May 27**
Mostly Cloudy
High -- 75 Low -- 44
- Wednesday, May 28**
Clear
High -- 78 Low -- 44

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

May	High	Low	Rain
9	54.0	43.9	.31
10	61.2	39.7	.16
11	72.5	34.0	
12	80.6	36.7	
13	88.7	41.9	
14	93.6	46.2	
15	80.8	50.2	
May Rain: 1.79"		YTD Rain: 47.59"	



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Workers build forms prior to the pouring of concrete at the skate park May 8.

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About the same time, Williams learned that the famous skateboarder Tony Hawk was coming to Grants Pass to do a demonstration. She was also aware that Hawk's foundation made grants to help communities build skate parks and approached him during his visit. Together with Connolly, Williams won a grant from Hawk's foundation and parlayed that money to acquire a \$60,000 grant from Oregon Parks and Recreation, which required nearly \$29,000 in matching funds and in-kind contributions.

"We compliment each other," Connolly says of Williams. "She's the visionary and I'm the reality."

Volunteer and in-kind efforts have included daily bobcat work from Connolly's son, Arley Tree; excavator work, cash and in-kind donations from Tony Smith, including the use of a storage container; and roller work from Ronnie Fuson, which is worth over \$200 a day. Randy and Shelly Merrill have volunteered to camp at the site for the entire construction period, guarding the fresh concrete at night.

"This community should be so proud of what we've accomplished here," Connolly said. "If we hadn't gotten this level of support from the mayor, city council, all the donors and the musicians who've played for our benefits, we wouldn't be here."

Over the past few weeks, local eateries including Commune 1 Tea, Rosie's Inferno, Subway and Taylor's Country Story

have provided lunch for the volunteers. Southern Oregon Outreach Foods has provided water and Diggin' Livin' has delivered snacks. Connolly and Williams have been at the construction site daily to help wherever possible. Last Friday, Williams drove to pick up lunch supplies, then built sandwiches for the hungry workers.

"We've been getting as many as ten volunteer workers a day to help shape the iron rebar and tie the bars together," Connolly said.

She is especially complimentary of the young laborers who have turned up to help with the project.

"Dave told me that these kids have been fabulous," she said. "Usually, having volunteers makes the project take longer, but our volunteer skill level is so high, he's only had to show them once and they get it right away."

Connolly asks that anyone interested in volunteering labor simply show up and ask for Sage or "the boss," since there's still plenty to do. Construction takes place during ten-hour days during the week. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

"It's impressive that so much of this work has been done by volunteers with their strong backs and great attitudes," Connolly said, recalling an exchange with one young helper who said, "Why wouldn't we work hard? We want to skate this thing!"

ALL REPAIRS DONE ON SITE!



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