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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Thursday, April 28
Partly Cloudy
High --65 Low -- 40

Friday, April 29
Partly Cloudy
High -- 72 Low -- 38

Saturday, April 30
Clear
High -- 71 Low -- 41

Sunday, May 1
Clear
High -- 80 Low -- 46

Monday, May 2
Clear
High -- 84 Low -- 47

Tuesday, May 3
Clear
High -- 80 Low -- 47

Wednesday, May 4
Partly Cloudy
High -- 73 Low -- 44

The End of the Road Weather in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson is unavailable this week.

Apr	High	Low
15	80.4	37.6
16	75.9	44.3
17	85.4	48.6
18	86.2	38.9
19	72.2	42.4
20	64.1	44.8
21	61.6	33.8

Apr Rain: 2.98" YTD Rain: 85.92"

Caves open house to have Pop-Up Museum

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The public is invited to bring their family's own Oregon Caves memorabilia to the first-ever Pop-Up Museum at the 15th annual Community Open House on May 7 at Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve.

Pop-Up Museums, sometimes called "Incluseums" are a relatively new phenomenon across the U.S. and involve a one day gathering of materials around a specific theme or idea. In this case, it's an opportunity to share memories of earlier Oregon Cave experiences, even as new memories and new friends are formed by meeting and hearing others' stories.

Items may be dropped off for display in the Chateau lobby, or simply videoed along with their story teller before being returned for safe keeping. Descriptions can also be written on cards, or typed in advance and brought along with the memorabilia.

Local historian Greg Walter will be on hand to lend context to the items. Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau members will help record the conversations.

Special Open House guests will include the famous Oregon Cavemen and a selection of exotic felines from Great Cats World Park.

Free cave tours will be offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is recommended that visitors arrive early to avoid long waits during the popular day-long event. Also requested, but not required, is that each

visitor brings a can of food to be donated to those in need.

After arrival, visitors are encouraged to go directly to the Visitor Center for orientation and a schedule of nature hikes and Chateau lodge tours. Special Junior Ranger activities will be available and visitors are also encouraged to hike any of the 4 established trails in the national monument.

The drive between Cave Junction and the Monument takes about 45 minutes. Appropriate clothing for the tour includes good walking shoes and a jacket or sweater since the temperature in the cave averages 44 degrees.

Cameras are allowed in the cave, but backpacks, large purses or any clothing or gear used in any other cave or mine is not allowed.

All visitors should expect to have their clothing, footwear, and gear screened before entering the cave. The new restriction and screening procedure are in place to limit the spread of white-nose syndrome, a fatal disease in bats which was recently discovered in Washington State.

Both the Chateau coffee shop and dining room will be open. Snacks and treats are also available at the Gift Gallery. For more information about the Oregon Caves Community Day Open House, call (541) 592-2100 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/orca>.

Earlier next week, the National Park Service (NPS) will host a visioning session for the newly added 4,070 acre preserve, May 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction.

Participants are invited to meet the planning and study team, learn more about the process, comment on the park's proposed actions and share ideas and concerns.

The park is seeking public input in the development of a new Preserve Management Plan. This plan will guide resource protection and visitor experiences.

The new preserve includes a variety of facilities including a campground, roads, water lines, and trails. New NPS management responsibilities include management of hunting opportunities.

The 2014 legislation which established the Reserve requires the park to study five stream segments for potential designation within the Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Public involvement throughout the planning process will play an essential role in the development of both the preserve management plan and the wild and scenic river study. Concerns and expectations will be carefully considered and reviewed for inclusion in the plan.

The plan and study will be evaluated through an Environmental Assessment (EA). The plan will identify issues and concerns and present a reasonable range of management alternatives for public review. The EA will also analyze the environmental consequences of each alternative.

To submit comments electronically, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/preserveplan>.

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