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Weather Watch

Cave Junction

**Thursday, Oct. 27**
Rain
High --56 Low -- 47

**Friday, Oct 28**
PM Showers
High -- 59 Low -- 47

**Saturday, Oct. 29**
Rain
High -- 57 Low -- 45

**Sunday, Oct. 30**
Rain
High -- 53 Low -- 46

**Monday, Oct. 31**
Showers
High -- 57 Low -- 33

**Tuesday, Nov. 1**
PM Showers
High -- 54 Low -- 45

**Wednesday, Nov. 2**
Showers
High -- 54 Low -- 46

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

Oct	High	Low	Rain
14	55.9	50.1	2.5"
15	54.6	49.5	2.69"
16	50.5	46.1	4.36"
17	55.8	47.7	1.31"
18	61.1	40.4	0.68"
19	55.1	39.5	.10"
20	70.4	44.7	

Oct. Rain: 17.69" YTD Rain: 17.69"

The bus stops here

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Plans are in the works to expand Josephine County bus service in the Illinois Valley. Already, new blue buses are now in service in the Illinois Valley.

A public open house was held at the Josephine County Building in Cave Junction Oct. 20 to gather input from the community.

Ideas were exchanged as to what is needed and which projects might be fundable through matching grant funds.

The county's new Community Development Director, Julie Schmelzer, and Transit Program Supervisor Scott Chancey, presented maps of the current bus stops in the city of Cave Junction and distributed surveys to attendees as to which locations were preferred for five new bus shelters to be installed.

Due to the availability of state and federal funds, additional bus routes or more stops could be incorporated over the next few years.

In the meantime, a Josephine County Transit (JCT) bus loops through the Valley five times a day, Monday through Friday, 242 days a year.

Current stops include Wonder, the Selma Post Office, Kerby Mart, the County Building, the Junction Inn, the I.V. Family Coalition (IVFC) on River Street, the Kerby Belt Building and Ray's Food Place in Selma.

The transit system has a \$1.2 million budget and receives funding from ODOT, the federal government and fees from Rogue Community

College for transporting their students, as well as income derived from regular fares.

One way tickets from Cave Junction to Grants Pass cost \$2 and may be purchased on the bus. Half fares are available for ages 16 and under and 62 and over, as well as for disabled and Medicare card holders.

The service also offers a monthly pass.

In an email before the public open house, Chancey wrote, "The new funds are coming from Federal Transit Administration operating funds that Josephine County receives for general public transportation services. The time frame is dependent on when the community can agree on where the stops go and a shelter design. I would hope to have at least two shelters in town, with the possibility of more, by the spring of 2017. This is part of a comprehensive service improvement plan of our commuter bus routes for JCT."

One idea proposed at the open house was the potential for creating new bus routes between Cave Junction and O'Brien and Cave Junction and Takilma. Depending on demand, these routes could be funded within the next two to five years.

Chancey informed the attendees that the first bus shelter will be installed at IVFC.

According to IVFC Executive Director Karen Yanase, the concrete pad and shelter installation could be completed within the next few weeks.

In describing the new shelters, Chancey wrote,

"[Each] site would include a trash receptacle, and possibly a bike rack. The shelter design may be influenced by the community. It needs to be visible as a bus stop, but can easily have community approved designs incorporated into it."

Two possible shelter designs include the design currently used in Grants Pass and a less expensive design created for JCT by the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Beginning September 2014, JCT also launched a new Rogue Valley Commuter Line between Josephine and Jackson counties, which completes five round trips per day between Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass and the Rogue Valley Transit District Front Street Station in Medford. These buses also stop in Rogue River and Gold Hill.

That service was made possible with a \$450,000 federal grant and the donation by Lane County of three full sized buses.

At the open house, Chancey expressed surprise that more morning commuters ride to Grants Pass from Medford than those going the other direction.

Chancey also discussed the possibility of creating a link between Josephine County and the Medford Airport.

"Right now, only SouthWest POINT offers service to the airport," he said. "And that's only once a day."

Chancey is also in the process of completing a massive Transit Master Plan for the county, which identifies both short term and long term goals and strategies.

This plan includes pedestrian, bicycle and transit routes, roadway maintenance and future land development activity and will be made available for public comment within the next month or two.

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A shelter designed by the Oregon Department of Corrections, an example of an existing JCT shelter.



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