

# Weather Watch

## Cave Junction

	<b>Thursday, June 29</b> Sunny High --88 Low -- 55
	<b>Friday, June 30</b> Sunny High -- 86 Low -- 55
	<b>Saturday, July 1</b> Sunny High -- 86 Low -- 57
	<b>Sunday, July 2</b> Sunny High -- 88 Low -- 56
	<b>Monday, July 3</b> Sunny High -- 85 Low -- 54
	<b>Tuesday, July 4</b> Sunny High -- 85 Low -- 53
	<b>Wednesday, July 5</b> Sunny High -- 82 Low -- 53

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

June	High	Low
16	76.5	55.2
17	86.7	46.5
18	90.9	52.2
19	95.9	60.0
20	91.0	54.3
21	81.9	60.3
22	89.1	55.3

Jun Rain: 1.68" YTD Rain: 116.54"

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# Craft Cannabis Alliance seeks local, socially responsible growers

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The Craft Cannabis Alliance, a trade association representing the locally owned and socially responsible "craft cannabis" industry, will be hosting their first public event June 30 at the Wild River Pub in Grants Pass. The event is sponsored by Biologic Crop Solutions, Ma Mosa's Restaurant, and the Oregon Cannabis Law Group. Tickets are available online through LINK Eventbrite and LINK Craft Cannabis Alliance for \$20 and include complimentary beer and appetizers. Members of the alliance get in free.

Adam Smith, founder and director of the Alliance, said that their primary objective is to define what craft cannabis is in Oregon and to officially set the standard. For example, in a parallel industry, Smith said that beer has to meet certain standards to be considered craft. Two parameters mentioned, though not comprehensive, included limits on how much the company in question produces and the requirement that they are not owned by 25 percent or more by a larger brewer.

The alliance launched in May with a roster of nearly 30 member companies, some of which are said to be highly recognizable. They are all committed to producing craft cannabis products that benefit their state and local economy as well as meet standards for cleanliness, sustainability and ethical employment practices.

Smith, with a background in political policy, estimates that five or six more states will have approved recreational cannabis by 2021 and that cannabis products will eventually be allowed to move from legal state to legal state somewhere in that time frame. In light of this, Smith holds that large companies are moving to get a grip on the cannabis industry of Southern Oregon and is particularly concerned about certain Canadian companies, some of which have \$100 million behind them. "The play here is for when the walls come down and we have what everyone expects to be an enormous export business," Smith said, outlining the strategy of these companies. "It's at that time, which we think is going to happen around 2021 that the shelves will be dominated by brands that are owned by companies that are not here." Smith

added that it would only take five or six large companies to dominate the locals and push them off the shelves.

"They will own the export market and Oregon will never buy this industry back. We'll be a factory and the money will leave the state," Smith warned.

Those making speeches at the event, other than Smith, are as follows: Jodi Hanes, the CEO of Alter Farms, Jeremy Plumb, co-founder of Farma and executive director of the Open Cannabis Project, Jeremy Sackett from Cascadia Labs, Derek Smith from Resource Innovation Institute, plus Andrew DeWeese and Kevin Jacoby of the Oregon Cannabis Law Group. The speakers will cover a wide range of topics that include industry-county relationships, protecting cannabis biodiversity, terpene and genotype analysis, sustainable and efficient practices, plus legal updates and compliance issues.

The cost of membership is based on a sliding scale and is relative to the size of the organization looking to join the alliance. The revenue is used to cover administration costs similar to other industry associations.

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# 2nd Upcycle Furniture Contest announced

For the second year in a row, the Southern Oregon Guild is sponsoring the Upcycle Furniture Contest with cash prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for first, second and third places.

The call is out to all who call Illinois Valley home to get creative and make a functional piece of furniture. The three people who create the most original, creative pieces of furniture completely of upcycled materials will walk away with cash in their pockets and their names in the news.

There's no entry fee, no age limit, and only one rule: the piece has to be sturdy and functional to qualify. For example, if it's a chair or bench, you have to be able to safely sit on it. Judging, however, will be on creativity, not on workmanship. Unusual ideas and thinking outside the box are the challenge.

Get creative. Get the kids and friends into it. Look through the junk behind the garage and have fun this summer building a table, a bench, a chair or whatever

piece of furniture you can dream up.

Last year's contestants saved trees and kept junked metals out of the landfill by utilizing old pallets and barn wood and finding creative uses for old TV, car, and sewing machine parts. What can you find to rescue and recycle?

Contestants should bring their entries to the closing session of the CJ Farmers' Market, Sept. 22, promptly at 3:30 p.m. to be judged. Winners will be announced at 4 p.m.

A special feature of the event this year is that a national magazine, *The New Pioneer*, will be there to take pictures and talk with contestants. What a great opportunity for contestants to both win some cash and put Illinois Valley creativity on national display.

The Southern Oregon Guild is looking forward to some great new creative entries this year and hoping lots of folks of all ages will have some unusual summer fun with this project.

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