

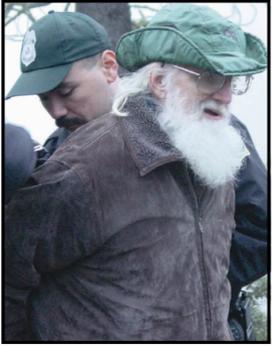
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'Need' forms for business due on 31st

Thursday, March 31 is the deadline for a Business Needs Survey to be in the office of Cave Junction-based Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO).

"We are excited about the response from the more than 100 local businesses that have received our Business Needs Survey," said Bill Moore, IVCDO business consultant.

Moore asked that business owners, who have not yet returned their surveys, complete them and return them by March 31.

"This will allow us to move to the next step in the process," he said.

"Based on the responses so far," said Moore, "we will be implementing training classes, and counseling and mentoring support to fill the needs identified by members of our business community.

Those who would like to be included, but who have not received a survey, can contact Moore at 592-4440. Survey forms also can be obtained at the IVCDO office next door to Caves Pharmacy in Downtown Cave Junction.



Eleven people were arrested during a logging salvage sale protest. They included 'Chuck' Jacobs, 74; Joan Norman, 72; and an unidentified woman (top right), who was chained to the steering wheel of a pickup truck. (Top left and photo above by Dale Sandberg)

Biscuit: It's still hot

Approximately 75 demonstrators, calling themselves "forest protectors," were generally peaceful in confronting law enforcement officers early this week, in a Biscuit Fire timber salvage sale protest out Eight Dollar Road between Cave Junction and Selma.

Eleven persons were arrested on a charge of interfering with agricultural operation, and nine of the 11 also were charged with interfering with a police officer, said Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel. His deputies worked with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) law enforcement personnel.

A "high noon" vigil outside county jail was set for Tuesday, March 8 "to demonstrate solidarity and show our support for the forest," protestors said.

Daniel identified those arrested as Selma residents Charles Jacobs, 74, James

Dutton, 24, and Marilyn Mooshie, 59; and Cave Junction resident Joan Norman, 72.

Also, Ashland residents Laura Beaton, 23, and Holly Christiansen, 35, and Portland resident Bryan Wiedeman, 18.

Also, Medford resident Patrick Schubert, 19; Sherry Burowski, 62, of Grants Pass; Liam O'Reilly, 22, of Maine; and James Flynn, 44, of Eugene.

All except Dutton and Norman were charged with interfering with an officer, said the sheriff.

Protestors, many of whom camped near the "green bridge" over Illinois River prior to Monday, March 7, are adamant that the first sales in late successional reserves -- including the Fiddler Sale -- are illegal and should be stopped.

As part of the demonstration (Continued on page 7)



A crowd of protesters on a hillside above a roadblock cheers those being arrested. Numerous sheriff's deputies and forest service lawmen were on scene.



COUGAR HOOP TROOP - Illinois Valley girls varsity basketball team missed a trip to state despite a hard-fought playoff game Saturday, March 5 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym, losing to Junction City by 5 points in overtime. (In top photo) Emily Dudley goes for 2, as Sarah Houston looks on. (In bottom photo) Houston gets the jump while Erika Riley (left) and Dudley are ready for action. Story on page 8. (Photos by Dale Sandberg)



Senior Center plans big expansion

Cost estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000 to accommodate membership

A plan to expand Illinois Valley Senior Center (IVSC) with another 2,400 square feet of space was approved late last month by members, according to an announcement.

The estimated cost is \$250,000 to \$300,000, said Nancy Evans, IVSC Building Committee co-chairman.

She said that the intent is to add a meeting room, plus an exercise room with bathing facilities to serve an increasing membership.

"We're running out of space," she said. "We started in 1995 with 125 members. Now we have more than 430."

Evans said that T.J. Bousard Consulting Engineers Inc., of Grants Pass,

has been engaged and is working on blueprints for the planned expansion.

"Because the valley is growing, and the population of seniors with it, we want a comfortable facility to accommodate the needs of seniors," said Evans.

"With this expansion we will be able to provide more space for the activities of our members, as well as for the use of other community groups," said Evans.

Phase one of a three-phase plan -- to expand the current building and have blueprints drawn -- has been implemented.

The second phase, which will primarily entail fund-raising, began during a Feb. 28 meeting. Several

people, noted IVSC, "volunteered to help on the committees needed to do this work. Phase three will be actual construction."

Anyone 55 and older is eligible to become an IVSC member. "Dues are inexpensive," the organization reported, "and the calendar is full of interesting and fun activities."

"Someone is always at the center, Mondays through Fridays from 10 to 4; and Friday mornings, to help with membership signups."

The senior center -- which opened in '95, with the first grant received in 1990 -- is at 520 W. River St., across from I.V. Family Resource Center. The phone number is 592-6888.

Snow pack basic no show for valley

Two Illinois Valley snow measurement sites -- which normally have several inches of snow at this time of year -- are bare.

And a third has less than half of its normal level.

Data from snow measurements are used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to predict summer stream flow and water availability.

The Illinois Valley Ranger District of the

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, in cooperation with NRCS, conducted the second snow survey for 2005 on March 1.

The Page Mountain snow course at 4,100 feet has no snow. The 50-year average at this time of year is 9.28 inches of snow containing 2.67 inches of water.

The Althouse II snow course at 4,530 feet has no snow. The 37-year average for this course is 15.7 inches

of snow containing 4.8 inches of water.

The Althouse III snow course at 5,000 feet has 15 inches of snow containing 7.2 inches of water. The 24-year average for this course is 37.8 inches of snow containing 12.6 inches of water.

The three measurement courses in the Page Mountain area, southeast of Illinois Valley, are measured at the end of January, February and March.

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded by O'Brien residents Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

- *Sun., 2/26: 58-43
- *Mon., 2/27: 59-24, .24
- *Tues., 2/28: 52-39, .75
- *Wed., 3/1: 49-2, .43
- *Thurs., 3/2: 57-38, .04
- *Fri., 3/3: 60-34, T



MARCH? - An unseasonable 81 degrees showed up Monday, March 7 in Downtown Cave Junction.

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 9
Variable sunshine,
Partial evening clearing
High--66, Low--42.

Thursday, March 10
Partly cloudy,
Patchy evening clouds
High--69, Low--42.

Friday, March 11
Mostly pleasant,
Evening cooling
High--70, Low--42.

Saturday, March 12
Variable sunshine,
Evening clearing
High--65, Low--38.

Sunday, March 13
Spotty sunshine,
Cool evening contrast
High--62, Low--35.

Monday, March 14
Minimal cloud cover,
Chilly evening
High--57, Low--34.

Tuesday, March 15
Mostly sunny,
Clouds increasing late
High--55, Low--34.