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Tick-tock talk

Daylight-saving time will kick in at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 3.

This means that clocks should be advanced one hour, following the adage: "Spring ahead, fall back."

Most folks set their timepieces ahead when going to bed the night before.

Daylight-saving time will continue until the last Sunday of October.

Office park plan tied to city growth

A subdivision application for the 7.32-acre Cottage Business Park has highlighted several other developments affecting growth in the city of Cave Junction.

Meeting in city hall on Monday night, April 28, the Cave Junction council and mayor learned that, in connection with Larry Osborne's Cottage Business Park, which they conditionally approved 5-0:

*Field's Home Improvement Center, based in Murphy, is planning to build a center for I.V. residents at Hwy. 199 and Laurel Road.

*The I.V. Safe House Alliance (IVSHA) has purchased a site in the 19-lot planned commercial subdivision on the proposed extension of Hanby Lane.

*Siskiyou Community Health Center (SCHC) has nearly completed its fundraising for a new facility at the north end of Cave Junction on Hwy. 199.

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Following are temperature and rainfall figures recorded in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson.

*Monday, March 21: 54-39, .67
*Tuesday, March 22: 58-41, .24
*Wednesday, March 23: 51-36, .12
*Thursday, March 24: 52-32
*Friday, March 25, 56-33
*Saturday, March 26, 56-43, .20
*Sunday, March 27: 55-42, 3.07

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, March 30
Moderate sunshine, Showers possible late
High--58, Low--36.

Thursday, March 31
Partly cloudy, Light evening rain
High--64, Low--41.

Friday, April 1
Scattered showers, Mostly cloudy evening
High--57, Low--36.

Saturday, April 2
Mostly cloudy, Clouds decreasing late
High--56, Low--38.

Sunday, April 3
Variable showers, Rain continuing late
High--56, Low--38.

Monday, April 4
Showers increasing, Rain through evening
High--57, Low--41.

Tuesday, April 5
You guessed it: rain, Rain, and more rain
High--58, Low--39.



Rescuer hurries at crash. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD photographers)

3 hurt in head-on when man tries to miss dog

Three Illinois Valley residents were injured Friday night, March 25 in a head-on collision caused when a driver swerved to avoid a loose dog, said Oregon State Police.

The accident was reported shortly after 8 p.m. near 27748 Redwood Hwy. on the south side of Cave Junction.

Injured were Cave Junction resident J.C. Davis, 82; and Crystal Lee Shufelt, 25; and Melissa Ann Marsh, 27, both of O'Brien, said OSP.

"Heavy extrication" by Illinois Valley Fire District

(IVFD) was required to free those in the two cars from the mangled wreckage.

OSP said that Davis was northbound on Hwy. 199, a short distance south of Rockydale Road, at approximately 8:06 p.m., when he swerved to avoid a dog. The animal, which died at the scene, was identified as a large German shepherd by an IVFD firefighter.

Davis' 1977 Chevrolet swerved into the lane for southbound traffic, said OSP, and collided head-on with a 1987 Honda Civic

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I.V. Lions Club 'eggstravaganza' hunt rescheduled for Sunday, April 3

An Easter Sunday "eggstravaganza" was rained out, but Illinois Valley Lions Club has rescheduled the free hunt for the valley's children for Sunday, April 3.

The annual event -- described this year as the biggest the club has held -- will be at Jubilee Park.

The hunt for thousands of eggs and goodies will

begin at 1 p.m. sharp. But from 11 a.m. on, there will be other attractions "for the kids." Besides K-9 teams from Josephine County Sheriff's Office, special visi-

tors will be the Easter Bunny, Smokey Bear, and the I.V. Lions Lion.

There will be free rides on the club's train.

Plus, I.V. Fire District

will have firefighting equipment at the park.

Event Chairman Sam Michel reminds parents to "bring cameras because of photo opportunities."



LEARNING ABOUT THE DRAGON - An old garage on S. Sawyer Avenue was used Saturday, March 26 as the final lesson for 12 Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) volunteer firefighters in an investigation class led by Capt. Steve Corwin, of O'Brien, IVFD fire investigator.

Using moderate-size fires in the structure, volunteers were able to observe the patterns of flame. The class consisted of five Saturday sessions of three hours each, and the live fires were the culmination of the training. (Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD photogs)

Family Coalition help for homeless, low-income continuing

Helping the homeless and low-income people in Illinois Valley in various ways is the goal of programs pursued by Illinois Valley Family Coalition (IVFC).

IVFC Executive Director Vikki Miller said that The Carpenter Foundation has agreed to extend a previous grant "to enable us to continue our work with homeless and low-income people."

She said that "Specifically we will set up classes and assistance to access payment of drugs through the pharmaceutical

companies, as well as assisting people to obtain photo ID cards so they can apply for assistance."

A second project, said Miller, is a proposal to the Four Way Foundation to aid the homeless and residents in this area, without hot running water, with showers and laundry service.

Miller said that the grant for the second project has not yet been approved. She said she is hopeful that it will be, because of several community factors, including the fact that there are approximately 80 homeless

students attending the valley's three public schools.

Details of the proposed plan will be released should the needed grant be approved by the Four Way Foundation.

Regarding continuation of IVFC efforts which met many goals last year, continuing work will include:

*Helping homeless clients apply for all available housing and rental subsidies.

*Screen for homeless persons qualified to receive additional housing assistance from Josephine County Mental Health.

*Assist with any other needed paperwork to qualify for monthly assistance such as Supplemental Social Security income.

*Encourage the Social Security Administration to come to IVFC to assist clients, and coordinate such appointments.

*Compile and distribute copies of an assistance booklet. It's anticipated that the work will be completed in approximately a month.

*Continue liaison with Josephine County Transit for senior and disabled rides in Illinois Valley. Because

of this effort, the number of riders rose from 154 in February 2004 to a high of 226 in November that year.

*Distribute available information on all low-income housing, housing modification, and energy assistance programs to Illinois Valley residents.

*Conduct community presentations on how to access low- and no-cost prescription drugs.

*Participate at the county, state and national levels to access funds and services to improve conditions in Illinois Valley.

Major Downtown Cave Junction mural project posed to council

A huge mural that would cost some \$20,000 is proposed by the Cave Junction Mural Project, headed by artist Libby Goines.

She and fellow artist Lane Cosner addressed the Cave Junction City Council and mayor in city hall Monday evening, March 28.

The mural would be a big tourism plus for the city and valley, according to

backers. It would be painted on the south wall of the building that houses the state liquor store, Blue Moon Café, and A Creative Space (upstairs).

Goines said that \$500 already has been collected by Annette Bosch at the liquor store. Special mural paint for the brick wall, plus regular paint for a metal awning, will cost approxi-

mately \$12,292, according to Cosner.

Labor for the artist chosen for the project is estimated at \$5 to \$15 per square foot. The wall comprises 1,800 square feet, said Cosner. He was described by Goines as the only area artist capable of handling such a large project.

She told the council that not only must the artist be

paid, but there should also be a paid assistant of the artist's choice. Numerous volunteers also are needed, she said, adding that she will lead the fund-raising and coordination efforts as a volunteer.

The council was provided three designs for possible murals. They will review them and the project proposal before again ad-

dressings backers. The designs basically depict a view from Eight Dollar Mt., a fish with the rare Darlingtonia plant, and a sunset with stalagmites and stalactites.

Goines, who operates Singing Loom, said that she first approached the council about the mural a year ago, and has been working to provide a presentation.

Business Excellence Service Team (BEST) offers low-cost tourism tune-up

A special low-cost program designed to provide a "tourism tune-up" for those who sell service or mer-

chandise will begin next week.

The I.V. BEST (Business Excellence Ser-

vice Team) program is sponsored by Illinois Valley Community Development Organization with help from

Southern Oregon Visitors Association.

Topics will include service excellence, supervision

and customer service training, and "Q" customer service basics.

(See the ad on page 7.)