

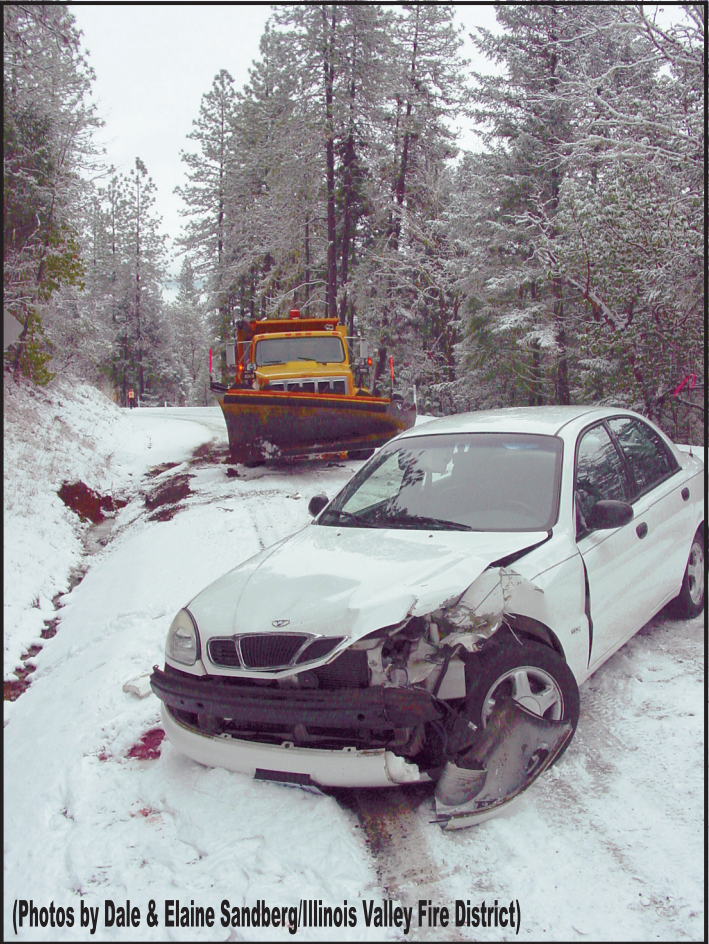


DEFINITELY ROUGH & READY -- Ten employees of Rough & Ready Lumber Co. in rural Cave Junction, with at least 30 years service each, were honored by the firm Tuesday, Jan. 16. The longtime workers were hosted for lunch at Carlos' Mexican Restaurant in Downtown Cave Junction. Recognized were (from left)

Lonnie Johnson, George Mosier, Ed Cunningham, Randy Hansen, Scott Hancock (next four are company hosts and special guests: Jennifer & 'Link' Phillippi, Kathy Krauss and Joe Krauss); Ivan Cross, Dale Campbell and Alan Johnson. Carl Larsen was unable to attend. (Photo by Scott Jorgensen/'Illinois Valley News')



IT DIDN'T MATTER what you drove last week; you could end up in a ditch. A snow storm caused big problems on Josephine County roadways. There were reports of sheriff's office patrol cars, ambulances and school buses having trouble due to icy conditions. One accident (right) involved an ODOT snowplow and a private vehicle on Caves Hwy. at the east Holland Loop intersection Tuesday, Jan. 16. That same evening (top) a pickup truck rolled on Redwood Hwy. a short distance south of Madrone Motel. Numerous crashes, none of them involving serious injury, were reported throughout Illinois Valley and the Grants Pass area for several days. In Grants Pass there were many incidents involving multiple vehicles.



(Photos by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/Illinois Valley Fire District)

Pregnancy Center Notes

The Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley in Cave Junction will celebrate its 20th anniversary this spring.

During 2006, the center provided services 996 times -- this represents a 37 percent overall increase in services over 2005. Abortion recovery services were expanded, new classes were added (including Earn While You Learn, Computer Moms, and CPR), and there was a 33 percent increase in pregnancy tests.

Highlights of services: pregnancy tests, 97; total class attendance, 393; total mentoring sessions, 465; miscellaneous services, 43.

"There is still much work to be done. The current abortion rate in Josephine County is 145 per

year," said Mary Lefner, executive director.

"There are approximately 34 teen-age pregnancies each year in our county.

"However, teen-agers are not the only ones getting abortions -- Caucasian unmarried women between 20 and 29 years of age account for 53 percent of the abortions reported for Josephine County residents."

There will be further expansion during 2007, Lefner said, including an Abstinence Program (prevention), working toward a separate Day Care/Preschool program, and considering many new services that will decrease abortions in the valley. Additionally, the center just hired a part-time assistant director, Corinna Fierro.

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- *Water -- one gallon per person per day for a minimum of three days, ideally 10 days.
- *Food -- at least a three-day, but ideally a 10-day supply of nonperishable items that do not require preparation (including use of water) or cooking, and a nonelectric can opener.
- *Battery-powered radio and extra batteries.
- *Flashlight and extra batteries.
- *First aid kit.
- *Prescription medicines.
- *Personal items such as extra eye-glasses, contact lenses, toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- *Change of clothing.
- *Sleeping bags.
- *Sanitation articles such as garbage bags, toilet paper, towelettes, disinfectant and chlorine bleach.
- *Food and supplies for your pet, if you have one.

And if you expect to be traveling in hazardous weather conditions, it's also a good idea to prepare an emergency kit for your car. In addition to items noted above, the American Red Cross advises including a fire extinguisher, jumper cables, tire repair kit, compass, road map, knife, windshield scraper and a heavy sack of sand and a tow rope.

A second important step is to develop a family communication plan, because you may not be together when a disaster occurs.

ILLINOIS VALLEY High School won the 11-school Eagle Point Invitational in convincing fashion on Saturday, Jan. 20 by amassing 324 1/2 points. Eagle Point was second with 237, followed by South Albany's 184, and South Medford's 179 1/2. Among Cougar first-place finishers were (above) Adam Miller in the 152 class vs. Robby Mannenbach, of Eagle Point. Also finishing at the top for I.V. were Sam Winter/130, Jacob Miller/135, Jerrad Miller/140, Jesse Swift/145, and Lance Tausaga/189. (Photo and data provided by Ward Winter for IVN)

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