

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Thursday, Mar. 24
Chance of Showers
High -- 47 Low -- 30

Friday, Mar. 25
Sunshine & Chilly
High -- 44 Low -- 29

Saturday, Mar. 26
Partly Sunny & Cold
High -- 46 Low -- 32

Sunday, Mar. 27
Increasing Clouds
High -- 45 Low -- 34

Monday, Mar. 28
Brilliant Sunshine
High -- 45 Low -- 31

Tuesday, Mar. 29
Sunny & Milder
High -- 45 Low -- 35

Wednesday, Mar. 30
Some Sun
High -- 55 Low -- 40

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

		High	Low	Rain
*Fri.,	Mar. 11	61	31	.0
*Sat.,	Mar. 12	54	34	.24
*Sun.,	Mar. 13	53	40	1.34
*Mon.,	Mar. 14	57	39	.20
*Tues.,	Mar. 15	51	39	1.97
*Wed.,	Mar. 16	48	35	1.18
*Thu.,	Mar. 17	51	32	.12

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Senior Lunch Menu
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THURSDAY, MAR. 24
Roast turkey w/ gravy, whipped potatoes w/ gravy, Capri blend vegetables, bran wheat bread, b-day cake

FRIDAY MAR. 25
Braised beef tips w/ pasta, cauliflower, steamed spinach, potato wheat bread, spiced peaches

MONDAY MAR. 28
Hamburger Pacifica, broccoli cuts, fruit salad, whole wheat bread, Grace's chocolate cookie

TUESDAY MAR. 29
Chicken Divan, seasoned carrots, country coleslaw, oatmeal bread, pineapple crisp

WEDNESDAY MAR. 30
Vegetable cheese strata, mixed vegetables, garden vegetable salad, multigrain roll, banana pudding

Meals are served in the Cave Junction County Building.
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Chamber awards event draws big crowd

By Darcy Wallace
IVN Staff Writer

Almost 100 guests attended the annual chamber of commerce awards ceremony Saturday, March 19 to recognize individuals and businesses in the Illinois Valley community.

The event was held at the Deer Creek Center in Selma, a change from past years where it was held at the Junction Inn in Cave Junction.

Marty Hertler won Citizen of the Year and Out n' About Treesort won Business of the Year. Other individual nominees were Carol Dickson, Roger Brandt, Michelle Binker, Harry Johnson and Alicia Thornhill.

"They were all well-deserving," said Chamber of Commerce Office Manager Dulcie Moore. "Any one of them could have been a winner and it would have been a good thing."

According to Moore, Hertler has volunteered for 20 years to make sure the chamber's Christmas tree is decorated and stays lit all through December. He also helps clean up debris from fallen trees, a big help during the recent storms.

"Even with the stormy conditions that we've had way too much of, he's out there cleaning up," Moore said. "As soon as he gets your call, he'll be there."

Moore was also pleased with the two businesses nominated, Out n' About Treesort and Marty's Tree Service.

"Out n' About is a huge asset to our

community," Moore said. "[They're] internationally known and donate many gift certificates to local groups."

Moore said 72 guests had made reservations by the Thursday before the chamber's event; but by Friday, that number was up to 96, the full capacity for Deer Creek Center.

"This is the first year

we've had [the event] out at the Deer Creek center, which is a beautiful facility," Moore said. "There were challenges because we had to rent the tables and chairs, decorate and hire a caterer. But I think it turned out very nice and people were very pleased."

Jim Fricke helped lead the live auction before dinner, which was

catered by Valley resident Kate Dwyer. Tim Wallace and Michelle LeComte, regulars at many local events, played music during dinner while guests danced away.

"I just appreciate all the people who came," Moore said. "the ladies we worked with [at the Deer Creek Center] were very accommodating and cheerful to have around."

Moore said that she and committee member LaVina Fonseca put up decorations, set up tables and chairs, and cleaned up Sunday morning after the event.

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Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce



(Photo by Darcy Wallace, Illinois Valley News)

Michael Garnier, owner of Out n' About treesort, takes the mic with Lelo Kerivan after winning Business of the year at the Chamber of Commerce awards dinner.

Fourth Annual Skillshare is a success

By Darcy Wallace
IVN Staff Writer

Hundreds of Illinois Valley residents took part in workshops and demonstrations Saturday, March 19, at the Selma Center, coming away with new-found skills in sustainable practices.

Hosted by the Spiral Living Center (SLC), residents at the fourth annual Skill Share demonstrated skills such as seed saving, compost making, crocheting, raising goats and bicycle repair.

Specific workshops at 10 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m. were set up in the rooms outside the main community center for residents to get a close-up look at practical skills from their neighbors and friends.

"Our goals are to help the Illinois Valley share skills that promote sustainable living," said SLC Executive Director Debbie Lukas. "It's to enrich the family as well as the community."

In a more difficult financial climate, Lukas said families are trying to become more self-reliant, canning their own food, raising animals for meat and other sustainable practices.

Many people who come to Skill Share events are first-time gardeners looking for the experience of seasoned

residents.

"That allows families to have more to eat...as well as helping the community in times of crisis, so they don't have to rely so much on the outside world."

One workshop was run by local resident and beekeeper Ron Padgett, who gave a top-bar beehive-building demonstration. After attending the morning program on raising sheep for fiber, Padgett was pleased to impart some knowledge of his own.

"Everybody was asking questions; they were excited about maybe getting into beekeeping," Padgett said. "I'm just a geek for bees and

I like if there's something I can give back to the community."

Lukas said Carol Ronan, Hazel Danene, Maelagh Baker Jerry Lapora, Evan Short, Kelpie Wilson and Barbara Finch also prepared and taught classes Saturday.

Admission to the event was free but the SLC also collected canned food donations at the door for Lifelines food bank. At lunch, Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Network volunteers served Lonnie's tacos while the Illinois Valley String Band played music.

According to Lukas, at least 140 people showed up Saturday, but the total was likely close to 200. New this year, the Skill Share hosted films and brought Oregon State University personnel from their Extension Service to teach soil management.

"I would like to see even more people attending," Lukas said. "Over the next few years [we'll] increase skills and outreach to different aspects."



(Photo by Zina Booth, Illinois Valley News)

Illinois Valley Family Coalition (IVFC) executive director Carol Ronan attracts Skillshare guests to her booth Saturday, March 19.



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Saturday Mar. 26 - Home Game against Prospect MS/
HS TIME: 12:00pm & 2:00pm

Tuesday Mar. 29 - Home Game against Brookings Harbor TIME: 4:30pm

Boys Varsity Baseball

Saturday Mar. 26 - Home Game against Prospect MS/
HS TIME: 12:00pm & 2:00pm

Tuesday Mar. 29 - Home Game against Brookings Harbor TIME: 4:30pm

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