

IVCanDO awards those that did do

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The first ever IVCanDo Partnership Awards were held at the annual I.V. Community Development Organization (IVCDO) general membership meeting April 21.

The event took place at the RCC/Kerby Belt Building (KBB) and featured a presentation by Rural Development Initiatives trainer Amanda Close on the 20/20 Visioning Strategic Plan.

Close said that the process has thus far involved over 350 residents who have completed on-line surveys, and around 100 volunteers that have attended free planning sessions to help realize community goals in the months and years ahead.

The resulting strategic plan, commissioned by IVCDO and funded by several grants, will help guide the organization's direction over the next five years.

During the awards ceremony, four awards went to I.V. high achievers, including IVCDO chair Roger Brandt, who received the 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award as the "Volunteer with 20/20 Vision" for his many accomplishments toward moving the Valley in a positive direction through volunteer

work, most notably at the Forks State Park, and through advocacy and grant writing.

The IVCDO also awarded special recognition to Kerbyville Museum and History Center curator Dennis Strayer with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his many years of volunteer efforts for the museum and as an IVCDO board member.

Wild River Brewing and Pizza Co. owner Bertha Miller received the 2016 Business of the Year Award for expanding their meeting room into a highly valued community resource and providing local business leadership through many years of volunteer effort for the Chamber of Commerce and support for the Boys and Girls Club.

The award that brought the audience to a standing ovation was the 2016 Organization of the Year Award, which went to the 20 volunteers of the recently formed Cave Junction Patrols for their grassroots community problem solving.

As the name implies, the volunteers, organized by Jimmy Evans and others, provide eyes and ears for beleaguered Cave Junction businesses during the night when the county sheriff's contract deputy is not available.

In addition, IVCDO staff and board members narrated PowerPoint presentations on the history of the organization, starting with a \$1.3 million Federal Enterprise Community/Empowerment Zone (EC/EZ) grant during the Clinton administration. The grant has been leveraged to attract over 25 times the original funding over the past two decades.

The IVCDO is the only remaining EC/EZ organization still in existence and the only nonprofit National Park Service concessioner in the country.

In addition to operating the Oregon Caves Chateau through Oregon Caves Outfitters, the organization co-manages the Business Entrepreneurial Center (BEC), which helped start seven new businesses, create 12 new I.V. and two new Grants Pass jobs and increased I.V. sales statistics by over a quarter million dollars during 2015. The IVCDO Small Business

Revolving Loan Fund has loaned over \$1 million since 2001.

IVCDO helps manage Forks State Park, the Page Creek Community Forestry Project, the Fire Fuels Reduction Program, the I.V. Network/I.V. Community Calendar and the CJ Farmers' Market. The organization is the fiscal manager for the I.V. Quilters, and the Oregon Community Foundation funded Studio to Schools program.

Another IVCDO co-sponsored

group, the Friends of the Oregon Caves & Chateau, is currently raising funds to rebuild the balconies on the canyon side of the Chateau, renovate an unused employee cafeteria into a conference room and restoring the old Guide Dorm at the Oregon Caves.

Membership in the IVCDO is free and open to residents and business owners in the Valley. For more information, visit www.ivcdo.org.



(Photo by Judy Hoyle, Illinois Valley News)

Roger Brandt (left), presents the IVCanDo 2016 Business of the Year Award to Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co. owner Bertha Miller.

The Archive Zone: by Hillary Mohr from the Illinois Valley News archives

This week we take gander back to April 29, 1982. The Valley was shaking off their cabin fevers and embracing the long awaited spring. Planning for the fourth annual Moon Tree Run was underway, and spring sports were off to a slow but determined start. Grab some sunscreen as we bask in the sunshine of this week's Archive Zone.

Candlelight vigil held in Cave Junction. More than 100 people gathered in front of the county building Thursday evening to take part in a candlelight walk and vigil as part of the week long Ground Zero week anti-nuclear arms protest. The event began at 5:30, to coincide with other demonstrations taking place though out Southern Oregon, and was sponsored by the Selma Chapter of Citizen Action for a Lasting Security.

Oregon eats steelhead and salmon.

What's the taste of Oregon? You are asked to prepare a menu to show Oregon's cuisine at its best. What would you include? Jane Wyatt, OSU food scientist, got such a request from a Californian preparing a book on "The Unofficial State Foods of the 50 States." Here is her list: Pacific shrimp cocktail, Dungeness crab Louie, baked salmon (Indian style), Oregon fruit, nut and cheese tray (pears, apples, strawberries, other cane berries, blueberries, plums and prunes, filberts, walnuts, cheddar and blue cheese) and Blue Lake green beans. And for dessert: Oregon carrot cake. Wyatt also was asked if there are foods or dishes which originated in Oregon. She listed baked salmon (Indian style), Tillamook cheddar cheese, Oregon blue cheese

and maraschino cherries. Another question: Is there any dish that is inevitable associated with your state? Wyatt said there are two: steelhead and smoked salmon. Hungry, anyone?

Volunteers clean-up Little League field. I was preparing to write a nasty letter to all you people with kids in Little League and complain to you about the lack of support we have received in getting ready for this year's season. However, a miraculous thing happened last Sunday afternoon. First, I thought perhaps another organization had set up a function at the field, but lo and behold, all those cars stopped at Krauss Field and people boiled out with rakes, shovels and wheelbarrows. We ended up with around 60 kids, parents, grandparents, and just interested people. The bulk of the work was completed on the fields,

dugouts were repaired and a general clean-up of the area was done. All this work was done in about four hours and the help was greatly appreciated.

"Boston Tea Party" draws crowd. The wild and wooly "Boston Tea Party" on Pine Cone Dr. last weekend rumbled to a close at dusk Sunday. Two days of music, Frisbees, hotdogs, pop, beer and fun left the crowd exhausted and happy to have shaken off their cabin fever. Despite the unrefined atmosphere, there were no serious injuries or major hassles. The Help Center sold out both days. Diana Dorsett and Linda Austin operated the Weenie Wagon with assists from the partygoers. Kids kicked balls around the meadow and got as dirty as kids can get having a good time.



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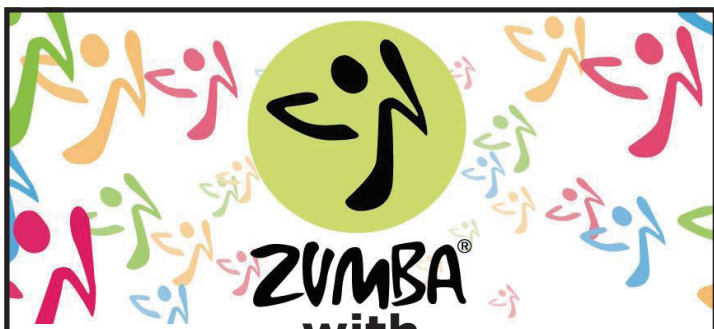
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