

The first meeting of the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization's (IVCDO) Child Care Business Cohort filled the meeting room at the local library this past Saturday, Feb. 11. Attendees ranged from people currently offering DHS-listed care and looking to expand, seasoned early learning professionals switching careers, and even a teen learning about future business options.

nois Valley Business Entrepreneurial Center in the Kerby Belt Building. Houck commented, "There are some motivated individuals here. I look forward to helping them hone their small business skills."

Trainer Devon Finley of the Child Care Resource Network told the class, “I hope you realize how unusual this is. I give dozens of trainings and never before have there been business development counselors in the room looking to help child care providers. This is a wonderful idea.”

Community Foundation covered the costs.”

With an estimated 400 children between ages 0-5, the Illinois Valley has room for several new child care business opportunities. "Cohort members can cooperate now and compete later because there is a huge need for care, and a different business niche for everyone," observed Dwyer. "It helps the entire sector if everyone is well-trained and skilled at running their business. After that, each can tailor what they offer to the families choosing care, knowing that all are offering quality."

The next meeting of the Child Care Business Cohort will be held Saturday, March 11 with the location to be determined. It's not too late to join! Contact IVBEC at 541-956-7400 if you'd like to attend.

This week is a long overdue, but well worth the wait, request from Clay for Jan. 30, 2002. The high school basketball season was on fire, the elementary school was practicing SMART reading and mailbox bashing was on a rise down Dick George. Buckle up and keep your hands on 10 and two because it's going to be a wild ride in this week's Archive Zone.

Unusual vertical result. Indications were that a northbound car driven by McKenzie Clark, an Illinois Valley High School student, went out of control, because of a steering problem or wet conditions, and skidded, ending in a vertical position. The mishap on Redwood Hwy., above Sis's Gap, was reported at 1:11 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2002. She was aided initially by I.V. volunteer firefighter Julia Kirchner, a friend, who was two cars behind. Other firefighters and American

Medical Response also responded to the scene. Clark was not reported injured, but was taken by AMR for observation at Three Rivers Hospital.

SAR units seeking man in Kalmiopsis. Search And Rescue (SAR) units from Josephine County Sheriff's Office and American Medical Response were searching early this week in the snowy Kalmiopsis Wilderness for a missing Washington state man. The man, identified as Todd Morris, 35, "has more than 10 years experience in the wilderness and knows the area well," said the sheriff's office. It added that Morris has survival gear with him, and that he has had to "wait out weather" in the past. Oregon National Guard was searching with a helicopter equipped with infrared radar. And SAR efforts also were to be augmented if necessary with a National

Guard Blackhawk helo equipped with a hoist.

Obituaries. Joe Ollis, 86, a longtime Cave Junction resident and well-known builder, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Elijah R. Grow, 19 days old, died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002 at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.

Sharlet Banta Slack, 100, a longtime resident of the Illinois Valley died on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 in Medford.

Leo Casper, 89, of Cave Junction died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Oliver 'Pat' Boyd, 84, of Medford, died Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2002 at Medford Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Dorothy W. Kendall, 87, of Cave Junction, died on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2002 at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.



McKenzie Clark's vehicle came to rest on the hillside of Sis' Gap in 2002.

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