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Weather Watch

Cave Junction



Thursday, April 27
Clouds
High -- 56 Low -- 38



Friday, April 28
Partly Sunny
High -- 64 Low -- 38



Saturday, April 29
Mostly Sunny
High -- 67 Low -- 43



Sunday, April 30
Cloudy
High -- 68 Low -- 44



Monday, May 1
Rain
High -- 67 Low -- 43



Tuesday, May 2
Clear
High -- 63 Low -- 43



Wednesday, May 3
Mostly Sunny
High -- 78 Low -- 47

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

Apr	High	Low	Rain
14	53.3	34.1	.24
15	64.9	30.0	0.0
16	54.8	37.7	.41
17	55.7	42.9	.93
18	63.1	43.3	.42
19	51.2	37.6	1.52
20	60.7	38.2	.14

Apr Rain: 8.74" YTD Rain: 111.93"
Average Yearly Rain Total: 72 Inches

IVCanDO hands out accolades

Judy Hoyle
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The annual membership meeting for the Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCanDO) took place April 20 at the Kerby Belt Building, Southern Oregon Guild Gallery.

In addition to voting on new and returning board members, the annual gathering celebrated community leaders, organizations, and, most importantly, volunteers.

Diane Chirrick was recognized as the community's Volunteer of the Year for her many hours of service, including extensive work for Healthy U and Rusk Ranch Nature Center.

Business of the Year was awarded to Diggin' Livin,' a family business owned by Joy and Eric McEwen which has grown from a small apiary and bee products producer to a natural and organic store and deli on Redwood Hwy. (See the March 29 issue of the *Illinois Valley News* for further information.)

Volunteer efforts were again highlighted with the IVCanDo Partner of the Year Award. Suzanne Vautier and Tim Leyba of the Cultural and Ecological Enhancement Network (CEEN) were recognized for their collaborative efforts reviving and organizing Hathkupasuta, IVCanDo's River Celebration, slated this year for June 10.

The Organization of the Year Award went to the I.V. Fire District and the Community Emergency Response Team, the most active CERT team in the State of Oregon. Maintenance Division Chief Kris Sherman spoke on behalf of the two organizations and thanked the community for their support.

IVCanDO Executive Director Menno Kraai's report to the community heralded the fact that 2016 was a record breaking year for the Chateau at the Oregon Caves. Over 7,500 guests stayed at the National Historic Landmark and over 27,860 meals were served.

Oregon Caves National Monument and preserve superintendent Vicki Snitzler echoed the positive sentiments, calling 2016, "One of the best years of my life."

She reported that the Chateau's Rehabilitation for Life and Safety will take place over a two to three year period, beginning in 2018. Plans for the preserve include enhancing recreational uses, and improved interpretation and education opportunities.

Cave Creek Campground will see improvements and short sections of the creek may achieve Wild and Scenic designation similar to the underground portion dubbed the River Styx.

A water storage tank and new water lines will result in roadway closures between the lower and upper parking lots this summer.

Sue Densmore, Executive Director of the Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau announced the launch of a \$3 to \$5 million dollar capital campaign for improvements to almost everything not included in the "Life and Safety" renovation.

First on the list is renovation of a former staff dining room into a meeting room that will enable the Chateau to host more conferences and retreats. A handicap restroom and a widened staircase will make the space more accessible to the public.

In addition, the Friends

plan to rebuild the balconies on the west side of the Chateau with awnings added after 2019.

Kate Dwyer and Nicole Rensenbrink each gave updates to the 20/20 Vision Strategic Plan completed in 2016, including efforts of the Public Safety Task Force and other Action Collaboratives.

Kenny Houck, director of the I.V. Business Entrepreneurial Center announced the service has helped start five new businesses, creating eight new jobs. The service has shepherded over \$175,000 in new investment, which in turn has helped drive over \$225,000 in increased sales.

Houck also explained the Individual Development Account Fund which helps "Dream Savers" with a state and federal match of \$3 for every \$1 saved by participants for education or business startups.

IVCanCo's Page Creek Forestry Project is designed

to improve canopy health through tree diversity. Local scientist Kelpie Wilson will demonstrate how to make biochar with tree debris at Jubilee Park May 7 during the Sustainable Cannabis Fair.

The evening ended with IVCanDo chair Roger Brandt detailing new improvements at Illinois River Forks State Park, including a unique wheelchair / stroller path around the disc golf course, one of the few in the state.

Brandt also announced the installation of an historic marker at the I.V. Airport, commemorating the 555th Parachute Infantry which was tasked to defeat Japanese firebombs during World War II. The event is slated for June 3 following the annual Moon Tree Run.

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

(Courtesy photo for the *Illinois Valley News*)

Dianne Chirrick (left) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Mary Reynolds April 20.

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