

# Here, There & Everywhere

**‘CONCERT’ED EFFORT** - “Jefferson,” with Bluegrass music, will kick off the summer’s free Concert in the Park series sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce. Concerts will begin Thursday, June 15, and each will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Rock ‘n’ roll by “BOS,” formerly “Tequila Monsters,” will be performed Thursday, June 22.

**PLENTY O’POTTSVILLE** - Many attractions will be featured at Pottsville, not too far north of Grants Pass, on Fathers Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18 by the Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association Branch 9. Hours will be 9-5 and 9-4:30. Among many features: the Old Town Pioneer Village, operating engines and tractors, wagon rides, and a flea market. There’s an ad elsewhere in this issue.

**FORE! (KIDS)** - Signups for the annual Junior Golf Program at Laurel Pines/I.V. Golf Course will be taken Saturday, June 17. The low-cost program, led by Bob Muswieck, is for those 5 to 15 years old. Lessons will begin June 22 and continue Thursdays for six weeks from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. depending on the age of participants. Phone Muswieck at 592-3151 for more information.

**KIDS FISH FEST** - The Klamath National Forest will present its annual kids fishing derby from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 17 at secluded Kelly Lake. Everyone should bring their own tackle. There will be casting and largest fish contests, face-painting and fish-printing. There will be prizes for kids. A barbecue, hot dogs, and lemonade will be provided; bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Only nonmotorized boats are allowed on the lake, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Coming from Oregon, take the highway toward Happy Camp, go approximately 3 miles beyond the pass and turn right on 18N30. Travel approximately 7 miles to the turn-off, and follow signs to the lake. Co-sponsors are Klamath National Forest, California Dept. of Fish & Game, and several Happy Camp area businesses.

**‘LIVING WITH LIONS’** is the title of a free presentation, said to be suitable for most age groups, that will be presented Tuesday, June 20 from 7-9 p.m. at Selma Community Center. The program is by Rogue Group Sierra Club and the Mountain Lion Foundation, which stated, “With our increasing population and housing density in the rural interface, it is important to remind residents that there are predator animals living right here, and that appropriate human behavior will prevent most of us from ever having an encounter with one.”

**IT’S AN ‘AUTORAMA’** - It’ll be show-and-shine time when the Cave Junction Lions Club holds the eighth annual Antique & Classic Car Show on Friday and Saturday, June 23-24. The first day will include a car cruise, and barbecue and dance with music by “Southern Oregon Blues” Band. Those events will be held on the Sterling Savings Bank parking lot in CJ. The car show on the second day, with free admission, will be held at Jubilee Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to ? by Chapter 64/Order of the Eastern Star. Phone 592-4103 for more information about the car show.

**HARLEY HAPPINESS** - Only 300 tickets at \$100 each are available for the 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle being raffled by Illinois Valley Lions Club. At this point, approximately 75 have been sold, and the club is hoping that valley residents will purchase the remainder so that there will be “a local winner.” Otherwise, tickets will be taken outside the valley. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the club’s annual Labor Day Festival. Tickets are available from Steve Lyons at Century 21 Harris & Taylor, Taylor’s Country Store, and Carlos Restaurante.

**NOTEPAD** - **Fathers Day** will be noted by some valley businesses with special features. Look at the ads elsewhere in this issue and patronize those merchants who care enough to let you know about them by advertising in the “Noose” ... **Dave Gordon** is new pastor at Community Bible Church, from Redding, Calif. He’s replacing Pastor Don Blackburn, who retired ... **Illinois Valley Pregnancy Center** raised some \$7,000 with its recent fund-raising dinner. All funds raised will go directly to the work of the organization ... **Selma Farmers Market** and the solar demonstration pole building at Selma Community & Education Center will be opened officially Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. ... **Many motorcyclists** are anticipated for the Iron Horse Bike Rally (formerly Iron Horse Rodeo) planned for Friday through Sunday, June 23-25 at Lake Selmac ... **Summer School** at I.V. High will have two sessions: June 26 through July 27 and July 31 through Aug. 24. Students must register prior to Tuesday, June 20 ... **It appears**, based on a sign in the window, that the former Giant Burger will become a Subway. Watch for (hopefully) details ... **It also appears**, based on a marquee, that an arcade and ice cream parlor will open in Selma across from Ray’s Food Place ... **Bumper stickers:** \*My child was inmate of the month at county jail. \*Guns don’t kill people. Drivers with cell phones do. \*4 out of 3 people have trouble with fractions. \*Blessed are the flexible. They never get bent out of shape. \*Are you drunk or just on your cell phone?

**LAST WORDS** - I always pass on good advice. It’s the only thing to do with it. It is never any use to oneself. (Oscar Wilde)

# I.V. High’s Gary Thornhill plans active retirement

After handling hot situations of varying degrees for some 35 years -- 18 of them at Illinois Valley High School -- Gary Thornhill will pack his nameplate as of Thursday, June 15.

He’s been serving most recently as athletic director and one of two IVHS assistant principals. Thornhill is in his 22nd year with Three Rivers School District, but the first four were in the Fleming Middle School and North Valley High School areas, he said.

During a recent school assembly, which included a brochure about him, he was honored by staff and students. The brochure notes his legacy as “providing consistency and an important historical touch-point for students, staff and families.

“He has been a champion of student success and helping them learn to compete. He believes that we cannot accept anything less than success for valley students, and is adamant about helping them and others see their potential.”

In what he sees as his active retirement, the veteran educator and his wife, Kathy -- “my high school sweetheart” at IVHS -- plan to try to wear out their motorhome and their boat.

“I want to spend more time with her,” Thornhill noted. “Not on purpose, but my jobs have caused me to be away more than I’d like.

“So we’re going to have the time now to do those things that we’ve been talking about for 30 years.”

Plus he’ll have time for his pastimes that include camping, fishing, hunting and playing golf.

Thornhill was a smoke-jumper at the former Siskiyou Smokejumper Base in Cave Junction for 11 years. He has many memories of his experiences fighting

# Championship target shooting planned at Sportsmans Park

Long-range handgun competition, with free admission for the public, will be held Tuesday, June 20 through Saturday, June 24 at Sportsmans Park near Grants Pass.

The sixth annual West Coast Championship will be hosted by the JCSA Pistol Silhouette Club, an affiliate of Josephine County Sportsmans Association (JCSA). Shooters from nine states and Canada will compete.

The championship is sanctioned by the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association. Competition is “a friendly family activity open to all regardless of age” or gender.

Targets are metallic, and shaped to resemble chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Participants will use handguns ranging from air

wildfires, and will attend a smokejumpers reunion this coming weekend at what’s now Illinois Valley Airport.

After his smokejumper job, he worked two years for the U.S. Forest Service in Cave Junction as assistant fire management officer. Subsequently he spent another two years selling and demonstrating explosives for a private company dealing in fire control lines.

Thornhill then taught P.E. and coached four sports at Fleming. He also coached track and football at North Valley.

He came to IVHS in 1988 as a P.E. teacher; served as dean of students during ‘92 to ‘94, and then moved up to his current jobs.

Dealing with student discipline in the VP spot isn’t always pleasant, he indicated. It’s no fun being “the bad guy” in negative situations, he noted.

On the plus side, he’ll miss “the interaction -- the positive stuff -- with kids and staff.” Watching both mature and gain in skills has been exciting, he said.

Thornhill’s bachelor and master degrees are from Southern Oregon University (SOU) at Ashland.

As a 1967 graduate of IVHS, he still holds a record for putting the shot 54-plus feet. He also was a championship wrestling and football player for I.V., and played football for SOU.

He and his wife have a son, Scott, who directs the Boys & Girls Club in the valley. Thornhill’s late father, Wayne, taught and coached at IVHS from ‘59 to ‘89, and Thornhill is one of seven children who went through the high school.

As for coming to Cave Junction and IVHS, and now retirement, Gary said: “I’m really glad” on all counts.

pistols to custom pistols to standard center fire pistols.

Lunch will be available each day at the range.

Besides watching the competition, “This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with some of the most expert handgun marksmen and women in the world,” said JCSA.

# 20th Annual Antique Tractor & Engine Show

at Pottsville

Saturday, June 17, 9 to 5      Sunday, June 18, 9 to 4

*Parade of Power* - Traditional Country Music  
Food Booths - Wagon Rides - Tractor Pulls at 2:30  
Flea Market - *Skills of Yesteryear* events & exhibits  
Raffles - 3hp Cushman Cub  
electric 4-wheeler for kids



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**Friday, June 23**

**Saturday, June 24**

Cruise - 7 to 9 p.m.  
BBQ & Dance - 7 to 10 p.m.  
Sterling Bank parking lot  
Live Music by  
“Southern Oregon Blues Band”

Car Show - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Jubilee Park

For more information  
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