

California developer has option to buy I.V. links

Heralded as "a new era for golfers in the Illinois River Valley", an option by a California company to purchase I.V. Golf Course for \$2,075,000 was sold Friday, Aug. 24 by the I.V. Golf Association (IVGA).

Deputies plan tough tactics

A change in patrol tactics to "aggressively deal with troublemakers and criminals" means that the Josephine County Sheriff's Office will respond to life-threatening 911 calls, but other calls for service may be delayed.

Sheriff Gil Gilbertson added that the intent is "to better utilize our limited resources and personnel."

He continued: "We ask that you be patient when dealing with nonemergency calls for service. You also may experience an increased delay to response time, in some cases."

"We are committed to serving you," said the sheriff, "and will continue to do our very best to promote a safe environment for this community."

Raffenburg D.C-bound for WOPR

"The Whopper" is on the menu for Chairman Jim Raffenburg from the Josephine County Board of Commissioners when he goes to the nation's capital next month.

He'll be lobbying in connection with Oregon & California (O&C) Railroad timber payments.

"The Whopper" is the nickname given the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) document in a recent timber proposal by the federal Bureau of Land Management. It would raise the allowed timber harvest from 57 million board feet (mbf) to 132 mbf.

That eventually could result in sustained timber receipts that could bail out Josephine, and others of the 18 O&C counties, from their financial dilemmas. Expiration of the O&C funding, although a one-year extension was gained, has counties extremely concerned.

Raffenburg, who has made similar trips to Washington, D.C. to push for county funding, will leave Monday, Sept. 10 and return Friday the 14th.

"I'm looking at two very long days of lobbying," said the commission leader. He plans to meet with Nancy Smith, division chief

Workshop 6th

A public house regarding the Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR) document, which could greatly increase timber harvesting, will be held in Cave Junction Thursday, Sept. 6.

The informational, informal drop-in occasion will be held in the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown CJ from 6 to 8 p.m.

Manor Communities Development Co., LLC, of Lodi, has until Aug. 1, 2008 to exercise the option.

The sale would include the approximately 60 acres of land, plus buildings and equipment. When the option is exercised, payment terms would be \$625,000 cash down, plus a \$1,375,000 five-year note for the balance at 7 percent interest.

Minimum annual payments would be approximately \$160,000, with a final payment for the total balance due not later than at the end of the fifth year.

Said Kit Fluck, IVGA chairman, "Proceeds from the sale of the option and the property, once the option is

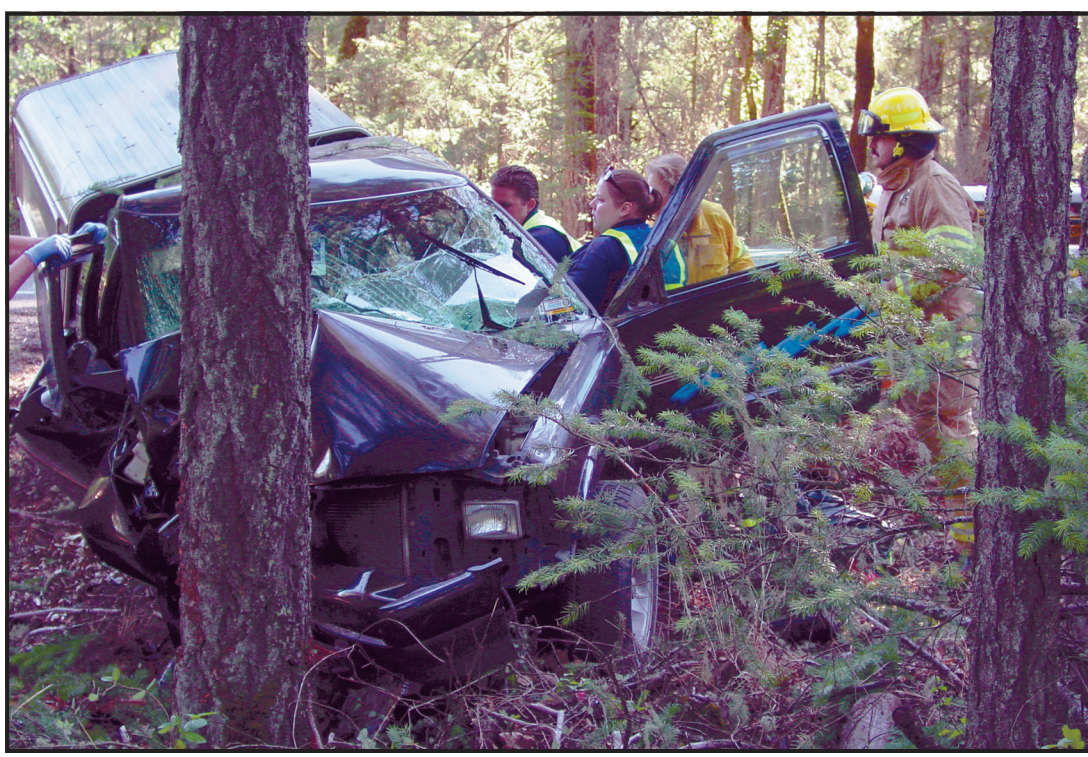
exercised, will be used by the association to operate the

to be distributed to existing shareholders."



golf course during the option period. Also, to retire the existing mortgage on the property, with the remainder

He added that Manor Communities, which is involved in several other projects in Cave Junction, "has



ACCIDENT NEAR SELMA - Roger P. Smith, 80, of Selma suffered serious injuries when the pickup truck he was driving swerved off Hwy. 199 near Wild Park Lane and struck a tree at approximately 9:17 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25, said Oregon State Police. Ameri-

can Medical Response took Smith to Three Rivers Community Hospital, where he was listed in fair condition early this week. Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) extricated him from the wreckage. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept.)

Revived I.V. Booster Club for IVHS, LBMS will dish up burgers, dogs at game Aug. 31

A recently formed Illinois Valley Booster Club will have a hamburger and hot dog booth at a preseason football game at I.V. High School on Friday, Aug. 31.

The club, which would like to encompass programs at the high school and Lorna Byrne Middle School under a single umbrella, will begin serving at 6 p.m.

The game pitting the Illinois Valley High Cougars against South Umpqua will begin at 7 on the field behind the school on E. River Street.

It will be an Oregon School Athletic Association

(OSAA) endowment game. The gross gate receipts will be divided 50/50 between IVHS and the OSAA Foundation.

Interest earned from the foundation's portion of endowment game revenue, coupled with tax-deductible contributions, will be used to enhance the future of Oregon high school activities, said OSAA.

No Gold Cards, OSAA VIP, school, athletic district, officials association, or other passes will be accepted for admission.

The I.V. Booster Club is working to raise money

for a new press box. Proceeds from the club's fundraiser might be matched with money from the Rotary Club-sponsored Duck Derby, depending on an application process.

The new I.V. Booster Club, with tentative plans to consolidate fund-raising for the two schools, will elect officers on Monday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. The open meeting will be at IVHS.

"This is a newly formed group, and all community members are encouraged to attend, especially parents and business owners," noted a club spokesman.



BELIEVE IT OR NOT, this shows an Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) volunteer 'having fun' at Rough & Ready Park on Saturday, Aug. 25. Volunteers and staff

held a Fun Day that included slippery activities like Wheelbarrow Races through shaving cream and baby oil. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg, IVFD Media Dept.)

stated an intent to keep the bulk of the property as a golf course, and to build additional holes as the company develops the surrounding land it currently owns.

"This will result eventually in an 18-hole golf course that includes much of the current IVGA nine-hole course.

"The front part of the property, where the clubhouse now is located, is expected to become commercial development integrated with other surrounding commercial developments.

"It looks like a real win-win situation," Fluck stated, "for our shareholders, our members and the residents of this region. Our thanks go

to Manor Communities for a solid proposal."

In a prepared statement, IVGA noted that it has provided "affordable golf for more than four decades for the more than 20,000 residents of Illinois Valley." The association built the current nine-hole course at the north end of the city of Cave Junction in 1976.

In February this year, said IVGA, "the shareholders charged with board of directors to seek proposals, including proposals for the outright sale."

This was based on the fact that, "It became clear, as the membership aged and rounds of play and numbers

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I.V. Lions set for Labor Day

Three days of events including a Tuff Truck event, a parade and a park full of activities for young and old are set for the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival & Parade.

The 36th annual series of family oriented events will be held Saturday through Monday, Sept. 1 to 3, mostly in Jubilee Park. However, the parade on Labor Day will be held in Downtown Cave Junction.

A schedule of events and related items appear in a special I.V. Lions Club presentation on pages 3 through 5.

Smokejumper museum group awaits JoCo pact

Proposed lease anticipated in next two weeks

Proponents of a proposed smokejumper museum at Illinois Valley Airport aren't yet leaping with joy at word that a long-term lease contract with the county will be ready soon.

While indicating relief that the pact is nearing completion, based on previous meetings with county officials, principal Gary Buck wants to review it before diving into a statement of approval.

Buck, who served at the former Siskiyou Smokejumper Base, is chairman of the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum Project. The nonprofit organization

ahead on the proposal with the project leaders.

"We're looking at a lease that would expire on Sept. 30, 2012," said Hill. She told the county board that she is pleased that matters involving I.V. Airport "that have been languishing in past months are moving forward."

Buck stated on Friday, Aug. 24 that he believes Hill and Commissioners Dave Toler and Dwight Ellis "are sincere in their efforts to help us reach agreement."

Among major points that apparently need to be worked out: parking spaces, and credit for building and



Former dispatch office would be part of the museum project at I.V. Airport. (Photo by I.V. News)

wants to be granted responsibility to manage the six original buildings at the site, including maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Some issues, he feels, need to be resolved, and the project members are looking forward to seeing the contract. It is to be ready no later than the second week in September, said Marie Hill, chief operating officer for Josephine County.

She touched on the matter during a meeting of the county board of commissioners in Grants Pass on Wednesday morning, Aug. 22. Late last week she added that, "I think we're nearly there with getting the majority of the issues resolved."

She noted that the county is anxious to move

maintenance work. In connection with the latter, Buck said that the county has not taken the best care of the buildings.

The project leaders want to remedy that, and not only present and preserve a genuine historical site, but improve the valley economy and its recognition.

The historical nature of the site, just off Hwy. 199 between Cave Junction and O'Brien, make it a logical location to attract visitors, Buck noted. He and a number of others who served at the base, across from Rough & Ready Lumber Co., live in the valley.

The base began in 1939 when a dirt strip was built by the Civilian Conservation

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