



# 'Ditch Digger' ready with school supplies

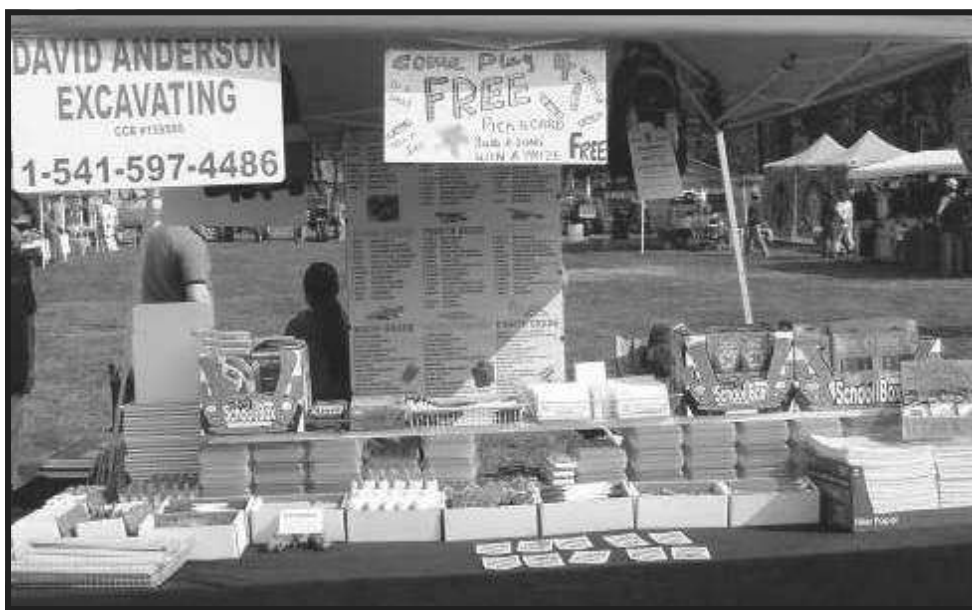
For the third year, David Anderson Excavating will have a booth at the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park with free school supplies for the kids. As in the past, children will be required to "earn" their supplies by entertaining the Excavating staff.

"The kids are real good sports," says David. "They tell us jokes, sing, dance, whistle and some even recite their ABCs (and not always in order) for the opportunity to "win" free school supplies. No one walks away a loser."

David reports that last year more than 400 pieces were distributed, and that he and his family gave away three backpacks in a drawing for students at Evergreen Elementary, Lorna Byrne Middle and I.V. High schools. This year the plan is to double the give-away of supplies.

"We also offer some bonuses for extra entertainment. It's never boring that for sure," says David. He adds, "Education is everything. If you can't make it in school, you will have a hard time making it in life, and sometimes it

may just be the difference of having the supplies that keep kids returning. "We want the valley kids to get that edge, so we give away supplies each year at the I.V. Lions Festival."



Last year many parents tried to buy supplies from the Anderson Excavating booth, but he says, "No go," until after 2 p.m. on Monday. Then whatever supplies are left, David and his staff sell them for 25-cents per piece. Final leftover supplies are donated to the teachers who show up at tear-down time on Monday.

The booth will be open every day through the festival beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, and noon after the parade on Monday.

# I.V. Little League takes stance for 2008 Season

With completion of a highly successful season, the Illinois Valley Little League Board of Directors will begin its work for next year with a promotional booth at the I.V. Lions Club Labor Day Festival. The team will march in the Labor Day Parade.

The league's parade entry will be led by the 2007 Oregon State Senior Little League Champions who hail right here from Illinois Valley. After securing the Southern Oregon's District 8 Championship over Rogue River, the Illinois Valley team went on to the state championships where it was undefeated in its quest for the state title. The team also participated in the Western States Regional Championships.

The I.V. Little League booth at the festival will offer information on next year's program. Hats, pins and jerseys, water and Gatorade will be available. Parents of team members are encouraged to volunteer an hour or two at a time in the booth during the weekend. To volunteer, phone Janet at 659-8618, Darlene at 597-4486 or stop at the booth and sign in.

The league also will offer soft drinks and water at the Tuff Truck event across from Jubilee Park on Saturday and Sunday during the festival. The youth will pull ice coolers around the event, and all monies received will be put into the Little League funds for next year's season.

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