

Arts & Entertainment

4-H Cultural Dance Club to perform at festival

Hoping to begin a new tradition at the Labor Day Festival in Jubilee Park, Fiesta America's 4-H Cultural Dance Club will march in the parade and perform several dances on Monday, Sept. 1.

This 4-H Dance Club was formed in March 2007 with only 13 participants. It has now grown to include 28 young people ranging from 5 to 19 years old. The students have this year focused on learning Latin American and Native American dances.

Costumes are handmade for each participant with their help and input. Although the classes are taught by Quita Flores at the OSU Extension Center on Ringuette Street in Grants Pass, it is open to all students of Josephine County.

Currently enrolled from Illinois Valley are Erika Anderson, 11, and Patrick Anderson, 10. Patrick says that he was not really interested in dancing when Erika started the class, but that they needed more boys and besides, "Grandma says she will buy me a ticket to Panama to see my other grandma, if I do really well with the dances."

The Fiesta America's Dance Club has performed at the Spring Fair in Roseburg,



(From left) Frankie Purpuree, Caleb Brooks, Isabel Nelson, Ronnie Winder, Erika Anderson, Patrick Anderson. (Photo provided)

annual Mother's Day Pow-Wow in Grants Pass, for St. Anne's Catholic Church and the Head Start Program, Boatnik Parade, Walk on the Rogue Event in Grants Pass, Josephine County Fair, and the Oregon State Fair.

Having just returned from the state fair this past week, the dance club is looking forward to adding the Labor Day Festival to its list of performances. A fund-raiser performance event is being planned for later this fall, when the club also will host other dance clubs for a night of fun entertainment.

The National 4-H Coun-

cil mission is to advance the 4-H youth development movement to build a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change. Fiesta America's Dance Club is teaching our young people leadership, citizenship and life skills, while having fun dancing, and designing costumes and performing in public, one of the mothers said.

For additional information on Fiesta America's and other Josephine County 4-H clubs, contact Tamara Preciado at the Josephine County Extension Office or via her cell phone at (541) 761-4093.

Little League fund-raiser set

Illinois Valley Little League (IVLL) Board has been tying up loose ends on

the 2008 season and beginning its work to gear up for the 2009 season with a major fund-raiser that will be held during the I.V. Lions Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park.

Along with the Little League information and sales booth on the strip at the park, the league also will provide a concession stand at the Tuff Truck arena. They will offer cold soft drinks and water to the public during the event.

"Last year, the I.V. Lions offered us the opportunity to sell sodas and water at the last minute and it was a big part of our fund-raising efforts for 2008," says Janet Ewing, IVLL president. "This year we will be more organized and ready to refresh each and every spectator and participant in the arena area."

Ewing states that, "Preparing young athletes to become champions is a major part of the Little League program.

"It has been with the assistance of many businesses, organizations and individuals, that Illinois Valley Little League has helped to prepare many kids over the years that have gone on to become champion athletes, and we are proud once again to be a part of the Illinois Valley Lions Labor Day Festival."

'Wheels of Fire'

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who enjoy their annual Labor Day gathering at Country Hills Resort out Caves Hwy. and seeing each other at regional trike shows.

The Conners moved to Cave Junction in 1974 and raised three children here. He has operated Loren Conner Construction, a building construction and mobile home customizing business, ever since. He began his career in heavy construction in the late 1960s.

He said that he worked on the Magic Mountain amusement park, when they lived in Ventura and Ojai, Calif. He doesn't miss living or working in California. He much prefers the quiet and

Anderson Excavating digs education

A slow economy isn't deterring "Ditch Digger" from offering free school supplies to encourage education during the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival from Saturday through Monday, Aug. 30 through Sept. 1.

Although the past year has been difficult for many due to the price of fuel, slowdown in real estate markets, and employment layoffs, the David Anderson Excavating booth will be back at the Labor Day Festival dispensing school supplies to valley students.

Students who have a talent to share, or just want to have fun, are encouraged to stop at the booth to play for free and win free school supplies.

This will mark the fourth consecutive year that Anderson and his Selma-based business has promoted education at the festival with his booth that provides local students with supplies that they may need for the first day of school. The booth has grown from one table with some crayons, pencils and filler paper to a full booth providing every item required on the Three Rivers School District supply list for Illinois Valley public schools.

In keeping with the festival theme, *In the Illinois Val-*

ley, We Grow Trees & Champion Athletes, Anderson would like to take it one step further and says, "We also grow well-educated children."

He added, "This year, business has been slow for me, as well as all the other local excavators, but we keep on digging. It is when times are tough that you dig deeper and try harder, a lesson that students of today should heed," he says.

Anderson has been a fixture in Illinois Valley since he was 11. He attended Kerby Elementary School until it closed and Evergreen took its place, later attending Illinois Valley High School. A high school drop-out, Anderson learned his lesson the hard way.

"I have always been proud of being a ditch-digger," he said, "but who knows what I could have done had I stayed in school.

"One thing I do know – if I had completed my education and considered higher education – running my own

business would have been a whole lot easier.

"I want the kids to learn from my experience," said Anderson. "It is my hope that by offering this once-a-year, free activity booth that encourages education, it might add just enough fun to keep the community kids excited about returning to school.

"Besides winning the free school supplies, we have added, once again, more special surprises to be offered throughout the three-day festival," said Anderson.

"It is people like David that keep small communities like ours alive and well," said Steve Lyons, I.V. Lions past president and festival chairman. "During the past three years the David Anderson Excavating school supply booth has been one of the most popular booths among the kids.

"Although sight and hearing are the main focus of the Lions Club, we encourage and support all positive efforts that focus on our kids. After all, they are our future."

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6 Exclamation

9 Gross (abbr.)

12 Dirge

13 Underwear

14 Science class

15 Cattle breed

16 Egypt. god of pleasure

17 Sp. article

18 Wobble

20 Of a nation

22 Group of six

24 Old (Ger.)

27 Juice

28 Alcove

32 Recline

34 "Abner" basket

36 Women's work

37 Lawful

39 Old Irish counterfeited coin

41 Jap. festival

42 Melodious

44 Sugar cane

shoot

47 Honor

52 Antiaircraft artillery (abbr.)

53 School organization (abbr.)

55 Polishing material

56 Altar constellation

57 Hours (abbr.)

58 Forbidden City

59 Ancient stringed instrument

60 Defiant shout

61 Avesta division

DOWN

1 Lath

2 Senior (Fr.)

3 "Bus Stop" playwright

4 Form of arthritis

5 Tax

6 Warp yarn

7 Zenith

8 Dash

9 Overflow

10 Hindu prince

11 Old Gr. coin

19 Actual

21 Of the kind of (suf.)

23 Coil (pref.)

24 Aggregate

25 Law (Fr.)

26 Tender loving care (abbr.)

29 Civil Aeronautics Board (abbr.)

30 Television channel

31 Belonging to (suf.)

33 River into the Yellow Sea

35 Tie

38 Cup

40 Ill

43 Within (Lat.)

44 Thunderfish

45 Berne's river

46 S. Afr. dialect

48 Ceylonese langur

49 Down with (Fr., 2 words)

50 Deep cut

51 State (Fr.)

54 Hardwood

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Tuff Truck Races

1 pm Saturday, August 30

1 pm Sunday, August 31

Labor Day Tuff Truck Competition
across from Jubilee Park

General Admission \$4, under 16 free
Pit Admission \$5
No alcohol allowed.

\$\$ Cash Prizes \$\$

Get your trucks ready... \$30 entry fee per vehicle.

Roll bars, neck brace, seat belts, battery cover and tie downs required for all drivers/vehicles.

Driver or vehicle racing is at the discretion of I.V. Lions.

Sponsored by Illinois Valley Lions
Contact Jerry at 592-2427 for more information

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 27
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, Aug. 28
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, Aug. 29
- Celebrate the Arts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Museum, North 5th Street
- Kent Stephenson, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Live entertainment, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, Aug. 30
- Celebrate the Arts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Museum, North 5th Street
- Agressive Nature Band, 7-11 p.m. at Kate's Redwood Bar & Grill in Wonder
- Live entertainment, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, Aug. 31
- Celebrate the Arts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Museum, North 5th Street
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Monday, Sept. 1
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge

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