

Arts & Entertainment

Safe & Sober Grad Night a community effort

Since 1990 the Illinois Valley High School Safe & Sober Grad Night Committee's mission has been to entertain senior students and celebrate their success while providing a safe, sober, and fun grad night celebration.

So states Bobbie Loyd, committee chairman. She further notes that there will be 100 graduates; that 504 hours are used to prepare for the party; and that 25 volunteers are needed.

"Why do we do this? Because graduation night is typically one of the most dangerous nights of a teen-ager's life," she said. "Statistics show a sharp increase in alcohol-related accidents, fatalities, and sexual and physical assaults, as well as alcohol overdoses.

"By and large, these are 'good kids' who make a bad choice to use alcohol or drugs. This choice can negatively affect their lives and the lives of others as long as they live. They may just be in the wrong place at the wrong time and pay a very high price. It is not just the graduates who endanger themselves when they drink and drive, but their actions affect anyone else on the roadway.

"We want our graduates to make it to their futures by celebrating graduation with their classmates in a fun, appropriate environment," Loyd continued. "That is why the committee works year-round

Lorna Byrne free concert set May 27

Lorna Byrne Middle School Music Dept. will present "Spring Concert," a free program for the community, on Wednesday, May 27 beginning at 7 p.m.

It will be the final performance of this school year.

"Our students have accomplished so much this year," said Sean McKee, music director, "so come see the rewards of their hard work and efforts."

to raise funds and public awareness to be able to provide Sober Grad Night in Illinois Valley."

It is an all-night, drug-and-alcohol-free celebration for Illinois Valley's graduating seniors. They will spend the night of Thursday, June 4 enjoying music, dancing, games, activities, karaoke, refreshments, hangin' with friends and a huge raffle.

Said Loyd, "It promises to be an unforgettable night for our seniors, the perfect send-off after 13 years of hard work.

"This event is not sponsored by the high school," she said. "It is produced and sponsored by IVHS parents and the generous community of Illinois Valley. Sober Grad Night typically provides a special time - maybe the last time - to be with high school friends.

"We are a team of parents and friends with kids graduating from IVHS. This group of

parent volunteers began meeting as much as a year before the event. Their activities include fund-raising, ticket sales, entertainment, food, decorating, and prizes.

"Committees have been working on the various areas and meeting weekly to coordinate the planning. Anyone can attend the weekly meetings and lend ideas. Committees are entertainment, prizes, food, donations, decorations, set-up/clean-up, ticket sales, keepsakes, security, and registration/check-in.

"Without the community's efforts," said Loyd, "we could not pull off this event. It is a party that we, as parents, give as a parting gift to our graduating children."

Anyone considered an IVHS 2009 senior can attend. This includes those who may not be quite ready to graduate, but will finish during the summer, or those who just need a couple of extra classes.

"Traditionally," Loyd continued, "90 to 95 percent of the graduates attend this incredible, fun party. It will be held this year at IVHS beginning at 10 p.m. after graduation and continue until 5 a.m. the next day.

How To Get Involved

"We would love to see every parent of every graduating senior take part in creating this unforgettable Grad Night for our students. A party of this magnitude doesn't just happen; it's pulled together by legions of volunteer parents, each of whom can contribute in some small way to make Grad Night a night to remember.

"No skill is required; just a willingness to paint, sew, cut, and paste great decorations while renewing old friendships and having fun."

For information or to volunteer phone Loyd at (541) 659-2028, or leave a message at IVHS, 592-2116.

Backyard bird watching with Harry



Hummer Facts part 2:

It might surprise some birders to learn that many hummingbirds regularly supplement this sugar-rich diet with other food, primarily small insects. In fact, hummingbirds prove quite adept at capturing tiny insects, and they often seize them directly from the air like a fly-catcher. Some of you may ask, why bugs? Diets of pure nectar lack protein and many species consume insects to gain protein.

Some species nest in very dry climates and others may nest in wet and cold climates, reaching from southeastern Alaska to Tierra del Fuego in South America. In many of those areas the flower plants with nectar are scarce. The hummingbird has to rely on other food sources to a greater extent, such as varying types of insects.

Notoriously early spring migrants, like the Rufous hummingbird and others who come north to our area here in Southern Oregon, follow a spring migration starting in February and March. Those who nest this far north in early spring eat lots of insects due to the shortage of flowering plants.

Hummers eat various insects ranging from tiny midges to spiders. They use many foraging techniques including hawking or fly-catching, gleaming from leaves in warbler fashion, picking insects from spider webs while hovering

and even extracting them from tree sap. Yes, I said sap. Researchers have watched hummers foraging at sap wells created by woodpeckers. It was unclear if they eat the sap directly or eat the insects mired in the sap.

Hummers get the needed protein and minerals from different sources. Here are some examples for you: It's been documented that some hummers will eat wood ashes at the edges of fire pits or naturally burned areas during nesting season. They've been seen eating sand grains and in another scenario, drinking salt water from a calm bay. When they need a quick way to replenish the minerals lost in the bird's high energy foraging activity, especially during high cost nesting activity, they will use whatever sources are available to them.

There's nothing better than to sit on the porch and watch these little birds. They always bring smiles and a joyful good feeling to my household. So, get those feeders out of storage and break out those smiles. I hope you enjoy them as much as Cheryl and I do.

Join me and other bird lovers at Michelle's Restaurant Saturday mornings for breakfast and "bird talk."

All tips are from, *Wildbird Magazine*, Project E-Bird, and by Harry Johnson.

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18. Flinch
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22. Arsonist
26. Pasta topper
30. Burden
31. Pester
33. Highway, e.g.
34. Not in physical shape
35. Ghastly
37. Continue
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46. Insect stage
48. Black gold
49. Monarch or emperor
50. Heroic poem
51. Be in debt
52. Grasped
53. Scallion
54. Child

Down
1. Sketch
2. Himalayan legend
3. Neck and neck
4. Speed contest
5. Flying saucer
6. Rice beer
7. Style direction
8. Beautiful people
9. Prospector's find
10. Length x width
11. Departed
19. Visa, e.g.
21. Tavern
22. Grippe
23. Charged particle
24. English airforce
25. Doublemint, e.g.
27. Cry loudly
28. Thick black liquid
29. Lyric poem
32. Opening
36. Fight off
37. Course
38. Artifice
39. Using speech
40. Hoodwink
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42. Corner
43. Fuzzy fruit
44. Sleigh
47. Pizzeria order

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 13
- Open mic, talent night, anything goes, 7 p.m. at Junction Inn / Timber Room Lounge
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, May 14
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Friday, May 15
- Jerry O'Neil, soft rock favorites, 5:30 p.m. at Taylor's Country Store
- Original music by Jen Ambrose, 7-10 p.m. at McGrew's Restaurant & Lounge in O'Brien
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter
- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Saturday, May 16
- Dance Night, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Sunday, May 17
- Pool Tournament (register at 592-3106) at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge
- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Monday, May 18
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

Tuesday, May 19
- Karaoke, 9 p.m. at J.I. / Timber Room Lounge

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Tuesday, June 2 & June 9, 6:30 p.m.
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How to Play Sudoku

- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid

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