

Here, There, & Everywhere

MIX IT UP - Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce will hold a mixer for members at Lone Mountain RV Resort on Friday, June 19 beginning at 5 p.m. Members of the public can attend to learn about the chamber. Lone Mountain RV Resort is located off Redwood Hwy. on Lone Mountain Road in O'Brien, not far from O'Brien Country Store.

Also, the I.V. Chamber's free *Concerts in the Park* series will begin on Thursday evening, June 25 in Jubilee Park. See the ad elsewhere in this issue.

And save the date. *The Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival*, sponsored by the I.V. Chamber, will be held Saturday, July 18 at Lake Selmac. See the ad elsewhere in this issue and watch *I.V. Noose* for more details.

GOLFIN' GRADS - IVHS Alumni & Friends will hold its 22nd annual golf tournament on Saturday, July 4 at Illinois Valley Golf Course as part of Reunionmania 2009. More information and an entry form are available online at www.ivhsalumniandfriends.org or phone Ryan Nolan ('97) at 592-2914.

CAVES COMMEMORATIONS - A re-enactment by Tom Siewert, of hunter Elijah Davidson's discovery of the Oregon Caves, will be held at Oregon Caves National Monument on Friday, June 19 at 8 p.m. The monument is 22 miles east of Cave Junction.

On Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21, there will be a live mule-and-horse pack train demonstration of how building materials and supplies were hauled to the Caves prior to construction of state Hwy. 46 (Oregon Caves Hwy.). The demonstration will begin at Caves Creek Campground, and follow the Caves Creek Trail.

Also on June 20, winning poetry and poster contest entries from area school children celebrating the Caves' 100th anniversary will be displayed. For more information about events commemorating the 100th anniversary of Oregon Caves National Monument, phone 592-3400 or (877) 245-9022.

BOYS & GIRLS GARDEN PARTY - A "premier" fund-raising event to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Rogue Valley, featuring a "fabulous" four-course dinner with wine, will be held on Friday, June 26 in the gardens of Grants Pass residents Terry & Victoria Emmons. Comedian Miles Kehoe will perform, as will *Oregon Little Big Band*. Tickets are \$150. Phone Barbara Bean at 476-1832 or Amanda Bates at the Boys & Girls Club, 479-5258.

NOTEPAD - Illinois Valley Visitor Center reported 115 more visitors this May from 2008, reported Dulcie Moore, I.V. Chamber of Commerce secretary. During May 2009, Moore told the chamber board, 895 people came through the Visitor Center, up from 780 a year ago ... **A mountain bike** will be raffled to benefit I.V. Pregnancy Center. The drawing will be held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Tickets are available at the pregnancy center, or phone 592-6058 ... **Josephine Community Libraries Inc.** and Williams Friends of the Library will host a wine-tasting/ concert/silent auction garden party from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 21 at Herb Pharm, 110 Bonlinda Lane in Williams. Tickets are available at the Grants Pass branch of the Josephine County Library or by phoning 846-6718 ... **"Fly or drive in"** to celebrate the 50th anniversary and rededication of Hampshire Field/Grants Pass Airport, "Josephine County's busiest airport," on Saturday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event, presented by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 725, will include displays of experimental and antique airplanes. Breakfast and lunch will be available. Grants Pass Airport is located on Brookside Blvd. in Merlin (I-5 exit 61) ... **Iron Horse Run/ Rodeo**, the 17th annual, will be held at Lake Selmac on Friday through Sunday, June 26-28 ... **Funktional Fusion**, an area funk favorite, will kick off the 2009 Grants Pass *Concerts in the Park* series on Tuesday, June 30 at Riverside Park. The series, sponsored by the Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, will take place Tuesday evenings through Aug. 11. Visit concertsinthepark.org for more information ... **Illinois Valley Food Coalition** will meet next on Tuesday, June 30 at 7 p.m. at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction. On the agenda is planning for the first I.V. Farm Festival, scheduled for Sept. 26 in Jubilee Park ... **Community Bible Church** is hosting *Digging for God's Treasures*, a Vacation Bible School, from Monday through Friday, June 22 to 26. It's open to kids ages 4 though 12. Phone 592-3896 for more info ... **The library** at Evergreen Elementary School will be open to elementary and middle school students Mondays through Thursdays, July 6 through July 30 from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Parents need to bring proof of residency ... **Bumper stickers:** *What would Scooby do? *Don't steal; the government hates competition. *Make art, not war. *I haven't been the same since that house fell on my sister. *Make it idiot-proof and someone will make a better idiot.

LAST WORDS - The Earth is a fine cradle. We are all bound to sleep there ... Be thankful for the spirit smoke that lingers for every candle gone out. (Michael Perry in his book, *Population: 485.*)

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:				
*Fri.,	June 5	73	54	.00
*Sat.,	June 6	76	53	.00
*Sun.,	June 7	75	53	.00
*Mon.,	June 8	80	42	.00
*Tue.,	June 9	76	47	.01
*Wed.,	June 10	77	52	.00
*Thu.,	June 11	72	54	.00
Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded at Oregon Builders Inc. in Cave Junction:				
*Fri.,	June 5	73	50	.00
*Sat.,	June 6	76	51	.00
*Sun.,	June 7	73	50	.00
*Mon.,	June 8	80	37	.00
*Tue.,	June 9	77	42	.00
*Wed.,	June 10	72	51	.01
*Thu.,	June 11	72	53	.00

Airport tenant, county reach new lease accord

By SCOTT JORGENSEN
IVN Staff Writer

It looks as though Illinois Valley Airport tenant Jack McCormack will return to the original terms of his lease with Josephine County for use of the parachute loft building at the facility near Cave Junction.

On Wednesday, June 10, the Josephine County Board of Commissioners (BCC) voted 3-0 to approve an order executing a lease agreement with McSquared Design Corp., owned by McCormack. The order was part of the consent calendar considered by commissioners during their weekly business session at Anne G. Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass.

McCormack first began leasing the facility in 2001,

but entered into a different agreement with the county on May 9, 2007. Under terms of that five-year lease, McCormack arranged to pay a reduced rent of \$235 per month in exchange for making building improvements.

The lease contained a provision that if McCormack did not make improvements to the county's satisfaction, he could be retroactively charged the \$50 monthly difference between his reduced rent and the amount that he originally paid.

"The lease of a couple of years ago gave me the responsibility of maintenance," McCormack said. "All the Siskiyou Smokejumpers and I were trying to do was get permission to restore the Smoke-jumper loft to its former

glory."

One caveat of the lease is that McCormack needed written permission from county Airports Manager Alex Grossi before making site improvements. McCormack said that permission was "difficult to come by."

"There were a number of things I wanted to do to fix the place up, but I wasn't allowed to do it under the conditions of the old lease," he said.

Josephine County Legal Counsel Steve Rich sent a letter to McCormack, dated Feb. 26, informing the tenant that he was in violation of the lease agreement. The letter ordered McCormack to pay approximately \$1,786.34 in retroactive rent, and demanded that amount be paid within 30 days. Failure to do so would result in termination of the lease and legal proceedings to remove McCormack from the premises, the letter stated.

McCormack appeared before the BCC on Thursday, March 19 to plead his case. He was unable to persuade that body that he made sufficient improvements to the parachute loft, and subsequently paid the retroactive rent amount to the county. "That money is going to a good home," McCormack said. "The county could use the money."

Those circumstances also prompted rewriting McCornack's lease, although he said he had little to do with that process.

"I had no input into this lease besides signing it," McCormack said. "I agreed to what they asked for."

McCormack's new lease will expire in 2011, just as the previous one.

"Essentially, everything is back to the way it was," he said. "Basically, it's gone back to the original lease of seven years ago."

During his March 19 meeting with the BCC, McCormack repeatedly stated that he wanted the language of any new lease to absolve him of any maintenance-related responsibilities. He said that the new lease addresses that particular issue.

"It appears worked out now that we can voluntarily do building maintenance as long as we don't ask that it be credited to our rent," McCornack said.

BCC Chairman Dwight Ellis said that the new lease should be acceptable for the county and McCormack.

"He doesn't have to keep a bunch of receipts to prove what he did or get Alex's permission to do the work," Ellis said. "It just makes it much easier all the way around, I think."

Grayback open house includes free camping

Recognition to several Illinois Valleyites for their support of Grayback Campground is being given by the U.S. Forest Service's Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest office.

Included are Jeff & Karen Stiles at Oregon Caves Chevron, and Don's Auto & Tire Center, and individuals such as Greg Walter, of Jefferson State Financial Services. "These local Cave Junction businesses are sponsoring Grayback Campground by offering their customers a free guest camping pass to recreate," said USFS.

On Saturday, June 20, USFS is hosting an open house at Grayback Campground and is offering the public a free night of camping. Free camping will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20 and end at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 21. Any camping site not occupied at Grayback Campground during those hours can be occupied for free from Saturday to Sunday during the hours specified.

The campground is located approximately 12 miles east of Cave Junction on state Hwy. 46 (Oregon Caves Hwy.). Oregon Caves National Monument is located 8 miles farther to the east.

The west campground boundary is historic Sucker Creek. This is the site of one of the first gold strikes in Oregon. There are 33 active sites (one full hookup and two wheelchair accessible sites reserved until 7 p.m. daily), with paved parking pads and roads, four drinking water outlets and three restrooms

(including one flush toilet).

Other features are fire pits in each campsite and day-use area, a small pavilion and amphitheater in a day-use/picnic area and an interpretive trail suited for persons with disabilities. The day-use parking lot accommodates RV visitors to the monument, who can leave their fifth wheels, trailers and motor homes on the lot while visiting the caves.

During winter 2008 and spring 2009, the campground underwent extensive restoration and clean-up by volunteers. Reclamation included recovery of campsites and roadways diminished by vegetation growth, leaf and needle fall, dead wood and danger trees also were removed. Interior road medians were recovered for foot and bike traffic.

The recovery of parking pads, roadways and road medians resulted in increased ability to accommodate larger RVs and RVs with slides. There are now eight sites with 30-foot fifth wheel or trailer capabilities, and four sites for up to 36-foot motor homes. Roadway height clearance is 13-6 on all interior roads. Improvements in the campground's appearance and usability also were accomplished by volunteers. Grayback Campground features pathways and parking areas bordered with rock and cedar rail fences to increase privacy in two campsites.

For more information contact the Wild Rivers Ranger District Office in Cave Junction at 592-4000 or the Grayback Campground host at 592-3311.

Correction

An article in the June 10 issue of *Illinois Valley News* stated that Marcus Kauffman was once head of the I.V. Soil & Water Conservation District. Kauffman has never served in that position. *I.V. News* regrets the error.

I.V. Little League 2009

Closing Day Ceremonies

Jubilee Park, Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 24 at 6 p.m.

All players, sponsors, family, and friends are invited.

Trophies and Recognition Pins will be awarded.

Contact Janet Ewing
659-8618 for details.

illinois-valley-news.com

24th Annual Antique Tractor & Engine Show

at Pottsville

Saturday, June 20, 9 to 5 Sunday, June 21, 9 to 4:30

Food Booths - Flea Market - Miniature Railroad - Pony Rides - Hand Pumpers - Spinning, Weaving, Quilting, Broom Making, Blacksmithing

Raffle - John Deere kid's ride-on vehicle

Drawing at 2010 show:
1940 Fairbanks Morse
7hp Engine

For information,
phone (541) 479-2981



Digging for God's Treasures!

Children ages 4 through grade 6 are invited to join us for an exciting archaeological expedition.

Monday-Friday, June 22-26

Registration: 8:30-9 a.m.

Trek: 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
includes free lunch

Community Bible Church
113 S. Caves Ave.
592-3896

Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their part in making the 2009 O'Brien Family Fun Day a huge success:

Jimmy & Salena Su	American Legion	Jean-Paul Dhenin
O'Brien Country Store	Bingo	Myana Dhenin
Chris Mallette	DJ Buster Vander	Brelyn Dhenin
Grace Auzenne	Woude	Kleya Dhenin
Susie Ellwood	College Dreams/	Chuck Thomas
Rosie Orozco	Monet Talty	Marge Brown
Beth Williams	IVHS Woodworkers/	Dale Brown
Pat Jenkins	Mr. McHugh	Sharon Skiles
Cheryl Johnson	I.V. Boys & Girls Club	Frank Narzisi
I.V. Building Supply	Precision Glass	Willia Gustavson
I.V. Senior Center	S.O. Outreach	Shirley Trotter
Thrift Shop	Foundation	Jim Hicks
Shop Smart Food	I.V. Lions Club	Jerry Schaeffer
Warehouse	Immanuel UMC	IVFD Station #3
Michelle's Family	Lone Mountain RV	Katrina Kackloudis
Restaurant	Resort	Mark & Carol Dickson
Culpepper Cattle	Buildings by SKE	Celia & Jim Lettis
Company	Harry Johnson	Donna & Wayne
Big Air Productions	Susan Guyton	Whitfield
Coca-Cola Enterprises	Jack Seaburg	Project Baby Check
	Sean Williams	

Thank you one and all (and anyone else we may have inadvertently omitted) for your help and your support. We couldn't have done it without you!!!!

Weather Watch

Cave Junction

Wednesday, June 17
Clouds & sun
High--81 Low--53



Thursday, June 18
Sun hidden by clouds
High--86 Low--52



Friday, June 19
Sunshine
High--84 Low--52



Saturday, June 20
Warm sun
High--84 Low--52



Sunday, June 21
Sun & clouds
High--83 Low--51



Monday, June 22
Sun hidden by clouds
High--80 Low--43



Tuesday, June 23
Sunny
High--88 Low--45

