

Here, There, & Everywhere

IN THE SING - The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce free *Concerts in the Park* series will continue at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction with a performance by *Eastfork*. Illinois Valley Little League operates a refreshment stand during concerts. And there is a 50/50 drawing. See the ad in this issue.

MIX IT UP - The Chateau at Oregon Caves National Monument will host an All-Chamber Mixer on Friday, July 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. Chamber members, businesspersons and members of the public are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 541-592-3326. Special rates for lodging and dinner are available for chamber members and their guests by phoning 541-592-3400.

THWART THEFTS - How to combat identity theft is the topic for a free seminar, sponsored by SOFCU Community Credit Union. It will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 8 at Spring Meadow Retirement Home, 1357 Redwood Circle in Grants Pass. Attendees will learn "How to safeguard your identity in a world of dumpster divers, mail thieves and shoulder surfers" and "What to do if your identity is stolen." Space is limited; register at any SOFCU branch. Phone "Marty" at 541-471-8607 for more information.

TALENT ALERT - A talent show again will be part of the 2010 Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival held Sept. 4 through 6 at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Amateurs of all ages are encouraged to participate. The Junior Talent Show will be held Saturday, Sept. 4; intermediates will compete Sunday, Sept. 5; and adults on Monday, Sept. 6. Winners will take home "attractive" cash prizes, say organizers. The deadline to enter is Aug. 31. For information or to sign up phone "Donna," 541-596-2719 or "Sue," 541-592-2252.

NOTEPAD - Recipients of the IVHS Alumni & Friends scholarships for 2010 were announced during the annual breakfast at Jubilee Park on Sunday, July 4. Two academic scholarships worth \$2,500 each went to Heidi Unger and Charlie Harland; Clinton Robertson was awarded a \$2,500 vocational scholarship; and Chris Culver received a \$500 scholarship ... **Summer story time** at Illinois Valley Branch of Josephine Community Libraries Inc. will continue Saturday, July 10 at 1 p.m. with story-teller Morgan Jordan. Regular hours at the branch in Cave Junction are Wednesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. The library is at 209 W. Palmer St., just down the street from Carlos' Mexican Restaurant ... **Stroke and osteoarthritis** screening will be available through Life Line Screening at Immanuel United Methodist Church across from Shop Smart Food Warehouse on Monday, July 12. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. There is a fee. For information or to schedule an appointment phone 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com ... **Buell County**, a department of American Legion's Girls' State, has been named in honor of Past Dept. President Ellie Buell, of Cave Junction. Buell said that the girls in her namesake county thoroughly enjoyed their week at Willamette University in Salem ... **T-shirts:** *This is my clone. *I meet or exceed expectations. *I know violence isn't the answer, I got it wrong on purpose. *Any way we can speed this up? *See you all at my intervention.

LAST WORDS - "Partialities often make people see more than really exists." (Mark Twain)

Perimeter fence proposal at I.V. Airport continues to cause consternation

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Concerns regarding proposed perimeter and interior fences at Illinois Valley Airport were aired during a 70-minute Thursday, July 1 meeting at Anne G. Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass.

All three Josephine County commissioners were present for the 70-minute meeting with approximately 20 citizens, and Rob Brandes, public works director and interim airports manager. Also present was Randy Kruckenberg, a senior project manager for WHPacific.

The firm, which has locations throughout the western United States, was retained by the county 18 months ago to be the on-call engineers for the county's two airports. WHPacific also has worked on master plan projects for those facilities.

Commissioner Sandi Cassanelli, who serves as airports liaison, said that the meeting was "long overdue."

Kruckenberg said that his company's main mission is to please its clients and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). That agency funds around 95 percent of all airport projects nationwide, Kruckenberg said.

The fence project at I.V. Airport, located a few miles south of Cave Junction, began with a different consulting firm, he said, and was assumed by WHPacific three months ago.

Because of a number of delays, the fence project is in danger of losing its federal funding, Kruckenberg said. If contracts are not awarded for the work very soon, he added, the FAA money will go away and the county would be ineligible to receive any more funds from the agency anytime soon.

The project bid will be based on the cost of the perimeter fence, Kruckenberg said, but won't be a "done deal" until the county commissioners sign the contract award. The pact still could be modified before then through change orders, he said.

Kruckenberg said that alternatives for the fence project include installation of a 4-foot interior fence, a reconfiguration of the northeast entry to realign the access road to hangars, and a realignment of the road leading to the southeast hangars.

Any of those alternatives can be dropped from or added to the project, he said.

Some Illinois Valley residents in the audience questioned the necessity of the perimeter fence. Kruckenberg said that to accept FAA funds, the county must accept that agency's standards. That includes a clear separation between aircraft-related activities and points of public access, he explained.

An environmental impact statement is not necessary for the fence project, Kruckenberg said, even if there are

threats to rare plants and animals. That is because the project falls under a "categorical exception" to such requirements, he added.

Gary Mosley, an I.V. Airport Advisory Board member, said that the perimeter fence is needed to stave off break-ins, burglaries and vandalism.

Kruckenberg explained that if the county drops plans for the interior fence, FAA might drop money for it, but that the county can retain those plans and make subsequent changes.

County Legal Counsel Steve Rich said that if those changes are too substantial, firms bidding on the project could object if it affects their ability to compete for it.

But community members used the meeting as an occasion to express their objections to the fence project and apparent disdain for Airports Manager Alex Grossi, who is on medical leave for the next few weeks.

Roger Brandt, a member of the nonprofit Siskiyou Smokejumper Museum Project group, said that the Illinois Valley community has been "sidelined" in terms of input on the fence locations. He said he found out about the interior fence on June 15.

"We've been asking about this thing for two years," Brandt said, characterizing the matter as a "big secret."

Kruckenberg acknowledged that the direction and input that he has received on the project has been from Grossi. A majority of the I.V. Airport Advisory Board members voted during a Monday, June 28 meeting to pass a "no-confidence" measure regarding Grossi's handling of the airport fence issue and requesting that someone else see it through to completion.

Cassanelli stated that many persons in Illinois Valley have been objecting to the fence project for more than a year. She said that the process was not appropriate and that tenants and users of the airport were not involved in it.

Rich said that the county position is that there was adequate notice and input.

Bill Gettle, an airport tenant, said that the facility is a community asset whose potential has not been realized. He added that some investments at the airport have yet to materialize due to the lack of an outside fence.

Gary Buck, who also has spent years working on the smokejumper museum project, described the fence situation as a "mess." He suggested that the interior fence be scrapped completely, and said that his input never was solicited on the matter.

Gettle disagreed, and said that the fence project has

been going on for more than three years. A perimeter fence is needed, he said, but the interior fence concept has been a "fiasco," and has produced lawsuit threats from airport tenants whose access to their hangars might be hampered by such a structure.

Kruckenberg emphasized that all the issues of contention still are "workable."

Commissioner Dave Toler said that the county board recognizes there have

been problems. He cautioned that discussing personnel issues, such as those involving Grossi, during public meetings hinders the county's ability to address them properly.

Brandes stated that officials could come up with a better alternative than what already has been proposed.

A walk-through tour of I.V. Airport is being planned so that project engineers can assess issues involving the interior fence location.

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