

## Here, There, & Everywhere

**SWING 'N' SING** - The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce free *Concerts in the Park* series will continue at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 22 at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction with a jazzy performance by *Oregon Little Big Band*. Illinois Valley Little League operates a refreshment stand during concerts. And there is a 50/50 drawing. See the ad elsewhere in this issue.

**LABOR DAY LINES** - The Illinois Valley Lions Club 39th annual Labor Day Festival again will host an amateur talent show. Cash prizes will be awarded the winners of each age group. Sign up by Aug. 31. For more information, phone "Donna," 541-596-2719, or "Sue," 541-592-2252. Entry forms for the Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day Parade and festival vendor sign-ups are available. It costs nothing to enter the parade, said organizer Harry Johnson. "All groups and organizations are accepted and welcomed," he said. Phone him at 541-596-2104 to participate.

**LUCKY DUCKIES** - Public entries for Grants Pass Rotary Club's 2010 Rogue Duck Derby are available. Proceeds from the event are earmarked for a baseball complex project near Allendale Elementary School in Grants Pass, and a three-year commitment has been made to the Illinois Valley Booster Club to help develop an all-weather track at Illinois Valley High School. Duck Derby entries are available for purchase in Cave Junction at the *Illinois Valley News* office, Home Valley Bank and Bi-Rite Auto Parts. The race will be held on Sept. 25.

**NOTEPAD - A meeting** of the Illinois Valley Airport Advisory Board will be held on Monday, July 26, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the former smokejumper mess hall at the airport ... **The Josephine County Board** of Commissioners will be in Cave Junction to meet with city government and constituents beginning 6 p.m. on Monday, July 26 at the JoCo Bldg. 102 S. Redwood Hwy. ... **Two banner quilts** will be created to celebrate the partnership between the National Park Service and the Illinois Valley community which supports Oregon Caves National Monument. The quilts, designed under the expert attention of quilters Carol Dickson and Nancy Brown, will be displayed at I.V. Visitor Center, at the Monument and, it is hoped, the I.V. Lions Labor Day Parade and other outreach events around the region. Phone 541-592-8521 or 541-592-2250 for more information or to participate ... **"Don,"** an 80-year-old Korean War veteran who recently relocated to Illinois Valley, relates this story: Wearing his VFW cap as he made his way by wheelchair across a parking lot, he felt a tap on one shoulder. A woman handed him \$20. "She insisted that I take it," he said. Don wanted her to know that he sent that \$20 to a friend in his VFW post, #1 in Denver, which will forward the money to a nonprofit organization that helps meet the needs of the children of U.S. troops stationed in Afghanistan ... **After nine weeks** of play at Illinois Valley Golf Course final results are in for the Wednesday nighters: The Holland Store team of Bob Reis and Neil Reiske are first with 93 points; Tony Morreale and Kit Fluck's team, sponsored by Dave's Outdoor Power Equipment, is second with 92; and Home Valley Bank's Marv Ahlers and Mike Harbert are third with 84. With four weeks left to play on Monday nights, Mo Wiley and Robin Savage's self-sponsored team lead with 94 points ... **T-shirts:** \*I support recycling. I wore this yesterday. \*I have not yet begun to procrastinate. \*I'm confused. Oh, wait, maybe I'm not ... **Did you hear** the definition of sarcasm? "Barbed ire." **LAST WORDS X 2** - \*\*You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life." (Albert Camus)

### Weather Watch

#### Cave Junction

**Wednesday, July 21**  
Sunshine  
High--88 Low--54

**Thursday, July 22**  
Sunshine  
High--92 Low--54

**Friday, July 23**  
Sunshine  
High--94 Low--51

**Saturday, July 24**  
Sunshine  
High--91 Low--52

**Sunday, July 25**  
Sunshine  
High--90 Low--50

**Monday, July 26**  
Sunshine  
High--88 Low--49

**Tuesday, July 27**  
Sunshine  
High--95 Low--49

Following are the high-and-low temperatures, and rainfall recorded at The End of the Road in O'Brien by Cheryl & Harry Johnson:

*Fri., July 9	102	60.00
*Sat., July 10	100	61.00
*Sun., July 11	100	58.00
*Mon., July 12	98	57.00
*Tue., July 13	87	57.00
*Wed., July 14	100	51.00
*Thu., July 15	103	56.00

Following are the high-and-low temperatures and rainfall recorded by Illinois River Farm in Cave Junction:

*Fri., July 9	100	55.00
*Sat., July 10	96	57.00
*Sun., July 11	97	55.00
*Mon., July 12	95	58.00
*Tue., July 13	85	57.00
*Wed., July 14	92	47.00
*Thu., July 15	100	52.00

# Fence details addressed at I.V. Airport meeting

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A slew of issues involving Illinois Valley Airport were addressed during a nearly two-hour meeting Tuesday afternoon, July 13 at the site's restaurant building.

More than 20 people attended the gathering, organized by Josephine County Public Works Director Rob Brandes. He is serving as interim airport manager while Alex Grossi is on medical leave.

Brandes said that the purpose of the meeting was to "facilitate communication" between airport users and tenants, members of the public and the county commissioners.

The contract for the fence project at the airport, the former Siskiyou Smokejumper Base, included internal and external elements, Brandes said. He said that while the external fence is "generally amenable to everyone," concerns persist regarding the interior fence concept.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) deadlines for the project are looming, Brandes cautioned.

FAA awards grants for the vast majority of airport projects throughout the

county, and losing a grant could cost the county further FAA funding opportunities.

Also present was Rainse Anderson, director of aviation for WHPacific Inc. That firm, which has locations throughout the Western United States, was retained by the county 18 months ago to be on-call engineers for both the county's airports. It also has worked on master plan projects for those facilities.

Anderson said that FAA is ready to issue a grant for the fencing. The Eugene-based firm 2G Construction will be recommended to receive the bid, Anderson said, adding that the grant offer from FAA soon will be made to the county.

FAA is aware that discussions are occurring regarding possible changes to the fence design, Anderson said. He said that funding for the interior portion of the fence project could be removed without penalty to the county if there is no agreement on that particular issue.

Anderson said that the county plans to pursue the grant with the inclusion of funds for the interior fence. The federal fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, he

said, so the county should accept the FAA grant offer by Sept. 1.

Cave Junction resident Roger Brandt, a member of the Siskiyou Smokejumper Base Museum Project, described the entire scenario as a "fiasco." Brandt said that there has been "no planning in this at all," or public input.

"Clearly, a lot of people are not happy with the way the fence is going to be set up," Brandt said.

He said that by establishing a smokejumper museum at the airport, an "authentic experience" could be created for tourists and travelers along Redwood Hwy. The addition of an interior fence would clash with that vision, Brandt said.

Brandes said that the challenge of the project is to maintain a "compromise" between modernizing the airport and preserving its historic value. He said that the county is not committed to the positioning of the interior fence and the final determination will be made by the commissioners.

Former smokejumper Wes Brown stated that the airport used to have a perimeter and interior fence, so there is historical precedence for such amenities at

the site.

Anderson emphasized that the main purpose of a perimeter fence would be to heighten security at the site.

After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., Anderson said, FAA and the Transportation Safety Administration began taking a closer look at the levels of security at general aviation airports such as the Illinois Valley facility.

The fence also is intended to keep out wildlife, Anderson added, adding that there also have been reports of vandalism at the airport. He noted that the interior fence is "mostly for safety," and will prevent children and pets from running out onto an active airfield.

FAA also wants to eliminate the possibility of collisions between automobiles and airplanes, Anderson said, observing that there are two places at the airport where that could occur.

Anderson pledged to obtain an estimate for a split rail design for the interior fence, as audience members expressed a preference for that concept.

"We'll come up with a plan," he said.

## Bridge replacement spurs Forest Service road closure

Construction that will affect traffic on U.S. Forest Service Road 33, also known as Agness Road in Curry County, east of the city of Gold Beach, will start soon.

The project work will occur at the Illinois River (MP 26.9) and Rogue River (MP 30.7).

Work is under the Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service Gold Beach Ranger District will be starting

Work will include:  
\*Replacing bridge rail and bridge approach guardrail at the Illinois River and Rogue River bridges.

\*Cleaning and painting the Illinois River Bridge.

\*Completing structural repairs to the Illinois River Bridge.

## Food resource guide provided

In an effort to encourage gardeners and farmers to share excess food crops with those in need, the Spiral Living Center Illinois Valley Food Coalition has created a "Food Resources in the Illinois Valley" flier.

The flier was distributed through *Illinois Valley News* and the Common Ground newsletter, and soon will be available at locations throughout the valley.

Said Mara Lambert, the Center's office assistant, "We were able to print and distribute 3,500 copies of the flier

\*Minor deck repair on the Rogue River Bridge.

During the work, delays of up to 30 minutes could occur. However, delays to traffic will not be allowed between 6 and 9 a.m. and 3:30 and 6 p.m. on school days; and 6 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. on all other days.

Work is to start on or around Monday, July 26, and be completed on or around Jan. 12, 2011. WFLHD will have on-site staff available to answer questions during construction. Contact information for on-site staff will be provided to the public in future notices.

Those with questions should contact Mike Odom, FHWA project manager, at 360-619-7700; or Paul Podesta, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest road manager, at 541-247-3600.

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**Concerts in the Park 2010**  
presented by  
**Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce**

**6 p.m., Jubilee Park, Cave Junction**


**Thursday, July 22 - Oregon Little Big Band**

**July 29 Dos Gardenias**  
**Aug. 5 Now & Then**

**Illinois Valley Little League will sell refreshments.**

Sponsored by: Bridgeview Vineyards Winery, Evergreen Federal Bank, Eye Care Group, H&R Block, Harmony Gardens, Illinois Valley News, River Mountain Printing, Rough & Ready Lumber Co., SOFCU, Sterling Savings Bank, Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co.

The Public is cordially invited to  
**Trudy Monsma's 75th Birthday celebration**  
6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 25  
In the lobby of the Chateau  
at Oregon Caves



Live music by Trudy Monsma, the family choir, Jennie May Donnell & more  
Donations can be made to the Friends of the Oregon Caves and Chateau in Trudy's honor as a founding member.  
Please join us for some cake and fun!

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**Thursday - Sunday, July 29 - August 1 29392 Hwy. 101, Gold Beach**

**Thursday:** Seniors Day · **LUCKY 7 BULLS & BARRELS**, 8 p.m.

**Friday:** Kids Day · **TRUCK PULL**, 8 p.m. · **SWEET TOWN LITTLE** in concert

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