

Dickson’s mission is to develop community

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Illinois Valley High School alumnus Carol Dickson worked in law enforcement for most of her career and lived in Grants Pass for 25 years. But when it came time to retire, she and her husband, Mark, decided to return home to the Illinois Valley.

“Grants Pass got too big,” she said recently. “I like going to the grocery store and seeing someone you know. There’s a sense of community here that you don’t feel in Grants Pass. And this is a beautiful place to live.”

The newly elected board member of the I.V. Fire District offered several reasons why she decided to throw her hat in the ring.

“At first, no one was running for the position, so a friend asked me to run,” she said. “I

like to learn new things and I know how to sit on a board and evaluate information. Also, I’m not afraid to ask questions if I don’t understand something.”

Dickson is excited about new IVFD Chief Dennis Hoke.

“He’s very professional and can think outside the box,” she stated.

She sees her role as collaborative.

“You don’t micromanage the fire department, but you oversee the budget,” she said. “I’ve never been a firefighter, but I do understand emergency services.”

Dickson worked as an emergency services dispatcher in Grants Pass for the sheriff’s office for seven years, and decided to work her way up through the ranks. She went to the shooting range, qualified and eventually worked patrol for five years, including the graveyard shift. Dickson later became the first female detective

in Josephine County.

“I’m the type of person, that if I decide I’m going to do something, I’ll do whatever it takes to be a success,” she stated.

Dickson is also someone who thinks outside the box. As sheriff’s office patrols have been cut back, Dickson saw a need for people to communicate about property thefts and created “To Catch a Thief,” which now has 1,735 people viewing this Facebook site. Several people have recovered stolen vehicles and property and search warrants have been generated from the Facebook information. One individual has been charged on federal firearms violations and another was arrested as a sex offender from another state while living here under an alias. Dickson compiles information from public records and newspapers and feels the site has allowed people to be more proactive.

“It’s become a virtual Neighborhood

Watch resource where people can report thefts and burglaries. I keep it as professional and fact-based as possible. It’s made people more aware of what’s going on and knowledge and awareness is how you keep from being a victim,” she said.

Asked about the dynamic growth of another Dickson innovation, the Valley Girls annual October quilt show, she is equally enthusiastic about its success and future potential.

“I’d love for us to be as well-known as Sisters, Oregon,” she stated. “If we only had a conference-sized building, we could draw quilt teachers and workshops.”

Despite current economic setbacks, Dickson sees a bright future for the Valley and plans to continue to find ways to contribute.

“Community service is my social outlet,” she said.

IVHS Alumni enters local sandwich scene at Café Panini

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Illinois Valley High School alumnus Chris Welcome has traveled the west in pursuit of his career as a chef. He started out when he was still in high school at the Sasquatch Inn in Cave Junction where he was the dishwasher and his mom, Joannie Starks Welcome, was the prep cook.

Following graduation in 1979, he toured with a country band, playing drums, and wound up living in Durango, Colorado. He worked there at the Village Inn and later, the venerable New York Bakery, established in 1882. He honed his skills there, learning to make everything from scratch.

In 1989 Welcome attended the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, which later became Le Cordon Bleu. Upon graduation, Welcome stayed in Portland, working first for Island Fantasy Catering, then became the catering chef for Stuart Anderson’s

Black Angus in Salem and later in Gresham.

Welcome moved his young family to Medford in 1994 to work for Gala Catering and later, for nine years as regional manager for multiple-restaurant owner Joe Stella; where he oversaw operations for Hungry Woodsman, the Witham Truck Stop and Joe’s Sports Bar and Grill in Grants Pass.

In 2003 he was named a Chef du Jour by the Grants Pass Courier for his outstanding work as executive chef at the Chateau at the Oregon Caves, a position he held for several seasons.

Welcome had always wanted to own a restaurant rather than work for someone else; and credits his girlfriend, Rhonna Bernas, a cook in her own right, with prodding him to realize his dream. He was working at Southern Oregon University as executive catering chef in charge of the Stevenson Student Union food court, and quit the position to open Café Panini in Grants Pass with co-owner Bernas.

Café Panini takes its name from an Italian-style sandwich which uses a special press to grill bread. House specialties include Oregon Tuna Melt with ciabata bread and provolone cheese; Cowboy, with roast beef, onions, Swiss cheese and pesto, and Veg’N Legend which includes roasted eggplant and red peppers, summer squash, caramelized onions and provolone. They also serve a complete breakfast menu, burritos, wraps, salads, vegetarian and vegan dishes and specials.

Welcome and Bernas’ goal is to make everything from scratch, offer the freshest local produce and use organic food as much as possible. Gluten-free bread is available on request.

Welcome still finds time to play music, and together with his brother Ross, is a member of Circle of Stone, a six-member group specializing in classic rock and contemporary Celtic music.

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Café Panini co-owners Rhonna Bernas and Chris Welcome serve breakfast and lunch daily in Grants Pass.

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DISTRICT OF OREGON
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v.
THE ESTATE OF TERRY MORRIS JACKSON;
JEFFREY MORRIS JACKSON; GARY KEITH
JACKSON; STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; and THE
UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS
IN INTEREST AND CLAIMANTS TO
THE ESTATE OF TERRY MORRIS JACKSON,
DECEASED, Defendants,
Civil No. 1:13-cv-00445-CL
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Upon Motion and Declaration of Plaintiff for
an order directing the unknown heirs, devisees,
successors in interest and claimants to The
Estate of Terry Morris Jackson appear or plead
in the above-entitled cause by a day certain to be
fixed by the Court, it appearing to the Court that
this civil action was brought to foreclose a real
estate deed of trust on real property situated in
Josephine County, State of Oregon, described as
follows:

The South 60 feet of the following described
property to wit: Beginning at the Northwest
corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast
quarter of Section 21, Township 39 South, Range
8 West of the Willamette Meridian, Josephine
County, Oregon; thence North 19104’ East
1121.05 feet; thence North 89142’ West 60 feet
to the True Point of Beginning; thence South
240.66 feet; thence North 89142’ West 135 feet;
thence North 240.66 feet; thence South 89142’
East 135 feet to the True Point of Beginning.
Also: the North 20 feet of the South 80 feet of
the following described property to wit: Beginning
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quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 21,
Township 39 South, Range 8 West of the Willamette
Meridian, Josephine County, Oregon;
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North 89142’ West 60 feet to the True Point of
Beginning; thence South 240.66 feet; thence
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R330020 and R330019. Commonly known as

236 South Caves Avenue, Cave Junction, Oregon
that the unknown heirs, devisees, successors
in interest and claimants to The Estate of Terry
Morris Jackson cannot be found within the State
of Oregon and have not voluntarily appeared in
this action; that personal service upon them is
not practicable because they are unknown and
that this action is one in which an absent Defendant
may lawfully be ordered to appear or plead
within the meaning and purview of 28 U.S.C. §
1655.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the unknown heirs, devisees, successors
in interest and claimants to The Estate of Terry
Morris Jackson must appear or plead to the complaint
of Plaintiff filed herein, on or before July
31, 2013, with service upon Plaintiff’s attorney at
the following address: Tim Simmons, Assistant
United States Attorney, 405 E. 8th Ave., Suite
2400, Eugene, Oregon 97401-2708. A failure to
answer shall constitute a default and the Court
will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of
this suit as if said Defendants have been served
with process within the State of Oregon.
2. That this order be published in Illinois Valley
News, a newspaper published at Cave Junction,
Oregon, in Josephine County, Oregon, once a
week for six consecutive weeks, the first publication
to be not later than June 5, 2013; and
3. If any person is in possession or charge of said
property, those individuals shall be served with
certified copies of this Order and of Plaintiff’s
Complaint.

DATED this 23rd day of May, 2013.

MARK D. CLARKE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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