

Chamber President touts concert series and changes

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The Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce kicked off their annual free Concerts in the Park series last week with a twang! The first concert on Thursday, June 12 featured country-western singer Dale Hopper, a renowned Valley favorite. Despite cold and windy weather, Hopper's folksy sets were well received by those in attendance.

Seattle acoustic duo, "Science!" will debut at the park for tomorrow's concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The duo offers acoustic originals and popular covers.

The line-up for the rest of the season will include the well-known "J. Barley Band" on June 26, "Lonesome Road" playing their "stewgrass" mix of bluegrass, folk rock and Americana on July 10; "Guppy", playing whimsical classics from the 60's through 90's on July 17; and coffee house singer-songwriters

Dawna Crocker & Rosie playing their own acoustic styling's on July 24. There will be no concert on the Fourth of July.

The season rounds out with the ever-popular "East Fork" playing country and bluegrass on July 31 and "Ras Cricket and The Cultivators" performing reggae tunes on August 7. Refreshments will be for sale by the IV Little League at every concert and the popular 50/50 drawing will take place weekly with chamber proceeds dedicated to helping defray concert costs. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own seating.

First Community Credit Union (FCCU) branch manager Christopher Smith is the new president of the chamber for 2014. Smith's I.V. roots grow deep – both his parents, Emma and Lloyd Smith, taught at IVHS and the family has lived in the area since the 70's.

Smith moved back to the Valley 9 years ago following a brief hiatus in Portland. "I tried the big city for about 5 months," he relates, "But I just didn't like it." Smith was able to return to his job with SOFCU, which is now FCCU.

His wife is a stay-at-home mom for their 3 boys, ages 8, 5 and 1 year old. "This is a great place to raise our children," Smith enthuses.

The organization's executive board also includes Dan Mancuso, vice president, and Lelo Kerivan, treasurer. Other board members include Jim Frick, Bertha Miller, Emily Nichols, Ryan Nolan, Mary Reynolds, Cary Riley, Jacquie Swift and Scott Thornhill.

Meetings are routinely scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday's of the month and held in Wild River Brewing and Pizza Company's community room beginning at noon.

New this year, the group will host guest speakers once a month, discussing various topics of interest. These presentations are open to all chamber members and their invited guests. The guest speaker for May was Terry Taylor and on June 26, Greg Walter will discuss the proposed expansion of the Oregon Caves National Monument.

Asked about the chamber's plans for the year, Smith stated they're interested in finding out what the chamber can do differently to

better serve the membership. "We want to do more to help promote non-profit events and chamber events," he explained.

Smith added that this year's Bluegrass Festival is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 and will again be held at the Lake Selmac County Park.

Current benefits of being a chamber member include assistance with promoting local services and benefits, cross promo - one member to another, and access to the Josephine County Chamber of Commerce events and workshops.

"Many people from out of the area contact the chamber first for information on local businesses," Smith explains. "If you're a chamber member, Dulcie will bring your name up and help promote your service."

The chamber's office is located in the I.V. Visitor Center and office manager Dulcie Moore's hours are 10 to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The phone number is: 541-592-3326.



(Courtesy photo for The Illinois Valley News)

Science! is an award winning acoustic duo comprised of Justin Stang and Jim Elenteny. Their debut EP includes Blind Melon's Glen Graham on drums and their music has been featured on PBS television's Roadtrip Nation, High Times Magazine, WXPX (Philadelphia), New Day Northwest and Evening Magazine (KING 5 TV Seattle). The band is also slated to play at the Hope Mt. Barter Faire on June 21 at 1 p.m.

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Where Are We? FACEBOOK
Only a couple thousand of us on here. Organizers are busy on class pages. As you "like" and chat up your reunion plans go to [IVHS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS](http://IVHSALUMNIANDFRIENDS.org) community page. It's even current sometimes. Post a greeting. More Info? Check ivhsalumniandfriends.org It's being updated s-l-o-w-l-y.

FRIDAY July 4
"All Hanging Out"
Carlos, Garter, Pizza Deli, Taylor's, Grayback, "Out 'n About" Fireworks

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SATURDAY July 5
Kerbyville Museum
Tour 2 p.m. \$2
The museum kindly gives us this special admission. Not been there in a while? New exhibits. Visit your Valley history. Dennis entertains us.

SATURDAY NITE
'49, '54 - My Place Café
'59 - "That Pizza Place"
'64 - Carlos Restaurante
'69 - Prolly Not! Call Pat!
'74 - Friday Nite: Pizza Deli
'79 - McGrew's
'84 - Taylor's
'94 - Taprock
'89 - Talking on Facebook!
'99 - Jubilee Park Pavilion
'04 - Rough 'n Ready Park

"The Great Outdoors" Raffle
Tickets: \$1 or 6 for \$5
Incl. 2nd & 3rd Prizes
Drawing at Sunday's Breakfast/Auction
\$\$\$\$ worth of GOOD STUFF plus extra prizes!
Thank Suz, Adrianna & Dink for their hard work on this Scholarship Fundraiser.

SATURDAY July 5
NO REUNION?
Dine at Judy's
MY PLACE Cafe is "The Place" for good food and camaraderie.

SUNDAY July 6
Pancake Breakfast
8 to Noon
Jubilee Park
\$7 and \$4 Kiddies

We're in for a treat! Robert Webb '99 will be our IV FIREFIGHTERS' head cook. This crew really knows a thing or two about breakfast. And they'll donate 10% to our Scholarship Fund. Bring friends - public welcome!

SUNDAY July 6
SILENT AUCTION
Our big Scholarship FUNdraiser happens during breakfast. Last year brought in \$3,088 - enough to cover one Scholarship! To please donate an item, bring to Kerbyville Museum the week of June 30 so we can log them in. And at the auction you'll find all gussied up and ready for your bidding fun: The Class Gift Baskets!

The GIFT BASKETS
Each year we ask reunion classes to donate a Gift Basket as a class donation to the Silent Auction - a most popular part of the auction and a super boost to our Scholarship Fund. If organizers need suggestions contact us. Last year's . . .

*Yard Sale Jumble - '53
Garage Goodies - '58
Here, There, Everywhere - '63
Summer Fun - '73
Health & Beauty - '78
A Grants Pass Getaway - '83
Wash Your Wheels - '88
For Wine Lovers - '93
. . . brought in \$571.*

SUNDAY July 6
2 - 4 P.M. — \$5

Kerbyville Museum
An old fashioned ice cream social - with music! A refreshing stop on the way outtown.

BY THIS INVITE
All the '30s classes plus '40, '41, '42, '43, and the Class of 1944 are invited to Celebrate all those years ago by being our guests at Sunday's breakfast! Please check in at the Alumni Table.

COUGAR PAWS UP ♣ To the Class of 1983 ♣ For signing up over a dozen new members last summer!!