

IVHS counselor has been at school for 16 years

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Patrice Tucker has worked at Illinois Valley High School for 16 years. She spent her first seven years as an English teacher, but eventually became a student counselor.

Tucker said the reason for making the change was simple.

"I wanted to have more time helping the kids," Tucker said. "Be-

ing an English teacher, I didn't have much of an opportunity to have one-on-one time with the kids."

It's that connection with students at IVHS that Tucker finds so rewarding.

"I like how we are a small school that can do more than bigger schools," she said. "I've had kids come here from bigger schools and say they do so much better here because it's a smaller school. And we can kind of help them out more in areas a big school cannot."

Tucker grew up in Southern California and graduated early from Los Alamitos High School in Orange County. She didn't go to college right away, but got a variety of jobs instead. She worked on the historic Queen Mary ocean liner in the harbor in Long Beach and at a record store called Music Plus.

"Like most kids, I loved music so it was a dream come true. I got into concerts for free and also got free records."

Eventually, Tucker started

school part time at California State University, Long Beach.

"During school, I got married and later had a baby," she said. "That's when we left the city."

Tucker's parents had bought a piece of land in the Illinois Valley to build a home. When Tucker came to see it, she fell in love with the Valley and moved here. After settling in, she sold real estate and worked at Home Valley Bank as a teller.

Eventually, she decided to finish what she started by going back

to school. She went to Rogue Community College and later transferred to Southern Oregon University to get a master's degree. In her free time, Tucker likes to travel and spend time outdoors, especially hiking and biking.

Tucker says her favorite thing about IVHS is actually three things.

"I think it has great staff, great students and we have a great community," she said.

Harvest Moon Hoedown set to take place

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John Luna is on a mission to introduce more folks to old-time mountain square dancing.

"This dance doesn't require prior experience," Luna said. "And you don't need to bring a partner. The caller teaches each dance before the live music begins and the dances are fun and easy to learn."

Luna, a professional dance caller trained in Appalachia, will journey from Corvallis on Saturday, Oct. 11, for the third annual Harvest

Moon Hoedown. The event will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Selma Community and Education Center, located at 18255 Redwood Highway.

"What we do is hugely different from the television image of highly polished square dancers doing performance dancing," Luna said. "You don't need a bunch of lessons to do this. We assume every person who gets out on the floor has never danced before. We walk a few folks through the steps for everyone to see before each dance begins. The dancers help each other. It's about community, not competition."

The all-ages event is a fund-raiser for

Learning Through Arts in the schools, Second Friday ArtWalk and other public benefit programs sponsored by Illinois River Valley Arts Council (IRVAC).

A free Old Timey Jam will begin the festivities at 3 p.m. under the Farmers' Market pavilion. Musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and join in the fun. At 5 p.m. the doors open and sound checks will take place.

This year's variety show features two bands. From 5:30 to 6:15 p.m., I.V. String Band will perform and from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., The Antonucci Collective will take the stage.

Mountain square dancing will begin at 7:30 p.m. The 3 Rivers All Stars Band features

Ari Dwyer on fiddle; Jack Dwyer on mandolin, tenor banjo and five-string banjo; Kent Fisher on guitar; Sue Rutherford on bass; and Swampy Webb on five-string banjo. Sound is by Tim Wallace and Michelle LeComte.

Luna honed his authentic calling skills in Virginia.

"Hoedowns and barn dances are a vital part of America's heritage," he said. "Until recently, most people lived in farming communities and had to create their own entertainment. 'Hoedown' literally means, put your hoe down and come join the harvest celebration."

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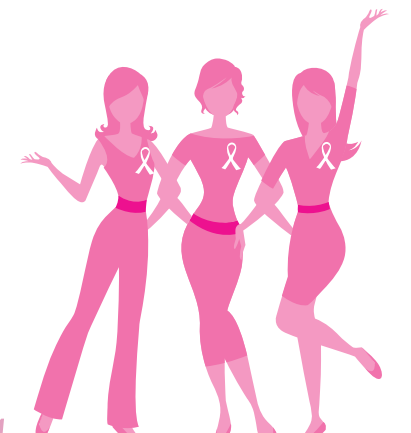
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