

Drive-in movies coming to the Selma Center

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The Valley will soon have access to drive-in movies thanks to Paul Koci and the Selma Center.

The first film will be "Casper the Friendly Ghost" June 15 at 9:30 p.m. "Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark" will be featured July 16, and "The Labyrinth" will be screened July 30.

"We're planning on screening movies twice a month, but if there's overwhelming interest we'll scale up and do it more often," Koci said.

The movies will be mostly family-friendly, but more mature movies may be an option going forward. Koci said he plans to run a poll to determine what people want to see, and a list of movies will be announced after.

"We'll have copies of that list at the movie showings, and you can also pick it up at the Selma Center," Koci said.

Concessions will include popcorn, drinks and chips. Since the Selma Center has a fully licensed kitchen, Koci said burgers, hotdogs and other food items may be eventually offered.

Koci obtained licensing through Swank Motion Pictures, a California company that handles licensing for big companies, such as MGM.

"This enables us to draw from their huge selection of movies, both newer and older stuff, so that we can openly advertise and charge admission at the event," Koci said. "They'll also send us all the old movie posters for us to use for advertising."

Each movie costs about \$300 to run. Koci held fundraisers to come up with \$1,000 to purchase a projector, which is capable of running 3D movies. Sound will

be provided by Koci's company, Palailama Productions, and the films will be projected on the outside wall of the gym. Selma Center Board volunteers will staff the event, but Koci said he may end up hiring for summer jobs. Profits will go toward the Selma Center to help cover costs for other programs, activities and building maintenance.

Koci said the idea stemmed from wanting to help with fundraising activities for the center.

"I'd been doing sound for different shows and venues, and when someone brought up that they wished they could go to a drive-in locally, I looked into it," Koci said. "I just want to give back a little bit."

Koci has lived in Selma since he was a child. He said he has many fond memories of the Selma Center and is invested in the building, which prompted him to become a Selma Center board member.

"I just want people to have as much

wholesome fun with their families as they can," Koci said. "We really need things to do around here."

After providing sound at parties and receiving compliments, Koci decided to start Palailama Productions. Since then he's provided sound for bigger events, including Barter Fair and Hemp Festival.

Koci said people should arrive an hour early to secure a good parking space. He also encouraged carpooling, and said he hopes people won't bring their biggest trucks. Those with larger vehicles should park in the back, and a front row seating area on the asphalt will be available for those who prefer chairs or blankets. Koci estimated that 100 cars can fit if people park close and "don't get too crazy." The cost is \$10 per car.

For more information about Palailama Productions or the drive-in contact Koci at 541-659-8416.

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The I.V. Chamber of Commerce is also supporting the July 21 event by donating the proceeds of that evening's Concert in the Park 50/50 raffle to CJ Patrols. Kelly Thibodeaux and Etouffee will be the featured band that night.

Other public safety organizations will also be tabling and conducting volunteer sign-ups, including representatives of I.V. Fire District, the Sheriff's Office, and various neighborhood watches.

While the first 3 FFILP cohorts were responsible for developing a physical project, including the playground at Jubilee Park, a bioswale at Evergreen Elementary and a disc golf course at Forks State Park, the fourth cohort was asked to plan an event.

In addition, Greg Walter, co-owner of Jefferson State Financial Group and fourth cohort

participant, has organized an historic photography exhibit featuring Cave Junction and surrounding areas. The photos are currently on display at Umpqua Bank through the month of June and will be displayed at Taylor's Sausage in July and elsewhere over the summer. Prints of the photos will soon be available for sale for \$15 each through whichever venue is currently hosting the exhibit.

"This is part of a larger effort to help bring both civic pride and public safety awareness to our community, and help our local patrol group led by Jimmy Evans," Walter said. "These are images that the Art Ray Photo Postcard company produced from the 1940s to the mid-1950s."

"100 percent of the proceeds will go to Cave Junction Patrols and surrounding neighborhood watch groups," Walter added.

The photography show and sale is also endorsed by the Kerbyville Museum,

Illinois Valley Community Development Organization (IVCDO), Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce, Josephine County Historical Society and the I.V. Pride campaign, a committee of the IVCDO 20/20 Visioning strategic plan group.

Sheriff's office records indicate that crimes reported in rural Josephine County have risen by more than 50 percent each year since 2012.

In the same period, the yearly cost of stolen or damaged property climbed from \$12,417 to over \$300,400 – a 2,300 percent increase.

Between 2014 and 2015, calls for service increased by 40 percent while the number of county patrol deputies is currently limited to 10 hours per day, seven days a week, with an average of 2 to 3 deputies per shift.

In the fiscal year that ended in June 2015, 208 inmates were released early due to sheriff's office staffing shortages at the county jail.



(Photo by Judy Howyle, Illinois Valley News)

Greg Walter (left) and Pat Dees perusing the photos at the historic photography exhibit currently at the Umpqua Bank for the month of June. The exhibit will move to Taylor's Sausage for July, then elsewhere after that. Photos will be available for \$15 at the venue, and all proceeds go to Cave Junction Patrols and surrounding neighborhood watch groups.

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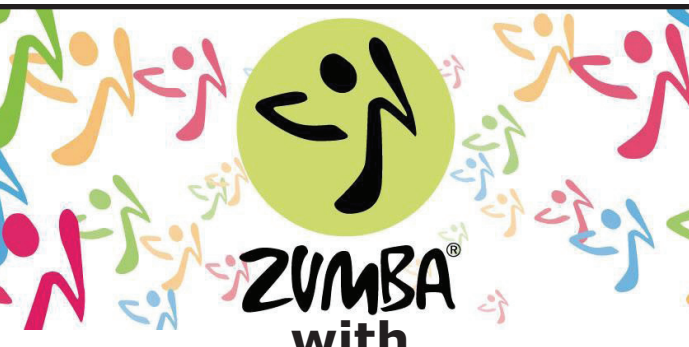
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