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**Saturday, Sept 3**
Partly Cloudy
High -- 75 Low -- 50

**Sunday, Sept 4**
Clear
High -- 77 Low -- 53

**Monday, Sept 5**
Clear
High -- 81 Low -- 56

**Tuesday, Sept 6**
Clear
High -- 81 Low -- 57

**Wednesday, Sept 7**
Clear
High -- 80 Low -- 58

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

August	High	Low
19	107	57
20	103	56
21	100	52
22	97	50
23	93	45
24	94	44
25	98	48

YTD Rain: 89.11"
Average Yearly Rain Total: 72.00"

World's Finest bringing its vibe to Labor Day Festival

By Dan Klapheke
IVN Staff Writer

As summer comes to a close, so do weekly concerts in the park and frequent music-filled festivals in the Valley. But this Labor Day weekend, an up and coming, whirlwind of a band is bringing rock, reggae, bluegrass and who knows what other genres to Cave Junction.

World's Finest, out of Portland, will be playing at the Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day Festival Sunday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. in Jubilee Park. It won't be the band's first time in the area, as it performed at the Hope Mountain Barter Faire in 2014 and 2015.

Chris Couch, lead vocalist and guitarist for World's Finest, said the band is ready to put on a show the people in the area have never seen the likes of. And even if the audience has previously seen World's Finest, it won't be the same.

"We've never played the same set list twice," Couch said. "And improv always leads us into a new direction."

The band started in 2012 after Couch and bassist Evan Malfer started playing songs together when the bands they were a part of at the time wouldn't play.

"We just kind of played around for fun for a while as a side project," Couch said. "And as the other bands started falling apart we sort of gathered right crew."

The right crew also includes Dan Hurley on

electric banjo, Sean McLean on lead guitar and saxophone and Mike Apodaca on drums. All the members come from different musical backgrounds, Couch said, which creates their unique sound of "American dub grass" - rock, jam, bluegrass and reggae.

World's Finest has played 300 shows in the last three years, Couch said, and 120 of them were this past year. The band's often on the road and it's gained a strong following in Southern Oregon,

but Couch said it's a challenge gaining recognition.

"It's like starting over every new place you go," Couch said. "You really have to work at building an audience."

The band is no stranger to the Valley, as it headlined Barter Faire twice and has been invited to play in Takilma and other local venues. The band wasn't able to play at Barter Faire this year, but Couch said the festival's been one of their favorite shows.

"The people are always just so kind and accommodating, and they really wanna share in the experience," Couch said. "It feels like a huge family vibe down there."

And come Labor Day weekend, Couch said the band is going to "bring it" to the Valley.

"We're gonna come and have a great time with y'all," Couch said. "We're ready to provide those moments of letting it all go and enjoying yourself."



(Courtesy photo for the Illinois Valley News)

World's Finest is made up of Dan Hurley (left), Chris Couch, Sean McLean, Evan Malfer and Mike Apodaca.



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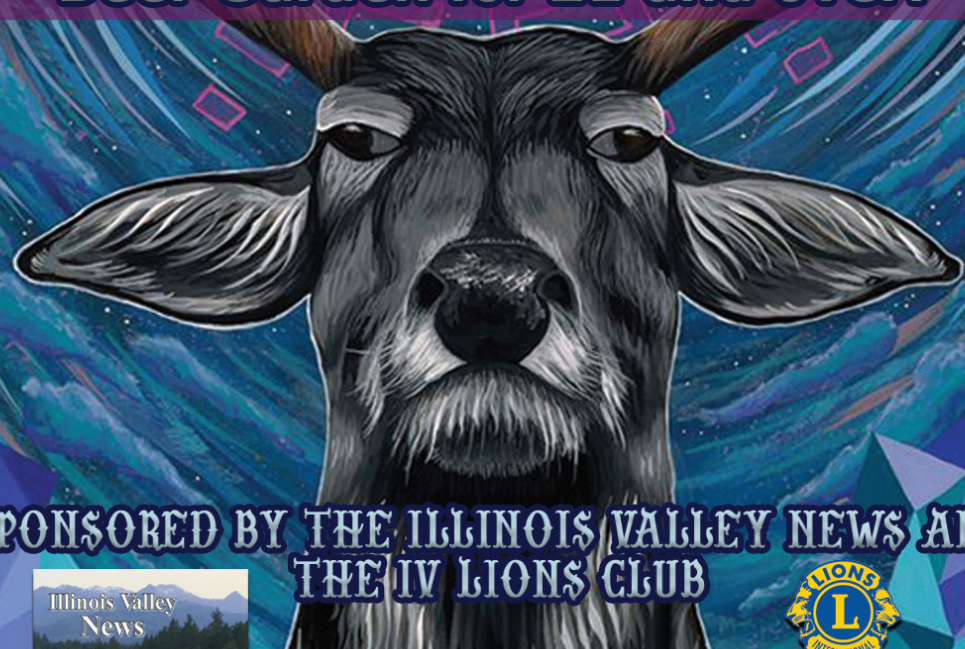
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