

# I.V. Lions ready to roar during Labor Day event

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The Illinois Valley Lions Club Labor Day weekend festival is just around the corner and so far, although they are undermanned following a considerable drop in membership, they are pushing ahead with every ounce of their ability to make it a successful event. All profits made during the festival go to the club's hearing and sight fund which stays local and assists the community.

The majority of the club's members, including their new president, Marty Haynie, have not participated in organizing the event before. "It's all new to me and all new to a lot of the guys," Haynie said, "We're just learning really."

Potential float makers, commonly seen as the centerpiece of the event, are still being pursued via mail but so far there's an estimated 15 to 20 registered parties ready to march down the highway in one of Cave Junction's finest hours of the year. Last year, some 48 floats participated and Haynie, the man primarily responsible for organizing the parade, hopes that they can beat that number.

Unfortunately, the club began advertising a bit later than intended but at this time it's not clear if that will affect the turnout negatively.

The Tuff Truck race preparations are so far proceeding amicably but, due to a lack of manpower, plans to change the track around will not be implemented this year. "We were thinking about changing the track around but I don't think that's going to happen because nobody's got any time this year," Mark Camp, organizer of the Tuff Truck race, said. Haynie added that the club is always looking for volunteers and that interested persons should not hesitate in contacting them.

When asked whether or not the lack of membership and volunteers could lead to the end of the annual event being hosted, Camp optimistically said that they should be fine for the "foreseeable future." Although club members and volunteers are in short supply, vendors are not. David Anderson, the man in charge of organizing the event's market said that there will be an estimated 65 to 70 vendors selling their wares, perhaps surpassing last year's amount.

The softball tournament, according to Richard Miller, the tournament's organizer,

will have up to 12 teams participating and though he can support more teams the event usually hosts between 10 and 12 teams every year. At least three of the teams are reported to be local to the Illinois Valley while the rest are from Brookings, Crescent City, Grants Pass and Medford. Unlike many of the other club member's inexperience with organizing the festival, Miller has been running the softball tournament for about 10 years.

Miller also is responsible for organizing the Corn Hole tournament, a sport with a lot of similarities to horseshoes, and also runs the famous Lion Burger booth alongside Adam Newman.

The only thing that needs to be done to make the event legally ready to go is obtaining the proper permits which also got a late start this year. Right now, Haynie said that there's about 25 letters related to the permitting process that are outstanding and are waiting for approval. Although permits are still in the works, the club has received approval to hang the event's banner over Highway 199 in Cave Junction.

On a side note, Haynie wanted to remind the community that the Lion's Club can supply

hospital equipment like beds, wheelchairs, walkers, canes, toilet seat risers etc. to senior citizens or anyone else in need, free of charge. All that's required is some information to insure that they get their equipment back when the borrowers are done with it.

"We've been doing it for a long time and there's still people that don't know about it," Haynie said. Anyone who's interested can call John Waltmeyer at 541-659-1074 or Haynie at 541-538-8298 with the possibility of same day service.



2016 Tuff Truck entry.

## Fire destroys home on Caves Hwy.

According to a press release, Thursday, Aug. 17 at 2:07 a.m. Illinois Valley Fire District personal along with Rural Metro Fire Department and Oregon Department of Forestry responded to a reported structure fire located near the 7600 block of Caves Highway.

Upon arrival, units found a fully involved structure with some spread to wild land. Units arrived on scene and began an immediate fire attack. Next incoming apparatus provided water supply to the primary engine.

Additional water tenders were used to shuttle water to the scene which provided a constant supply of water for the primary engine. It took fire personnel approximately 44 minutes to knock down the fire and another 2 hours and nine minutes to complete mop up and overhaul operations. No personnel was injured during this fire. The residents of the structure were out of the home prior to the arrival of fire personnel. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

## Tree Service companies are fully operational during fire season

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Beeler's Tree Service has noticed that there is little to no mention of the industrial restrictions with in the community and we'd like to help I.V. News readers uncover this important information. Beeler's Tree Service feels that because of the limited information the community is receiving, it is being misguided and this is impacting local tree service businesses in Southern Oregon.

For more information about fire season regulations. <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/Pages/Restrictions.aspx> <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/Fire/firePreventionDocuments/2017%20Fire%20Season%20Requirements.pdf> <http://www.swofire.com/p/fire-season-regulations.html>

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