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Crowds take a walk around the tarmac at Independence State Airport during the annual fly-in last year.

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

Independence Fly-in showcases classic planes, dynamic speakers

Stop over at the Airport

What: Independence Fly-in and Van's Homecoming,

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast from 7 to

10:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, \$5. Lunch at noon on

Where: Independence State Airport, 4905 Airport Road.

Of note: This fly-in also celebrates the 50th anniversary

serve as a good way for kids

to talk to other kids who

have experience in aviation

who have been through

these projects instead of just

old people like us," she said.

for youths is the main pur-

pose of the fly-in, with all

proceeds from the event

supporting teen aviation ac-

EAA Chapter 292 mem-

bers help get interested

teenagers into a career in

aviation. Two students who

started out helping build a

Sonics aircraft in the club's

hanger went on to get their

aviation technician certifica-

Fri. August 14, 6-9 PM

Diamond Back

Sun. August 16, 2-5 PM

Ty Curtis Acoustic Trio

tivities, Noell said.

Providing opportunities

"They can talk to students

about those interests.

of the Independence State Airport. A shuttle will run from

the Marquis parking lot to the hanger from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

By Emily Mentzer

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — A fleet of aircraft will descend at the Independence State Airport this weekend during the Independence Fly-in and Van's Homecoming.

The fly-in runs from Friday through Sunday, and is not just for general aviation pilots. The public is welcome to come have breakfast, bid on silent auction items, view classic aircraft, learn about aviation and stay for lunch.

"The biggest activity will be Saturday," said Marcia Noell, event organizer.

This year the club is focusing on classic aircraft — generally fabric-covered planes from the 1930s and 1940s.

"A classic aircraft might be like a Piper Cub or Aeronca," said Dave Ullman, chapter 292 president.

"Oregon Aviation Historical Society out of Cottage Grove is bringing in a Stinson SR5, and our neighbors are bringing out a beech staggerwing," Noell added. "Which is an absolute

For more information: www.eaa292.org/flyin.

Saturday and Sunday, \$6.

sponsored by the EAA Chapter 292.

classic," Ullman noted. The beech staggerwing is a bi-wing aircraft with the lower wing out front, Noell explained.

"Typically on a bi-wing, the top wing is mounted forward of the lower wing," she said. "This one has the lower wing forward."

Vendors will be at the airport for both pilots and those interested in flying. Youths who have already learned about aviation and building aircraft hands-on at the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 292 hanger will have an info booth for young people to learn more about aviation.

Noell said the booth will

tions, Noell said.

Because of fundraising efforts such as the money raised through the Independence Fly-in, Chapter 292 was able to pay the \$2,200 for tools for each student, Ullman said.

Two-thirds of pilots in commercial business come from the general aviation sector, Noell noted, meaning the military is not the only — or even maybe the best — way to get into the pilot business.

Chapter 292 pilots try to help develop interests in aviation through biannual Young Eagles flights, annual Teen Aviation Weekends and by including teenagers in building aircraft alongside seasoned pilots.

During the fly-in, pilots will come from all over the state - and from out of state - to see what Independence has to offer. Participants may choose to take a wine tour, quilt tour, or a special edition of Marilyn Morton's famous ghost walk.

Silent auction items include gift baskets and a flight in a Piper Cub plane.

Board declines to purchase drive-in

By Jolene Guzman

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — "Option A" is off the table for the Dallas School District.

Monday night the Dallas School Board decided it would not exercise its option to purchase the Motor Vu Drive-In property. That was one of two options the district had to satisfy a development requirement for the Barberry section of town near Fir Villa Road.

The city of Dallas required a percentage of land in the development be set aside for parks space or a school. The options to fulfill that condition included the purchase of the drive-in property or another parcel of a similar size, about 9 acres, elsewhere in the 122acre development.

Assistant Superintendent Dennis Engle said the drivein property became the tar-

get for turning into open space or a school more out of convenience than actual intent to sell the popular business. It was approximately the right size to meet the condition, he said, and therefore easy to single out on the map.

However, that language was dropped in the development plan approved by the Dallas Planning Commission, forcing the district to negotiate another option.

The "option B" parcel is yet-to-be determined. Now the city has the first option to buy the drive-in and has 18 months to decide whether to do so.

In other business, the board:

• Reviewed its goals for the 2015-16 school year. To see a copy of the goals and plans to achieve them, see the board's Aug. 8 packet at www.dallas.k12.or.us.

'Bad' returns to Falls City park

By Jolene Guzman

The Itemizer-Observer

FALLS CITY — Bad to the Bone is back and taking over Falls City's Lower Park Saturday.

The event, now in its eighth year, is a fundraiser for the Falls City Alliance. Bad to the Bone no longer features a barbecue contest, but does have plenty to keep people busy from noon until sundown.

Have musical or dramatic talent? Come on down to the entertainment stage in the park and participate in the open mic.

Food and merchandise vendors, horseback rides and games will be open all day. New to Bad to the Bone will be a duck race fundraiser taking place in the Little Luckiamute River running adjacent to the park.

The featured salmon garden will serve plates of fresh salmon with a side of potato salad and other fixings.

Another highlight of the festival is the three-on-three basketball tournament taking place in the Falls City High School gym. Teams still have time to sign up at a cost of \$30 per team with a limit of four people per squad. Contact 503-930-0378 to register or for more information.

For more information on the event: 503-991-2380 or







