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Willard Airport to welcome new concessions to passenger terminal – Ion Grove Café, Opening Spring 2024

SAVOY, IL (December 8, 2023) – Willard Airport has entered into a 5-year agreement with Ion Grove Café to bring new concessions offerings to the passenger boarding terminal beginning in Spring 2024.

Ion Grove Café will take an innovative approach to airport concessions, offering quality services including retail options to passengers. Locally sourced food and a coffee robot will be the highlights of enhancing the overall airport experience for travelers.

"We couldn't be more excited to welcome Ion Grove Café to our airport, who will offer a variety of high-quality food options for our travelers" said Tim Bannon, Willard Airport executive director. "Airport amenities such as food concessions are extremely valuable to the long-term success of the airport, we look forward to working closely with Ion Grove to have the best offerings possible to make our airport best in class."

The new concession space will be located past the Transportation Security Screening checkpoint and will be available to departing and arriving ticketed passengers.

"We see our presence at Willard Airport as an opportunity to enhance the overall passenger experience, to make waiting for a flight a pleasure rather than a chore" said Phil Rowell, co-founder of Ion Grove.

"Our ethos is that we're not only serving coffee and sandwiches, we're crafting an experience - one that begins the moment you step beyond security. We're combining a celebration of local flavors, innovative technology, and the warmth of a Midwestern greeting to create a truly first-class experience for Willard Airport passengers" said Rowell.

For more information about Ion Grove, please visit their website at www.iongrovecafe.com.

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