

Here, There & Everywhere

SING, PLAY A SONG - Musician Jake Thompson will begin a regular open mic night at Taylor's Country Store on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Following his set of acoustic music, others will be encouraged to perform music from any genre. The event is open to all ages.

TAX SEMINAR - Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance will present a free tax seminar to help people learn to reduce estate, income and capital gains taxes on Wednesday, Feb. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the county building in downtown Cave Junction. Bobbi Winters, CPA, Brenda Patton, tax consultant, James H. Smith, attorney and Cheryl Dyer, financial planner will be on hand to answer questions.

LITTLE LEAGUE - Volunteer registration for the Illinois Valley Little League will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 from 3 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lorna Byrne Middle School library, Evergreen Elementary and Shop Smart. All parents are encouraged to register. Phone the 592-4389 for more information.

PEACE GATHERING - A silent prayer vigil for world peace will be held on Friday, Feb. 7 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. in front of the Josephine County building in downtown Cave Junction. Everyone is welcome.

FORESTRY WORKSHOP - The Illinois Valley Community Response Team and the Forestry Action Committee will sponsor a forestry contracting workshop on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. Topics for discussion include: increasing awareness of federal, state and county contracting opportunities for thinning, restoration and home defensible space work, and learning the best structure for contract bidding and management to lower associated costs.

SCHC 30 YEARS - Siskiyou Community Health Center begins a year-long celebration "Thirty years of helping people," on Friday, Feb. 7. There will be a potluck dinner at the Takilma Community Center starting at 6 p.m. Photographs taken by Dr. Jim Shames (co-founder of the clinic) that span SCHC's thirty years will be exhibited at the dinner. Guests are encouraged to bring photos and clippings for the "Time Line" collage and acoustic instruments for impromptu musical performances.

OMSI TIME - There are still a few spaces open at the OMSI (Portland-based Oregon Museum of Science & Industry) science classes at Dome School on Saturday, Feb. 8. The classes are for those in kindergarten through eighth-grade. Phone 592-3911 for more information.

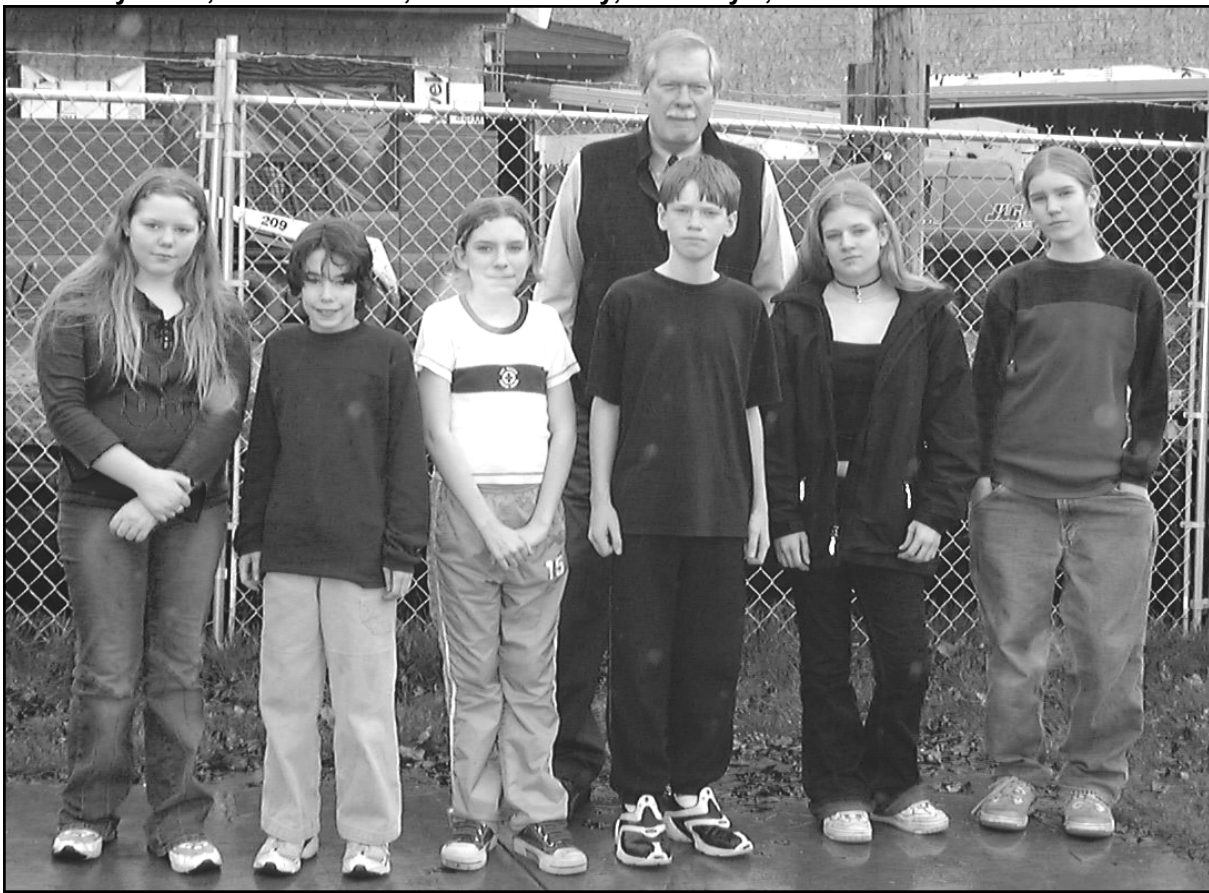
GRAD NIGHT - The next meeting for the 2003 IVHS Grad Night Party will be held on Monday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. in the high school library. Phone Janie Pope at 592-2116 for more information.

IN SUPPORT - A women's support group will begin Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Children are welcome. Phone the Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance at 592-2515 for more information.

CARING CLASSES - Lovejoy Hospice will offer the first of a free four-part series on "Caring For Loved Ones At Home" on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Community Bible Church, 13 S. Caves Ave. Pre-registration for the workshop, "Hospice Care, Planning and Community Resources," is requested. Phone 597-4048 for more information.

BRINGING UP BABY - During January and February, Living Alternatives is conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds. Bottles are available at the office, between Klamath First Bank and Carlos' Restaurante, and from some valley churches. People are being asked to take bottles home or to their workplace, and fill them with money or checks. The deadline to return the bottles is Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Funds will be used to support continual pregnancy testing, and the pregnancy and parenting support programs of Living Alternatives. Services are provided free to anyone, but financial help is needed.

NOTEPAD - Three Rivers Community Hospital will offer a free workshop, "What Can You Expect From the Breastfeeding Experience?" on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Cascade Room. A lactation consultant and a family practice physician will teach the class. Phone 472-7223 to register. The Knife and Fork Club will host Thomas Swanson, a modern day explorer who has worked in some of the most remote areas of the world, on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at the Riverside Convention Center in Grants Pass. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m. Swanson's program will end the evening. Phone Norma Lane at 479-6124 for reservations.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Lorna Byrne Middle School students of the month for January are (from left) Tarren Benschoter and Scott Armijo (sixth grade), Chelsea Dice and Rene Eichmann (seventh grade), Hashana Griffin and Ivan Yates (eighth grade). Pictured with them is Lorna Byrne Middle School Principal Peter Maluk.

Clubs & Organizations

Diabetes Association
The Cave Junction branch of the Jerry Acklen Diabetes Health Assoc. monthly meeting, will be Feb. 13, at 1:30 p.m. at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, 520 E. River St. Cave Junction, OR.

Forestry Action Committee
The Forestry Action Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6 in the lower compound of the U.S. Forest Service Illinois Valley Ranger District, 26568 Redwood Hwy.

The next tree distribution will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15.

The Fire Plan Task Force is working on defensible space, fuels reduction and perimeter defense. Anyone can attend. For more information phone 592-4098.

Guest Editorial

From Jeff Bridges, Hunger Free America Chairman and Patti Whitney-Wise, Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force

We've all had to make important choices: where to live, where to send our kids to school, what path our career should take.

But imagine making a tough choice like whether to pay the rent or buy groceries for your family?

Maybe it's hard to picture being in that situation. Maybe you've been able to earn enough money to pay your bills every month. However, one incident in your life could make everything different.

What would happen if you lost your job, got sick, or had some other emergency - like needing a new transmission or tires for your car? The fact is that there's very little that separates many of us from the 33 million people who experience the pain of hunger and food insecurity in the United States today.

Many families who go hungry are working families. They are our co-workers, our friends, our neighbors, and our children's classmates.

Here in Oregon, there are 510,000 people who live in households that are struggling to find enough food to eat, including 188,000 children,

Those 188,000 children - and the 13 million children like them across the United States - are being put at serious - and unnecessary - risk.

Children who are hungry are more likely to have behavioral, emotional, and academic problems and are more likely

to be held back in school. Students who eat breakfast before school or through a school-based program not only improve their own performance in school, but also help to contribute to a more productive learning environment for all students.

In the wealthiest nation in the world, there is no reason that our children shouldn't have all the basic necessities - like food - to do well in school and contribute to strengthening our society.

A hunger free America is an attainable goal. The food is there, the need is there, and the commitment is there. Here in Oregon, the Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force (OHRTF) works every day to advocate on behalf of the children and families who are struggling to find enough food to eat. OHRTF helped to increase Food Stamp Program participation by more than 40% in the last year and helped double the number of children served by the After School Snacks and Meal Program during the school year.

OHRTF will continue to fight the battle against hunger here in Oregon until it is won.

We urge you to learn more about hunger in Oregon by phoning the OHRTF at (503) 963-2291 or visiting their web site at www.oregonhunger.org.

Ask them what you can do to help Oregon become a hunger free state. By working together, we have the ability to see the day when no child will have to skip a meal, and no parent will have to decide between rent and groceries.

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OSU offers class on greenhouse management

Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service will offer a class on organic greenhouse management Thursday, Feb. 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass.

There is a fee per individual or couple. Phone 476-6613 to register.

This class will cover organic greenhouse designs, plant physiology, soil mixes, timing, pest and disease issues. The emphasis will be on organic greenhouse management practices and will include slides on organic greenhouse growing.

The instructor is Don Tipping, co-owner and operator of Seven Seeds Farm, a certified biodynamic farm and educational resource in Williams, Oregon.

IVHS Choir Valen'Tunes'

Friday, Feb. 14

Throughout the community

To schedule 592-6451

Phone after 3 p.m.

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