

Here, There & Everywhere

SCHOOL PLAY - The Illinois Valley High School Drama Club, in association with Samuel French, will present "Nude with Violin," by Noel Coward on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10-12 in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. There is a charge for tickets. Refreshments will be available.

ART WALK - The 2003 Second Friday Art Walk season begins Friday, April 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Downtown Cave Junction. Some of the features include the musical talents Mike Selfridge at Taylor's Country Store and the 2nd Friday String Band at the Pizza Pit, children's Easter crafts at Child's Play and "Through Children's Eyes 2003," the Dome School's Mobile Mural Project at Pizza Pit.

DAY OF FUN - The Dome School will hold "Imagine!" a children's carnival on Saturday, April 12 from 12 to 4 p.m. The event will include pizza, snacks, prizes and birds of prey from Wildlife Images. A dance featuring the Southern Oregon Blues Band will follow at 8 p.m. There is an admission charged for both events. Phone 592-3911 for more info.

GRAD NIGHT - The next planning meeting for the 2003 Grad Night Party will be held on Monday, April 14 at 5 p.m. at Wild River Brewing and Pizza Company in Cave Junction. Fund-raising efforts continue for the benefit on Saturday, May 3 at 6 p.m. The evening will include dinner, a fashion show and silent auction. Phone 592-2116.

CAVES HISTORY - A series of free educational presentations for children about the natural and cultural history of the Oregon Caves National Monument will be held on Fridays during April at the Illinois Valley library branch in Cave Junction at 3:30 p.m. A park ranger will share information on the following topics: April 11, fossils, April 18, the ghost of Elijah Davidson, April 25, animal signs. Children of all ages are welcome.

NATURE BOUND - The Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO) will sponsor a field trip to the Rough & Ready Botanical Wayside on Saturday, April 19. John Roth will lead hikers along Wimer Road, discussing the geologic age, habitat and biodiversity of the serpentine plants there, among other areas. Participants of the half-mile hike are to meet at 9 a.m. at Illinois Valley Visitor Center.

HAWAIIAN TIME - Horizon Village Active Retirement Community, located at 3135 University Ave. in Grants Pass, will hold an Hawaiian-themed open house on Sunday, April 13 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to join residents for food, fun, and prizes. Les Silva will provide entertainment. Phone (541) 955-0777 for more information.

YARD SALE - A yard sale to benefit Southern Oregon Head Start will be held at 620 E. River St. on Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go toward a parent group fund to assist children ages 3-5 with school supplies and other projects. Donated items are still needed and will be picked up on Thursday, April 10. Phone 592-2214 for donations or more information.

BROCHURE KNOW-HOW - Illinois Valley High School computer instructor Brandi Sloan will teach a workshop on making outstanding flyers and brochures on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 15-24 from 6 to 9 p.m. There is a fee for the Rogue Community College Small Business Development Center course to be held at the high school. Enrollment is limited. Phone (541) 956-7494, extension 7494 for more information and to register.

LIFE AFTER LOSS - Lovejoy Hospice will hold "Moving Beyond Loss...Helping Yourself or Someone You Love Through the Process of Grief," on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at CJ Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave. There is no fee. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration requested. Phone 597-4048 for more information and to register.

INSTRUCTIVE EXPRESSION - Rogue Community College art instructors will show some of their recent work at the Wiseman Gallery on the Grants Pass campus beginning on Monday, April 14 through Saturday, May 10. Displaying their art will be Madalin Blue, Tommi Drake, Pat Enos, Richard Martinez and Walt Padgett. An artists' reception, open to the public, will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 14. The Wiseman Gallery is open Mondays through Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Phone RCC at 956-7339 for more information.

TREE INSPIRATION - Texas artist Orna Feinstein's exhibition, "Pictorial Tree Tales," will be on display April 2-25 at Rogue Community College's Firehouse Gallery on the Grants Pass campus. A First Friday Night reception will be held on Friday, April 4 from 6 to 9 p.m.

NOTEPAD: Cari's Cottage and Home Valley Bank are in need of new or clean secondhand items to be sold at the store during April to benefit the IVHS 2003 Grad Party. Donated items may be dropped off at Cari's Cottage or Home Valley Bank... **Tours of the Oregon Caves National Monument** are now in swing for spring. Tours will be given on the hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 24, when the hours expand from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone 592-2100 for more information...**The Dome School** in Takilma will participate in a tree planting ceremony during the week of April 6-12 to highlight Arbor Week, which is dedicated to educational activities promoting the values of conservation and the importance of trees to the environment...**Lorna Byrne Middle School** will send students to Salem to participate in the Oregon State National History Day Competition on Saturday, April 12...**The Josephine County Board of Commissioners** declared April as Sexual Assault Month on Wednesday, April 2. It is the first year the board has done so...**Danielle Lloyd** from Illinois Valley High School was one of 14 Josephine County teens recognized at the 11th annual Teen Awards Celebration on Tuesday, April 1. The county's Commission for Children and Families honored Lloyd for demonstrating "positive life changes."

Letters to the Editor

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great country? Where are the brave? Where are the free? All I see are the placid. All I see are the afraid.

I have to go now. I return to defending you, because you have lost the ability to do it yourself.

(Editor's Note: Ryan Cox is the nephew of Virgil and Joanne Lemley of Cave Junction.)

'U. S. freedom' From Larry Warnicke Cave Junction

As we watch the news coverage of the war on Iraq we have to ask ourselves, "Why?" We lived through Vietnam, the Holocaust, and chemical weapons of the World War I and yes, even Sept. 11.

We never worried about flying or entering tall buildings, weapons of mass destruction or terrorism, and we never had a second thought about opening our mail.

After Sept. 11 we lost more of our freedom than other countries around the world ever knew. Our national flag is a symbol, representing the millions in lives lost here and abroad from our police department, firefighters, to our military. Maybe it's time for everyone's support, by flying 'Old Glory,' and show the world we are proud Americans and not protest against the rights of freedom.

The pledge to our flag started more than a hundred years ago on Sept. 8, 1892, as a Boston magazine published a few simple words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Written by Francis Bellamy.

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands - one nation indivisible - liberty and justice for all."

On June 1923, the words "My Flag" was removed and replaced with "The Flag of the United States of America." In 1942, the flag was recognized by Congress as the Pledge of Allegiance. President Eisenhower in 1954 added the words "Under God" and said:

"In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

Yes, freedom to worship your God whoever you choose, or none at all. You can stand up for what you believe and have the right to say so in public without governmental repercussions.

Why fight another war in a far-away land? So you can be free to protest this war in public; burn our flag, make fun of the government and even our commander-in-chief.

This is why we need to help other countries know our freedom, as I'm sure we would fight to keep America free today.

Remember in 1942 we stayed out of that war and it ended up in our back yard. Adolf Hitler should have been stopped before he got his

Missing boy found dead

The body of 5-year-old Connor Sutherland was found approximately a half-mile from his home on Monday, April 7.

The boy was reported missing from his Grants Pass home on Sunday, April 6.

The cause of death has not been determined. The Josephine County Sheriff's Office is investigating.

power, and Saddam Hussein is worse.

What now, do we fight back as there marching down the streets in our neighborhood? Then and only then will we know how important our freedom is and why we should stop these tyrants before they're too strong to stop.

Women in Black should cover their faces in shame so they can get used to the way of living they are supporting. Try to protest against the Iraqi government over there and they would be shot; is this what they support?

People in Iraq can only worship one God, with no right to speak their peace or even vote for their leaders.

Our flag has withstood much oppression and discretion through out the world and yet it still flies proudly over this great nation.

We thank America "With Liberty and Justice for all."

'War or not' Fom Marie MacKechnie Cave Junction

Re: War!...or not.... ("Illinois Valley News" March 26).

Punch them in the nose and keep punching them until they agreed with what you think and become submissive. Wow! This sounds like the treatment our young people are currently fighting against.

Last I heard, we are allowed to think and say what we believe without getting beaten. I notice there is no name signed to this article, Mr. Editor. Isn't that a requirement for publishing a "letter" in your paper?

Or does this article represent how you feel and no name is required?

(Editor's Note: Tongue-in-cheek articles are not to be taken seriously. And if anyone noticed the poem immediately adjacent to the article decried war.)



DEBORAH DAWSON

Artist's love of nature shows

By CASSANDRA MILLER

The Illinois Valley Fine Artists, Inc. featured artist for April is Deborah Ann Dawson of O'Brien.

A longtime Southern Oregon resident and honor roll graduate of Southern Oregon University (SOU), Dawson was the first woman to receive the AAUW (American Association of University Women) award for outstanding senior in art in 1978.

Born in Medford, Dawson began creating art early—at least in kindergarten, she said.

Her parents encouraged her desire to draw. Her father was a gifted artist, but put his art aside to raise and provide for his family.

After college, Dawson left Oregon to further her art career. She worked at Yellowstone National Park; moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and then returned to the Rogue Valley in 1982 to work as a buyer and art instructor for a Medford art store.

The job led to teaching children and adult art drawing classes for Medford Parks and Recreation Dept.

Dawson also taught classes at SOU's Medford Campus, Pacific College of Art and Design, and Rogue Art Gallery.

In 1994 Dawson went to

work as a full-time artist for the Jackson Education Service District.

When budget shortfall eliminated the department, she decided she needed a new environment, and eventually moved to Illinois Valley in October 2002.

The (Education Service District) job taught me that I don't like working full time making art for someone else, which is called 'work for hire.' You put creative energy out for someone else's business and end up with little energy for your own work," she said.

Cottage gardens and Victorian florals became her inspiration, as she focused on watercolors as her primary medium. Dawson's goal in life is to create art that expresses her love of nature, which is an extension of her spirituality. Dawson's watercolor paintings will be on display at First Klamath Bank in Cave Junction throughout April. She will also be traveling around Oregon to demonstrate and teach watercolor techniques.

I.V. Fine Artists welcome all interested persons to visit the group during their weekly workshops in the RCC Belt Bldg. in Kerby on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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