

Singing from heart ...

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sic."

In addition, said her father, two nationally known composers, who live incognito in Illinois Valley, are working with her.

"I want to become a professional musician -- a singer," said Nicole, "similar to Celine Dion." She said she likes Dion because of the various styles she presents; not using only one.

Her college plans include a degree in business management because when (not if) she becomes a renowned professional, she wants to be able to expertly direct the business side.

"I've done benefit concerts," she said, "including working with a radio station at the county fair. The funny thing is that I can face an audience of 600 people -- people I don't know -- but don't ask me to sing at school, because those are people I do know." However, she has sung the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the opening of some school activities in the gym.

"As far as my favorite types of music, I like country tunes mostly, but I'd like to get involved with Latino compositions because of my family background. And then there is the classical side like Celine Dion, and that interests me too."

Nicole's hobbies include riding quads, reading and photography (she'd

like to do some underwater work). She also enjoys "singing with friends," as long as there are just a few at one time. At IVHS, she likes English and astronomy, and she's in advanced history and English classes.

Also at the high school, Nicole has participated or is participating in track and field, softball, soccer and basketball. And, "Singing is something I love."

She and her family moved to the valley 10 years ago from Chico, Calif., when she was in second grade. "They all support me and are really excited about the possibilities for me," she said.

"When I first started singing in public, my voice would shake," she said. "I was worried about what they were thinking, but I've gotten over that, and now I'm into it."

"I am extremely appreciative of my boyfriend, Jesse Lorentz, for really supporting me, and being there for me. There are a lot of things I couldn't have done without him, and I love him."

"Mostly I want to thank my parents for caring and supporting me the way they have. They will do anything to see that I am happy, and that I succeed in life. I love them, and can't thank them enough."

As for her feeling about her work: "I want to touch people's hearts with my voice," she said.

Earth Friendly Kids offers gently used clothing

Grand opening with entertainment, special sales, refreshments set for Friday through Saturday

By NICK DIAMANTIDES

Illinois Valley bargain hunters already are flocking to Earth Friendly Kids -- a consignment shop specializing in gently used maternity and newborn to pre-teen clothes, as well as toys, books, and children's furniture.

"After my good friend Rebecca Manary and I visited the area last summer, we really felt there was a need for this kind of store here," said owner Cate Jennings.

It's the second Earth Friendly Kids.

Jennings has owned and operated Earth Friendly Kids in Ashland eight years.

"A surprising number of my Ashland store's customers come from Cave Junction and Grants Pass," she said.

As mothers, Jennings and Manary, the store's manager, understand the need to buy reasonably priced, fashionable clothes that "kids and grandkids

will actually wear.

"So far the community has responded with enthusiasm, and we look forward to serving and supplying the families of this area with affordable maternity and children's items," said Jennings.

On Thursday through Saturday (March 18, 19 and 20), Earth Friendly Kids will celebrate its grand opening with special sales and refreshments.

And entertainment designed to put smiles on children's faces - including a puppet show - will run from 1 to 2 p.m. each day of the grand opening.

"We invite everyone to join us for the fun," said Jennings.

Regular store hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays; 10:30 am to 5:30 pm.

Earth Friendly Kids is located at 319 S. Redwood Hwy. in Downtown Cave Junction, across from Pizza Pit and in-between Bi-Rite Auto Parts and G-Dub's Fix It Shop.



CATE JENNINGS and REBECCA MANARY

You ran over my cat,

in the late evening of Friday, March 5, in the vicinity of Dick George and Kirkham Roads.

Thank you

for having the courtesy to stop and check on him, even though he had already run far away.



Thanks, also, to the folks at Crossroads Animal Hospital, who very smartly bobbed his mangled tail.

--"Bibby man" Moon

Clubs & Organizations

Project Linus

Project Linus of Josephine County invites anyone interested in making blankets for seriously ill or traumatized children to join its efforts.

Those who knit, crochet, or quilt would like to become a Project Linus "blanketeer" making comforting "hugs" for children throughout the county can join the group on Monday, March 29.

Regular monthly meetings are held at JJ North's restaurant in Grants Pass at 11 a.m. on last Mondays.

For further information, phone Melanie Tehan at 597-2455; or Carole Heaphy at (541) 479-8627.

Josephine County Historical Society

Josephine County Historical Society will host an opening reception in the Historic Schmidt House Museum during First Friday Art Night on April 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 508 N.E. Fifth St., Grants Pass. Refreshments will be served.

The society will honor the recent acceptance of Schmidt House to the National Register of Historic Places with exhibits detail-

ing the lives and contributions of the Schmidt Family to the early history of Grants Pass and our present-day community.

The event also will include authors John and Joy Taylor for a signing of their new book, "Old Timer's Tales of Oregon."

The April 2 reception will be the first in a series of historic exhibits and events throughout the summer. In addition, beginning in May there will be museum tours on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70

Lori Colbert was initiated into American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70, and her daughter, Rebecca Colbert, received her "Tiny Tot" certificate during the March 3 meeting.

There was a special birthday cake for Legion members, as March 1936 is their charter date.

Women veterans from the White City Domiciliary were honored during a luncheon attended by four Juniors and three Senior Auxiliary members. The women each received a rose with a poppy, candy

and a valentine. It was a rewarding experience for the Juniors and Seniors.

Several members went to the "Dom" to hear Sen. Ron Wyden and members of the staff thank all the volunteers for the efforts put forth to keep the facility open.

Auxiliary Unit 70 will host a caucus May 22 so plans are under way.

The National WWII Memorial will be dedicated in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, May 29. American Legion Post 70 and Auxiliary Unit 70 are planning to honor Illinois valley WWII veterans on that day, and are in the planning stage.

Those who are or who know someone who is a WWII veteran, should phone Dan or Laurel at 597-2979 as soon as possible so certificates can be prepared. The auxiliary does not want to miss anyone who served.

If there are veterans in nursing homes or hospitals, or otherwise unable to come out, members will take the certificate to them.

"They all deserve to be recognized and honored," the auxiliary said.

You can stand tall without standing on someone.
You can be a victor without having victims.

- Harriet Woods -

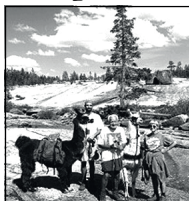


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- Felt Hat-making Workshop**— Date postponed due to illness. Future workshop date to be announced.
- Call & sign up for a **Llama Packing Clinic April 17**— Learn to pack with this wonderful 4-legged trail companion.
- Follow-up **Day Hike, Sunday, April 18**

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