

Here, There & Everywhere

MARCH AGAINST VIOLENCE - A march against violence starting at the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction on Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. is part of a special event planned to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The program title is "Take Back the Night" and the valley observance is sponsored by Illinois Valley Safe House Alliance. (See the ad elsewhere in this issue). With a theme of, "We Have the Power, We Have the Right, and United Together We Will Take Back the Night," the event will conclude with a time of sharing, with music by Jack Dwyer and Carol Valentine at Taylor's Country Store.

BUNS 'N' STUFF - A rummage and bake sale will be held Saturday, April 8 at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sponsor is American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70.

'ONCE AND FOR ALL' - Described as a powerful resurrection service, there will be a gathering for members of all church congregations Sunday, April 9. The program will be held at Community Bible Church at 113 S. Caves Ave. in CJ. The assembly will feature the "One Body-One Voice Choir" performing the "Once and For All" musical, billed as a dramatic story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Anyone can attend. For more information phone Tom Ninow at 592-6083, or Carol Davis at 592-4990.

HUG A TREE - Arbor Day is being celebrated this week through Saturday, April 8, according to the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF). It states that the Douglas fir was adopted as Oregon's state tree in 1939. Second in size only to the Sequoia Redwood, it's noted that the tallest "Doug fir" nationally measures 329 feet tall and is in Coos County. For more about Arbor Day and ways to celebrate, phone NADF at (402) 474-5655.

GET WITH IT! - Wednesday, April 19 is the deadline to bring your announcements to the "Noose" office for the May Community Calendar in the April 26 issue. For more about this really good method for getting out the word about special events, or sending special messages to loved ones, come to the office or phone 592-2541.

NOTEPAD - **Studded tires** were to be removed from vehicles as of Saturday, April 1. Violators can be fined, and that's not an April Fools joke ... **Guess what?** Daylight-saving time in 2007 will begin on the first Sunday in November because of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 signed by President Bush ... **Pregnancy Center** of Illinois Valley observed its 19th anniversary on Saturday, April 1 ... **Art Walk 2006** in Downtown Cave Junction will hold its opening event Friday, April 14. Watch for the ad in next week's issue, sponsored by Evergreen Federal Bank ... **Bumper stickers:** *Pay your taxes: 10 million illegal aliens are depending on you. *If all else fails, stop using all else. *This is not a dress rehearsal. *I tried being normal once, but it didn't work out.

LAST WORDS - *The government cannot give to one person what it first does not take from another. (Unknown)

*A free society cannot survive if we are so free that nothing is expected of us. (Harvey Mansfield)

Club News

Siskiyou Project

On Sunday, April 9, geo-ecologist John Roth will lead a riverside learning adventure to a darlingtonia bog to discover unique serpentine geology and plants.

Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the Illinois Valley Visitor Center parking lot in Cave Junction on Caves Hwy. They will carpool to Gasquet, and should bring lunch.

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efficient without prosecutors, probation and juvenile officers.

A story regarding abortion situation From Wally Hardie Selma

She would have turned 13 in January. A tall, slender girl, that most would consider skinny.

As a girl with great imagination and an unusual compassion for children, she was active in projects that provided help for handicapped children.

Six months before her 13th birthday, she learned that she was pregnant. An uncle, who on occasion took care of her when her parents were away, raped her. The girl tried several times to tell her mother, but failed, knowing that she would blame her for getting pregnant.

She also knew that they would force her to have the child. She could not endure the thought of becoming a mother. She confided in her brother, swearing him to secrecy.

When she committed suicide that year, she was the 208th in the state to do so, because of being pregnant without a choice. Abortion was still one year away from becoming legal.

There are those who work diligently to take us back to those good old days. The good old days where one, with money, could go to a back-alley abortionist, who couldn't spell abortion, and take their chances.

Chances that left many women unable to ever have a child, or in many cases they died. Died and no one was accountable. Died and many times left a family back home, but just could not afford another child.

Died just because they did not want a child at that time in their life. Died for a multitude of reasons.

I knew of two women who had terminal cancer. One woman with lung cancer and the other with breast cancer. Both had legal abortions before they died. They did not want to go through the trauma of pregnancy, and perhaps die and take the fetus with them: their choice. The way it should be.

Interestingly enough,

there were many U.S. doctors who had practices on weekends just south of the border. Their prices were more than most could afford, so those who could not afford them were left with those who lacked training in the procedure, and were never accountable when anything went wrong. The really good old days.

There are those who live in religious moral hypocrisy without the slightest understanding of compassion, and want all abortions illegal and to put the doctors in prisons as well.

The mother of the girl I'm talking about said at the funeral, "Well, she and her baby are in a better place now, with the Lord."

Power of prayer needed now From Derwyn D. Cugley Cave Junction

Faith, courage, and prayer birthed our great nation and guided the United States of America through more than 200 years of wars, natural disasters and national crises.

Prayer is a freedom guaranteed us by our Constitution, and a God-given right to all humanity. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, honor and sacred duty to all Christians.

History has proved that forces will wage war against our freedom. Terrorism has shed blood on U.S. soil. Violent crime has invaded U.S. homes and schools. Drugs and alcohol abuse rage against the innocence of our youth.

Forces of darkness threaten our morality, integ-

rity and faith. Prayer for our nation is our defense.

Now is the time to be resolute in our defiance against the forces of destruction -- to unite as a nation and not give in to fear. Americans must stand strong and demonstrate boldness of faith, courage and prayers.

I want Christians of Illinois Valley to know that the nation needs their prayers: The president, his advisers, Congress, all other national leaders and all our

local leaders need their prayers. The military, firefighters and law enforcement personnel need their prayers. Our families, schools and churches need their prayers.

Anyone can join with us at Valley Evangelical Free Church, 498 Laurel Road in Cave Junction, to pray together for our nation and our community. We will observe the 55th annual National Day of Prayer on May 4, with two prayer services at noon and 5 p.m.

Illinois Valley Merchants Association
Coming in May 592-4118

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

We have the power, we have the right, united together we will

Take Back the Night !!!

"Take Back the Night" is a world-wide rally and march against violence toward women.

Thursday, April 6, 6 to 7:30p.m.

Please join us as we gather at The County Building and march through town ending up at Taylor's Restaurant for a time of sharing, with music provided by Jack Dwyer and Carol Valentine, great food and drinks, a dance troupe, and open mic for survivors and friends.

For more info call 592-2515



You don't pay taxes - they take taxes.
- Chris Rock -

Tax News

DON'T OVERLOOK VALUABLE TAX CREDITS

Tax credits are one of the most powerful ways to lower your income tax bill. A tax credit reduces your taxes dollar for dollar. A tax deduction, on the other hand, only reduces your taxable income, so your benefit is determined by your tax bracket. For example, a tax deduction of \$1,000 will lower your tax bill by \$280 if you are in the 28% tax bracket. A \$1,000 tax credit will lower your tax bill by \$1,000. Here are some of the most common tax credits; most are subject to income limits.

Child credit. Taxpayers who have dependent children under age 17 may be eligible for a child tax credit of \$1,000 per child.

Dependent care credit. Expenses paid for the care of dependent children under 13 and certain other dependents may qualify for a tax credit.

Education credits. Qualified college and vocational school expenses for eligible students may qualify for a credit. Under the Hope credit, up to \$1,650 per student can be claimed for tuition and fees paid during the first two years of post-secondary education. Under the lifetime learning credit, up to \$2,000 per family is available for post-secondary education expenses and for education expenses to acquire or improve job skills.

Earned income credit. This credit is intended for low-income taxpayers. The size of the credit depends on the amount of your earned income (wages and self-employment income), investment income, and your filing status.

Adoption credit. A credit of up to \$10,960 per child is available for qualified adoption expenses.

Business credits. There are a number of credits that are specifically available to businesses.

Don't overlook valuable credits that could reduce your taxes. For details on the credits for which you might qualify, call me.

Federal, Oregon, California, and other state tax returns.

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