

Discounts available for early Jo Co property tax payments

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Taxable assessed value rose in Josephine County, while the market value declined from the previous fiscal year.

Additionally, the 2009-10 property tax statements were to be mailed to Josephine County property owners last week.

If the property tax bills are paid in full by the due date, there is a 3 percent discount. To receive a discount, payments must be post-marked on or before Monday, Nov. 16, 2009. Taxes also can be paid in three installments due Nov. 16, 2009; and Feb. 16 and May 17, 2010.

Generally the assessed value of a property only can increase 3 percent from one

year to the next. The required 3 percent increase is the result of Measure 50, a Constitutional amendment approved by Oregon voters in 1997. The measure required a roll-back of the 1997-98 assessed value to the 1995-96 level minus 10 percent.

Each subsequent year, Measure 50 requires the maximum assessed value to increase by 3 percent unless it exceeds the real market value of the property. Thus, the assessed value of most properties increases by 3 percent more than the prior year.

There are exceptions, as if there is new construction, a new parcel, a new subdivision or removal of a special assessment, the assessed value may increase more than 3 percent.

Properties are not revalued due to sales or transfers

to a new owner.

Measure 5, a constitutional amendment approved by Oregon voters in 1990, is still in effect. This amendment created a permanent limitation on property tax rates of \$10 per \$1,000 of real market value for general government services, and \$5 per \$1,000 of real market value for education services, excluding bonds.

The total assessed value of taxable property has increased from \$5,655,223,569 in 2008 to \$5,908,491,176 as of Jan. 1, 2009, which represents an increase of 4.48 percent. The city of Grants Pass taxable assessed value is up 3.93 percent.

Cave Junction's taxable assessed value is up 3.68 percent. Assessed values in Three Rivers School District

grew at a rate of 4.86 percent, while values in Grants Pass School District 7 grew at 3.99 percent.

The market value (as defined by Measure 5) of taxable property decreased throughout Josephine County. The total market value for the tax year has decreased from \$10,271,803,111 in 2008 to \$9,182,833,828 in 2009, an 11.86 percent decrease.

Although real market values have decreased generally across the county, individual tax bills may not decrease due to limitations imposed in Measure 50 which separated the taxable value of a property from its real market value.

Total tax levies, assessments and fees imposed

countywide this year total \$59,370,425.06, a 5.04 percent increase from last year.

The per-acre charge for state fire patrol imposed by the state forester decreased to \$1.2842 this year. This compares with \$1.4010 per acre in 2008 and \$1.1755 per acre for 2007. The surcharge for improvements on forestland protected by the forest protection district decreased from \$71.47 to \$47.50.

More information regarding this special assessment from the Oregon Dept. of Forestry can be obtained at www.oregon.gov/odf.

There are no new levies this year, although two local options were renewed. Voters in the city of Grants Pass approved a two-year local op-

tion levy of \$1.79 and the Wolf Creek Fire Protection District passed a four-year local option at a reduced rate of 69-cents per \$1,000 in assessed value.

The property tax bill also serves as a "notice of change of assessed value" from the assessor. Property owners who disagree with the values shown have several rights of appeal.

Property owners who desire more information are encouraged to contact the Office of County Assessor at 474-5260 or the Tax Collector's Office at 474-5175. Both offices are in the basement of the courthouse in Grants Pass. Assessor Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

In Mark, we learn that James and John ask Jesus to be treated as special, wanting to sit on either side of him in Heaven. Jesus advises that it is not his to grant, but, more importantly, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

If Jesus came to this world to serve mankind, how much more important is it for us to realize our responsibility to serve those around us; the less-fortunate, poor, sick, hungry, and others?

Calendar: Tuesdays, 3:59 p.m., Confirmation studies; Thursdays, 4 p.m., *Good Shepherd Singers* rehearsal; Sundays, 9:15 a.m., all-comers Sunday School followed by worship and Communion.

Illinois Valley Pentecostals

The Rev. & Mrs. Wendell Owens just returned from attending the United Pentecostal General Conference at St. Louis, Mo., where more than 12,000 attended.

A crusade was held where approximately 550 received the Holy Spirit, and more than 155 took on the name of Jesus in Baptism.

One highlight was the Foreign Missions service where more than \$2 million was pledged to send 10 foreign missionaries immediately back to the fields of their labors. UPC now has missionaries in more than 191 countries.

A new UPC superinten-

dent was selected after the Rev. Kenneth Haney served eight years. He will return to Stockton, Calif. to pastor with his son, Nathan Haney. The Rev. David Bernard will take the reins in January 2010. He has pastored in Austin, Texas and written many books.

Seventh-day Adventist Church, Cave Junction

The Madrone Adventist Elementary School will have its annual Holiday Pie Bake on Nov. 8.

Hundreds of large sugar-free apple, apple/blackberry, and pumpkin pies will be made. The holiday pies can be ordered frozen or ready-to-bake by phoning 592-3330. Pies can be delivered free.

The Social Committee had a lovely Saturday evening campfire on the Crescent City Beach with music and the spoken word. The delicious roasting food over the flames gave off a tantalizing odor. Everyone had an enjoyable evening.

The Social Committee held a Harvest Party on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 15, with an old-fashioned hay ride, and a chili cook-off in which the men showed off their tasty chili recipes. The women baked pies that were auctioned, and the children made tea cookies.

David & Brittany Sandvik, graduates of Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash., gave their testimonies during the special Thursday evening prayer service at the church at 265 S. Old Stage Road. They are being spon-

sored by Adventist Frontier Missions, which sends young, dedicated couples to unreached people in distant lands.

The Sandviks will leave for Northern India to work among the Hindu population. They are learning the language and preparing for the 10-year commitment. Prayers and financial support from Cave Junction will go with them.

On Monday evenings, the Health and Cooking Class is held in the CJ Fellowship Hall of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Walk For Life group will start at 5:30 p.m. Appetizing vegan food will be served at 6 p.m.

Food demonstrations will be given, and many interesting free hand-outs offered. Come and bring a friend. For more information on the classes, phone 597-4289.

Senior Nutrition Menu Sponsored by

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Meals are served in the Cave Junction County Bldg. 592-2126, 955-8839

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

CHICKEN POMODORO

Fresh zucchini, mixed vegetables, onion bread, tapioca pudding

MONDAY, OCT. 26

MACARONI & CHEESE

Escalloped tomatoes, Oregon bean medley, rye bread, pineapple crisp

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Caregiver 101: A one day class teaching home care-giving skills—Sat. Oct 24

Alzheimer's Disease and the Holidays—Nov 17

Places of Worship

ILLINOIS VALLEY PENTECOSTALS
987 Caves Hwy., CJ
541-592-4716 or 218-2792
Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 592-3876
Pastor Charles Chase
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Child-care for small children
Web Page:
<http://UMCImanuel.org>

ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH
407 W. River St., CJ
592-3658

Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor
Mass - Saturday 5:30 p.m.
No Sunday Mass
Holy Days TBA
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ
Sacrament Meet - 9 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:20 a.m.
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 11:10 a.m.

Bishop John A. "Jack" Brown
1st Counselor Bob Knott
2nd Counselor Dan Fiske

CAVES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Pastor Jeremy Nehf
PO Box 293
Cave Junction, OR 97523
541-287-7862
Email: nehfilim@gmail.com
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.
Lorna Byrne Middle School Gym, 101 S. Junction Ave., CJ

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
East River Street & Lewis Court, CJ
Pastor Don Torala
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.
Church Phone: 592-2290
www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.org

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Evangelical
Pastor Dave Gordon
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ
Office: 592-3896
Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Christian Academy
Pre-K to 12th grade
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SELMA
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma
597-4169
Pastor Monty Pope
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship - 11 a.m.

VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
498 Laurel Road, CJ
P.O. Box 1248
Pastor Les Knapp
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11 a.m.
evfree@frontiernet.net
592-6160

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma
Pastor Dan Robinson
Bible Study / Prayer Time
9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7 p.m.

BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH
5181 Holland Loop, CJ
592-3923
Pastor Frank Salerno
"We celebrate God's Presence in our lives!"
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ
592-3956
Pastor Mark McLean
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wednesday - 7 p.m.
Adult Bible Study

CALVARY FELLOWSHIP OF CAVE JUNCTION
meeting at
Evergreen Elementary School
520 W. River St., CJ
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
6:30 p.m.
Pastor Pat Henderson
592-3092

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.
Saturday Church Service
11 a.m. Saturday
Prayer & Praise
7 p.m. Tuesday
Pastor Verne Hyland
Church 592-3218
Everyone Welcome
Madrone Adventist School
592-3330
Sr. Teacher: Mrs. Amy Whitchurch
592-6604

ILLINOIS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
102 S. Redwood Hwy., CJ
Pastor Frank J. Matz, Jr.
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Women's Bible Study
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.
www.illinoisvalleybaptistchurch.org
Phone: 541-592-6149

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