

① The family that 5038 plays together...

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A month of activities have been planned by the Child Advocacy Center for April to highlight National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

"We're starting out the month with a fundraiser for the Children's Advocacy Center," said Janet Evans, center director. "It will be titled, 'Masks' and it will be displaying masks made by some children in the community."

Fundraising will take from 6:30 to 9 p.m. April 2, in the parish hall at St. Monica's Catholic Church. The evening will include Music, hors d'oeuvres by Four Seasons Catering, wine and art work featuring Gold Beach Artist Shelly Wierzba. Wierzba will be showing her work titled, "In the Realm of Child Abuse and Neglect." Masks made by children will also be shown with masks made by community members and local artists to be auctioned off during the event.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support services provided by the Child Advocacy Center. Tickets are \$25 for singles and \$40 for couples. For more information regarding the event, telephone (See, Family that plays, page 3)

MASKS

Masks, Food, Music, Auction

Saturday, April 2, 2005 from

6:30p til 9:00p

St. Monica's Parish Hall

357 5th Street, Coos Bay

\$25/\$40 couple tickets available

at the Children's Advocacy

Center or by calling:

541-266-8806

a fundraiser for the
**CHILDREN'S
ADVOCACY CENTER**

featuring artist Shelly Wierzba, Gold Beach.
Wierzba has been creating art in various media and
forms for 35 years. My challenge is to create
artistic designs that evoke, and
hopefully stir emotions in the viewer.
I believe that passion for my subject is
the prerequisite for a successful artwork.



Family that plays

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Evans at 266 - 8806.

On Thursday evenings throughout April, the North Bend Swimming Pool will be offering family swim nights for only \$5 per family in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In addition, North Bend Bowling Lanes will be offering one hour of family bowling every Saturday and Sunday in April from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$12 per

family and includes shoe rental.

A candlelight vigil will be held on April 23 at the Coos Bay Boardwalk featuring speakers and children singers.

On Friday, April 29 the Celebration Theatre in North Bend is offering free popcorn with their free movie at 7 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The finale of the month will take place April 30 at John Topptits Park at Empire Lakes with a full day of events planned.

The day will begin with the Second Annual Fun Run/Walk at 9 a.m. Those wishing to participate are being asked to pre-register by telephoning 266-8806.

Registration is \$15 for youth and adults and \$10 for kids 10 and under. Teams of 10 may register for \$100.

In addition, the day will include many free activities. Jump for Fun, kayaking and row boating will be provided by Discovery Boat Rentals and kids may fish with staff from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Clowns, including the Hillah Shrine Clowns, will be twisting balloon animals and offering children free helium filled balloons. The Oregon Coast Culinary Institute will be sponsoring a barbecue. There will be face painting and many other games and prizes for children.

The Child Advocacy Center has several events planned for the month of April to highlight National Child Abuse Prevention Month, including the 'Masks' fundraiser. The events will culminate in an all day affair to be held April 30 at Empire Lakes John Topptits Park and will feature a variety of events and games for children.